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To All Invitees to Subject Overview
and Scrutiny Committee 2 – 23
November 2023

Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Trosolwg a Chraffu Pwnc
(Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol) / Chair of Subject
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Dyddiad / Date: 30 November 2023

Dear All

I am writing to formally put on record the thanks of our Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 for your attendance at the Committee on 23 November 2023 for consideration of the Joint Inspection of Child Protection Arrangements (JICPA) in Bridgend 12-16 June 2023.

The Committee were encouraged by the active participation and engagement of all partners and the openness, transparency and comprehensiveness of responses provided to the Committee's questions and observations during the course of the meeting.

The Committee were particularly reassured by the information conveyed regarding the creation and implementation of the new, bespoke GOSS IT platform and its impact on enabling timely, multi-agency input into referrals and the positive impact that the co-located Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub has had, not only on addressing the issues of information sharing, but also on the strengthening of professional relationships.

In addition, the Committee were pleased to learn that steps are underway to ensure that plans remain child focussed, that there has been a recognition that non-verbal children also require representation and that work is underway with Children in Wales and the Children's Commissioner on a pledge to ensure that no one is invisible.

Furthermore, Members were heartened that South Wales Police have taken steps to address concerns from Education regarding the timeliness of Police Protection Notices being made available to them where there has been a safeguarding concern about a pupil overnight and that additional staff have been allocated to ensure referrals are available by 8am.

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Once, again, thank you for your honesty and the reassurance you provided to Members and for taking the time to attend the Committee.

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 more stylized, looped manner and the surname 'Bletsoe' in a more straightforward cursive.

Y Cyng / Councillor Freya Bletsoe
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