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Dear Mark,

Further to your questions in the Senedd last week, I committed to write to you about the Law Commission's project to review the legal framework governing social care for disabled children in England.

The Government is not in current discussion with the Law Commission on this project. The system for assessment, determination of eligibility and care planning for social care in Wales was comprehensively reviewed and then reframed via the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014, with implementation commencing from April 2016. The evaluation of the Act that reported in March 2023 indicated that the provisions of the legislation were fit for purpose; as such we do not consider that legislative change would be a helpful contribution to improving services but continue to keep in touch regularly with stakeholders representing disabled people and to consider improvements where necessary. This includes extensive and ongoing engagement through the Disability Rights Taskforce.

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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.

More widely we maintain an ongoing dialogue with the Law Commission about the projects they are undertaking, both those the Welsh Ministers have referred to them and more widely projects in their programme of work. The Law Commission is currently considering potential projects for inclusion in their next programme, and this involves working with stakeholders in Wales to develop these matters.

Yours sincerely,

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