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Dear Cllr Raynor

### **Education Inclusion Scrutiny Inquiry Panel**

We have met a number of times over the last couple of months to gather evidence for our inquiry into the EOTAS service and we plan to forward our full report to you in late summer. But in the meantime, given that many of the proposed reconfigurations to the service may be implemented in September, we feel that we need to forward a couple of the more urgent recommendations to you so that these can be considered before the end of this summer term so they can influence any changes in September.

We have spoken to a number of people including the Headteacher at Pentrehafod Comprehensive School who raised some concerns with us around the involvement and consultation of (in particular) Comprehensive Schools in the proposed changes to the EOTAS service. He felt that the majority of Heads across Swansea have concerns about the EOTAS service as it stands particularly in relation to the outcomes being achieved by young people. Also about the proposed reconfiguration which he believes will result in a big increase in children being excluded from school.

**Recommendation 1:** The Panel recommend that you and/or relevant officers meet with some of the Headteachers in Comprehensive schools across Swansea, and in particular those in more the deprived areas where the majority of EOTAS children originate starting with Pentrehafod Comprehensive School to discuss their particular concerns about the provision and the reconfiguration of the service in their capacity as education professionals.

The Panel also felt that more work should be done looking at good practice models elsewhere to ensure that we have considered all options and are using the absolutely right model for Swansea.

**Recommendation 2:** The Panel would therefore recommend that you and the relevant officers speak to other councils about their models of service provision including the alternative model used in Ceredigion.

Yours sincerely

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