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**Thank you for the Committee's final 'Children and Young People on the Margins' Inquiry report recommendations.**

Dear Buffy Williams MS,

I hope this finds you well.

On behalf of NYAS Cymru, I would like to sincerely thank you and the Children, Young People and Education's Committee for your ongoing work and final report recommendations on the 'Children and Young People on the Margins' inquiry.

We are thrilled with the recommendations made in the report and pleased to see how NYAS Cymru's evidence has helped to shape these. We are delighted to see recommendations made regarding the offer of return interviews becoming a statutory requirement, a statutory definition of, and strategy for, responding to child criminal exploitation, improving protection for care-experienced young people against the risk of homelessness, placing Corporate Parenting on statutory footing, creating a National Guardianship Service and highlighting the link between child poverty and abuse and exploitation.

We would like to thank you for truly listening to our calls, the day-to-day experiences of our frontline workers and most importantly, the children and young people we support. Throughout this inquiry, there have been multiple occasions for their voices and lived experiences to be heard by Committee members; we have greatly welcomed these opportunities and believe their voices are reflected in the final report.

We're looking forward to seeing the next steps of the inquiry and the upcoming Plenary debate in the Spring term, in which NYAS Cymru will be urging Welsh Government to fully accept the recommendations made in your report. We would like to offer the Committee our full support ahead of this debate, so please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything we can do in the coming months to support this. Once again, thank you Buffy for all the work you and the Committee have undertaken as part of this inquiry.

Best regards,



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