

Sioned Williams AS/MS  
Dirprwy Brif Weinidog a Gweinidog y Cabinet dros Gyfiawnder  
Cymdeithasol a Chydraddoldeb  
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Minister for Social Justice  
and Equality



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/Our ref – WQ 98941

Sarah Cooper-Lesadd MS

22 June 2026

Dear Sarah,

**WQ 98941 - How far in the process of establishing the expert steering group and childcare taskforce is the Welsh Government, and what stage should have been reached according to the planned timetable?**

In response to your question above I can confirm that I announced the establishment of the new Expansion of Childcare Expert Steering Group on 9 June. This Expert Steering Group will be key to delivering the transformational change, providing independent advice, evidence and practical solutions to support delivery at pace. The Expert Steering Group's central mission will be to firmly establish the phased delivery of the childcare offer, with workforce planning, improving access and streamlining systems as clear priorities. I will be chairing the first meeting of the Group on Thursday 25 June.

The Expert Steering Group will operate alongside a Welsh Government Childcare Taskforce, which will lead delivery through a series of dedicated workstreams, including for example: workforce, delivery models, phasing and inclusion. The taskforce will focus on implementation, supported by the External Steering Group's expertise. The first meeting of the Taskforce will be held on 22 June.

Establishing both the Expert Steering Group and Welsh Government Childcare Taskforce deliver two of our first 100 day commitments.

Yours sincerely,

**Sioned Williams AS/MS**

Dirprwy Brif Weinidog a Gweinidog y Cabinet dros Gyfiawnder Cymdeithasol a Chydraddoldeb  
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Minister for Social Justice and Equality

Canolfan Cyswllt Cyntaf / First Point of Contact Centre:  
0300 0604400

Bae Caerdydd • Cardiff Bay  
Caerdydd • Cardiff  
CF99 1SN

[Gohebiaeth.Sioned.Williams@llyw.cymru](mailto:Gohebiaeth.Sioned.Williams@llyw.cymru)  
[Correspondence.Sioned.Williams@gov.wales](mailto:Correspondence.Sioned.Williams@gov.wales)

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn yr iaith honno ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.