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Dear Laura,

Thank you for your recent written questions and apologies for the delay in responding to you. For clarity, I have included your questions below:

*What is the Government doing to address the fact that female gender identity dysphoria referrals in Wales are the second highest in the UK?*

*Has the Welsh Government undertaken any investigations into the disparity of 94 per cent of gender identity dysphoria referrals in Wales being female?*

Information regarding assigned sex at birth is collected but not reported by the Welsh Gender Service. However, I have asked my officials to raise this issue with the Wales Gender Service to review the current operational data with similar services in the UK.

We are aware of the evidence cited in by Dr Hilary Cass OBE in Journal 5 ([Evidence and Epidemiology published on the Cass Review website on October 2021](#)) regarding Gender Identity Development Service referrals by assigned sex at birth between 2009-2016, which references the increase in birth registered girls in their early teens from 2014 onwards. The Welsh Health Specialist Services Committee is working with the Cass Review team to inform the development of gender identity services for young people in Wales.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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