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Performance Panel

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Dear Councillor Jones

Following the Education Scrutiny Performance Panel on 19 December 2019 and in reply to your convenor's letter, I would like to make the following points

- Awareness raising through the Getting it Right for Every Child (GREC) transformational programme involving colleagues from Social Services, Poverty/Prevention and Education is developing well and pays regard to ALN matters, including emotional health;
- Directors in Education and Social Services have regular formal opportunities to provide updates to each other, including those on additional learning needs transformation;
- Suitable opportunities exist within regional boards for cross cutting themes to be tabled, for example, the regional children and young people's transformational board. As a result, colleagues from across departments within Swansea, meet regularly;
- The recent commissioning reviews on providing an integrated and preventative offer to children give due regard to additional learning needs matters, for example, on themes such as pre-school screening;
- The development of integrated strategic plans and policies across the Council's departments, for example, a refreshed transition into adulthood plan (that includes ALN matters) is progressing suitably;
- The development of Swansea's refreshed ALN strategy will ensure that that integrated, collaborative and preventative ways of working underpin the strategy and that other departments contribute too;
- A range of departments will be consulted with when establishing a new structure for additional learning needs; and

- During the next eighteen months, there will be further opportunities to engage across departments on ALN matters before the ALNET Act is implemented in September 2021.

Yours faithfully

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Y Cyngorydd / Councillor Jennifer Raynor
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