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Dear Christine

Thank you for your letter of 6 October requesting a progress report on guidance for professionals to assess children's health care needs.

This is an extremely complex issue and to allow sufficient time for debate to take place an informal consultation document issued earlier this year. The document was informed through engagement with stakeholder groups comprising representatives from Local Health Boards, NHS Trusts, Local Authorities, Association of Directors of Social Services and Education in Wales, Public Health Wales, the All Wales Community Children's Forum and Welsh Government policy officials.

The informal consultation document issued on 31 March 2011, under cover of a letter from Paul Williams, Chief Executive NHS Wales, to a range of stakeholders including the Children's Commissioner inviting comments by 23 May. The letter advised responsible organisations that until definitive guidance was issued the draft guidance contained in the informal consultation document should be used.

Forty detailed responses were received from a range of agencies including social services, primary and secondary health services, professional and third sector organisations.

Following further refinement a formal twelve week consultation on new guidance is expected to start before Christmas.

Kind Regards
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