

Cllr. Hood-Williams
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Scrutiny Panel

(BY EMAIL)

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Dear Cllr Hood-Williams,

Re: Response to Convenors Letter - CFS Scrutiny Panel 21.09.21

Thank you for your letter following the Child and Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel held on 21st September 2021. It was really positive to read the feedback from the Panel about the progress made in taking forward the Child and Family Services improvement plan, and the work of the Corporate Parenting Board over the last year.

With regard to the request for data to be provided to Panel on progress of looked after children in education compared to others, I have liaised with officers in the Education department on this matter. They have advised that there is no reporting this year, as Welsh Government cancelled all the baseline and key stage teacher assessment data collections for the second time this year. For KS4, Welsh Government are only going to run a national level analysis, with no detail down to Local Authority or school levels, this means that the majority education performance indicators are therefore suspended again.

The hope is that as public services begin to find their way out of responding to the various crises arising from the global pandemic, the business as usual systems will start to be re-introduced in some form over the coming year, including the reporting of key performance indicators.

Yours sincerely



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