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Annwyl Gweinidog

I am writing to follow up on an important matter raised during the debate on the Children, Young People, and Education (CYPE) Committee report, Children on the Margins. During that debate, you referenced a stakeholder group that has been meeting to discuss issues relating to missing children. This is an area of deep concern for many of us involved in supporting vulnerable children and families.

I understand that this stakeholder group has been meeting since November 2024. In light of the vital role they play in addressing the risks faced by children who go missing, I would be grateful if you could provide some additional details about the group's work and remit. Specifically, it would be helpful to understand the following:

1. How long has the group been meeting, and how frequently?
2. What is the anticipated timeline for the group to deliver any reports, recommendations, or outcomes from their discussions?
3. Who are the members of this stakeholder group, and what range of expertise and perspectives do they bring to the table?



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Given the challenges faced by children on the margins and the complex factors that contribute to children going missing, it is encouraging to know that this issue is being examined through a multi-stakeholder approach. I am keen to better understand the group's objectives and how their work might contribute to strengthening safeguarding and support mechanisms for children and young people.

Thank you in advance for your attention to these questions. I look forward to hearing from you and learning more about the important work being undertaken by the group.

Yn gywir,



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