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Dyddiad / Date: 29 November 2023

Dear Minister

I am writing to formally put on record the concerns of our Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 which met on 23 November 2023 to consider the Joint Inspection of Child Protection Arrangements (JICPA) in Bridgend 12-16 June 2023.

During discussions at this and previous Committee meetings, the Committee was extremely concerned to learn that, whilst safeguarding training is available for School Governors, the training is not mandatory.

The Committee understands that Officers within the Education and Family Support Directorate are doing all they can to ensure access to and encourage take up of safeguarding training. However, Members are acutely aware that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and that School Governors play a crucial role in assisting headteachers in the governance of schools.

I understand that the Cabinet Member for Education and Corporate Director for Education and Family Support have expressed a need for the safeguarding training to be mandatory and the Committee would support the representations made.

The Committee requests that due consideration be given to the above and look forward to your response by return.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Freya Bletsoe'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Freya' written in a larger, more prominent script than the surname 'Bletsoe'.

Y Cyng / Councillor Freya Bletsoe

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