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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation on the **Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill**

The Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee is undertaking an inquiry into the general principles of the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill.

Further details about the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum can be found on the Assembly's website:

<http://www.senedd.assemblywales.org/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=10028>

The terms of reference for the inquiry are:

To consider—

1. the general principles of the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill and the need for legislation to improve the Public Sector response in Wales to domestic abuse, gender-based violence and sexual violence, including:
  - the publication of national and local strategies and

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- the appointment of a Ministerial Adviser on Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence.
2. any potential barriers to the implementation of these provisions and whether the Bill takes account of them,
  3. whether there are any unintended consequences arising from the Bill,
  4. the financial implications of the Bill (as set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum,
  5. the appropriateness of the powers in the Bill for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation (as set out in Chapter 5 of Part 1 of the Explanatory Memorandum).

### **Invitation to contribute to the inquiry**

The Committee welcomes evidence from those with an interest in this subject. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.

The Committee welcomes contributions in English or Welsh and we ask organisations with Welsh Language policies/schemes to provide bilingual submissions, in line with their public information policies. The Committee will consider responses to the inquiry and hold oral evidence sessions during the autumn term.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to: [CELG.Committee@wales.gov.uk](mailto:CELG.Committee@wales.gov.uk)

Alternatively, you can write to:

Committee Clerk  
Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee  
National Assembly for Wales  
Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Submissions should arrive **by 5 September 2014**. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

For your information, the Committee has invited submissions from those on the attached distribution list. The Committee would be grateful if you could forward

a copy of the letter to any individuals or organisations that are not included on this list, but might like to contribute to the inquiry. A copy of this letter has been placed on the Assembly's website with an open invitation to submit views.

### Disclosure of Information

You can find details about how we will use your information at <http://www.assemblywales.org/help/privacy/help-inquiry-privacy.htm>. Please ensure that you have considered these details carefully before submitting information to the Committee.

Yours faithfully,



**Christine Chapman AC / AM**  
Cadeirydd / Chair

## **Distribution List**

### **Charities/Domestic Abuse Services organisations**

**BAWSO**

**Blaenau Gwent Domestic Abuse Services (BGDAS)**

**Cardiff Women's Safety Unit**

**New Pathways**

**The Dyn Project**

**Safer Merthyr (DART)**

**Welsh Women's Aid**

**National Offenders Management Service Cymru**

**SOLACE**

**Victim Support service**

**NSPCC**

**Hafan Cymru**

**Wales Probation Trust**

**Cardiff SARC**

**North Wales SARC**

**Victim Support**

**The Survivors Trust**

**Wales Council for Voluntary Action**

**Henna**

**Ethnic Youth Support Team**

**Minority Ethnic Women's Network Wales MEWN**

**Age Concern**

**White Ribbon Campaign**

**Parity**

**RCT peoples first**

**'Sdim Curo Plant!/ Children are Unbeatable! Cymru**

**Both Parents Matter**

**Support after rape and sexual violence Leeds**

**Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre**

**Mankind**

**Swansea Women's Aid**

**Healing Men**

**Bradford Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Survivors Service**

**West Mercia Rape and Sexual Assault Support Centre**

**Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre**

**East Kent Rape Line**

**Supporting People's teams of North Wales**

**Rape Crisis Wycombe, Chiltern and South Bucks**

**Carmarthen Women's Aid**

**Port Talbot and Afan Women's Aid**

**Mothers' Union**

**Zero Tolerance**

**Vale 50+ strategy forum**

**Play Wales**

**Newport Women's Aid**

**National Federation of Women's Institutes-Wales**

**Domestic Abuse Safety Unit, Shotton**

**South Essex Rape and Incest Crisis Centre**

**Survivors Trust and members in Wales**  
**Calan DVS**  
**Hafan Cymru**  
**Soroptimist International Tenby and District**  
**Rape Crisis England and Wales**  
**Sex Education Forum, England**  
**Temper Domestic Violence**  
**Children in Wales**  
**Women's Equality Network Wales**  
**Eaves for Women**  
**Wales Probation**  
**Llamau**  
**Emerging from Violence and Abuse Women's Aid**  
**Tyneside Rape Crisis Centre**  
**Violence Against Women Action Group**  
**End Violence Against Women Coalition**  
**Brecknock Women's Aid**  
**Unite Wales**  
**Community Housing Cymru**  
**Suzy Lamplugh Trust National Stalking Helpline**  
**Barnardos Wales**  
**Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru**  
**Co-ordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse (CAADA)**  
**Welsh Refugee Council**  
**Ceredigion Domestic Abuse Forum**  
**Wales Assembly of Women**  
**Safer Wales**  
**Cymorth Cymru**  
**Wales Migration Partnership**  
**Torfaen Social Care**  
**Atal-y-fro**  
**Caerphilly Youth Forum**  
**Royal College of Nursing**  
**Age Cymru**  
**General Medical Council**  
**North Wales Safer Communities Board**  
**Relate Cymru**  
**Coventry University**  
**DASU (Domestic Abuse Safety Unit - Deeside)**  
**North Wales Women's Centre**

**Other Organisations**

**All 22 Local Authorities (Chief Executives/ Domestic Abuse Co-ordinators /  
Community Safety Partnership Contacts / Community Safety  
Officer/Managers)**  
**All Local Health Boards**  
**Welsh Local Government Association**  
**Association of Chief Police Officers in Wales**  
**Home Office Wales**  
**British Transport Police**  
**Legal Services Commission**

**Crown Prosecution Service  
Cardiff University School of Nursing and Midwifery  
Royal College of General Practitioners Wales  
Independent Police Complaints Commissioner  
NUS Wales  
Older Person's Commissioner in Wales  
Children's Commissioner for Wales  
Fire Services Wales  
Institute of Welsh Affairs  
Public Services Ombudsman for Wales  
Police and Crime Commissioners  
Evangelical Alliance Wales  
Church in Wales**

**Equality organisations**

**Anti-poverty Network Cymru  
Bevan Foundation  
Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg  
Cymru Yfory  
Disability Wales  
Diverse Cymru  
Equality & Human Rights Commission in Wales  
Learning Disability Wales  
Mencap Cymru  
MEWN Cymru  
SCOPE Cymru  
Wales Observatory on Human Rights of Children and Young People  
Welsh Language Commissioner  
Women Making a Difference  
Women's Equality Network**