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Our Ref: P-04-337

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Petition: P-04-337 Tenovus : Free sunscreen

At its meeting on 13 March, the Petitions Committee considered your response to my letter of 14 October 2011 regarding petition P-04-337 on free sunscreen.

The Committee was pleased to hear that you will be considering the issue of sun protection in your forthcoming inquiry and agreed to forward you the evidence we have received on the issue, for your reference, then close the petition.

Thank you for taking such positive action on this petition.

Yours sincerely

William Powell
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Ein cyf/Our ref LG/06663/11

William Powell AM
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24th October 2011

Dear Bill,

Petition P-04-337 Tenovus: Free sunscreen

I am replying to your letter of 7 October in relation to the above petition.

As a Government, we are committed to promoting the need to adopt sun protection behaviours. For children we emphasise it is important to cover up and wear suitable clothing whilst outside, including wide brimmed hats and clothing which offers suitable protection from the sun. They should also be encouraged to spend time in the shade between 11am and 3pm, the hottest time of day, and wear at least a factor 15 sunscreen on exposed areas of skin when shade and protective clothing are not practical.

This broader approach has been adopted as part of the Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes, of which 99% of schools in Wales are now part of. As schools progress through the scheme they are expected to put in place a whole-school approach to a range of health issues. As part of this work the local healthy school co-ordinator would direct the school to guidance on sun safety policy provided by the SunSmart campaign.

This guidance advises schools to develop their own policy taking account of the individual needs of the school and its pupils and to consult with the whole school community including parents, school governors, Healthy School practitioners, school nurses, Health & Safety co-ordinators and pupils when looking to develop the sun protection policy. The guidelines are intended to outline ways in which the community can work towards minimising harmful effects from over exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays. It advises schools to develop their own policy.

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I believe this broader approach will be more effective in protecting our children from over exposure to sun.

Regards
Lesley

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21.12.2011

P-04-337 Free Sunscreen for all School Children under the age of 11

Whilst acknowledging this as an issue which is relevant to children's right to be healthy, I don't feel as if my Office can add value to the deliberations relating to this particular petition. I do note with interest the response from the Minister for Health and Social Services and will monitor other contributions published by the Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a long horizontal line that extends to the right.

Keith Towler
Children's Commissioner for Wales