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| **TITLE** | **The Welsh Government response to the Children’s Commissioner for Wales annual report 2022-23** |
| **DATE** | **30 November 2023** |
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I welcome the [Children’s Commissioner for Wales annual report 2022-23](https://www.childcomwales.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/CCFW-Annual-Report-and-Accounts-22-23.pdf), which includes 30 recommendations across 17 policy areas for the Welsh Government.

[I am today publishing our response to the recommendations](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.wales%2Fchildrens-commissioner-wales-annual-report-2022-2023-welsh-government-response&data=05%7C01%7CEmma.Toshack%40gov.wales%7C8aa761e1c51948a4959208dbf195dae3%7Ca2cc36c592804ae78887d06dab89216b%7C0%7C0%7C638369398139185374%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DVfomte6OLaskdTAbkVYgh2X8NgcYy5qko01MGRku1o%3D&reserved=0).

The annual report reflects the actions the Commissioner has taken to protect and promote children’s rights in the last year and highlights the breadth of work we in Welsh Government are doing to support our children and young people.

The report was debated in Plenary on 17 October and we would like to thank Senedd Members for their considered contributions to the debate. We have taken these into account when formulating the response.

This response underlines our continued commitment to children’s rights in Wales. The Commissioner’s independent role is crucial in holding the Welsh Government to account, and we will continue to work with her for the benefit of all children and young people in Wales.