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Dear Jane,

Please find below a substantive reply to your Written Question regarding support for young people with developmental language disorder (DLD).

Systemic reform of the education system in Wales is underway through a new curriculum and a new additional learning needs (ALN) system which together will help ensure all children and young people, including those with DLD, are supported to reach their full potential.

Work is underway to develop resources to help education settings support children and young people who have speech, language and communication needs (SLCN). This is in response to research that shows that many children and young people who are excluded or at risk of exclusion have behavioural difficulties which co-occur with communication needs that are often unidentified and unsupported.

Local authorities are responsible for ensuring suitable education provision for children and young people in their area and should work collaboratively with Health Boards and other agencies to ensure learners needs are met.

Local authorities also have a duty to keep their arrangements for children and young people with ALN, and those of their maintained schools, under review. This enables local authorities to assess current and likely future needs and secure sufficient provision and services to meet those needs. The Welsh Government will work with local authorities to

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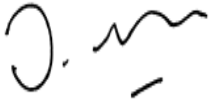
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

facilitate shared learning across local authorities to ensure that they continue to deliver upon their responsibilities to plan for and meet the needs of learners with ALN.

Yours sincerely,

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