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| **TITLE** | **Update on the Welsh Government response to the IICSA final report recommendations** |
| **DATE** | **20 April 2023** |
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The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) published its final report in October 2022.

It set out its findings after 8 years of evidence and listening to victims and survivors. In its final report it made 20 recommendations.

We have fully supported and participated in IICSA’s work over these 8 years. We also strengthened our work to prevent abuse in Wales, as we engaged in the Inquiry’s work, learning from its progress as we went along.

Of the 20 recommendations, 6 were directed at the Welsh Government. My officials have considered these, and I have agreed on behalf of Welsh Ministers, to accept four as recommended and to accept the remaining two recommendations in principle. In most of these, we are already progressing that which the Inquiry asks of us.

[You can access the full response here](https://www.gov.wales/welsh-government-response-independent-inquiry-child-sexual-abuse).

Whilst the Inquiry has published its findings, we cannot forget the many victims and survivors who were let down and failed by institutions. In Wales, we have made enormous strides to right the past failures and we know we cannot be complacent to prevent further abuse. We will continue to strengthen safeguarding in Wales with vigilance.

This statement is being issued during recess in order to keep members informed. Should members wish me to make a further statement or to answer questions on this when the Senedd returns I would be happy to do so.