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Dear Shav,

Thank you for your recent written question, asking what steps is the Welsh Government taking, in partnership with police and other agencies, to address community tensions arising from high-profile criminal cases, including the impact of misinformation and inflammatory narratives that risk fuelling hostility, and how is it ensuring that responses are proportionate and maintain public confidence?

We stand firmly against racism, violence and attempts to spread fear in our communities. Wales should be a place where everyone feels safe, respected and able to live free from intimidation, where no-one is disadvantaged or treated differently because of who they are.

That principle must run through every public institution, including policing, through leadership, decision-making, and service delivery. We work closely with Policing in Wales and a wide range of community representatives to ensure risks are fully understood and appropriate messages are shared to keep communities safe.

Leaders at every level have a responsibility to support community cohesion and to ensure legitimate public concern is not exploited by those seeking to divide people or stir up hatred. Our Community Cohesion Programme is always monitoring and seeking to mitigate community tensions where they arise across Wales. Cohesion teams work closely with community groups to escalate concerns and provide reassurance where possible.

Although the regulation of social media platforms is not devolved, we have developed resources for community organisations and piloting approaches to build resilience to misinformation.

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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.

We encourage anyone who has experienced a hate crime to report it to the Police or to the Welsh Government-funded Wales Hate Support Centre (run by Victim Support). We also encourage bystanders to take action safely if they witness a hate crime – more information can be found at gov.wales/hatehurtswales.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S.A. Williams'.

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