



Education Committee

From the Chair
Helen Hayes MP

Janet Daby MP

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Minister for Children and Families
The Department for Education

24 March 2025

Dear Janet,

Re: Follow up to Children's Social Care evidence session

Thank you for your appearance in front of the Education Committee last week. During the session, there were a number of points where you committed to follow up with the Committee with additional information. I have listed these below for ease of reference and would appreciate it if you could send the additional information as soon as possible.

- Dr Caroline Johnson asked for information about what the Department is doing to ensure that medical professionals are included in child protection meetings and are listened to when they raise safeguarding concerns (Q451 in the [transcript](#)).
- Darren Paffey asked how the Department will monitor and review the impact of the measures in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill to reform the social care market, and when the Department will provide the Committee with an update on the impact of the reforms (Q455).
- Dr Caroline Johnson asked for information about how many officials working in the Department for Education are kinship carers and are likely to benefit from the new entitlement to kinship leave, and the cost to the Department of providing this (Q473).
- Darren Paffey asked for information about how many inspections of supported accommodation providers have been undertaken since the registration deadline in October 2023, how many remain to be done, and when the Department expects all inspections to be completed (Q483).
- Manuela Perteghella asked whether the Department will increase personal budgets for families with disabled children (Q498).
- Jess Asato asked whether the Department was satisfied that the proposed mandatory reporting duty in the Crime and Policing Bill was robust enough and whether the sector was prepared for the introduction of the new duty (Q505 and Q507).

Towards the end of the session, I asked what engagement you had had with the Department for Work and Pensions on the impact of the Government's welfare reforms on children and on child poverty (Q514-517). Following the announcement of the reforms, I would be grateful if you could set out your views on them and on what assessment you have made of the impact of the reforms on children, including children in care and care leavers.

We have also received correspondence from the charity Kinship, who have raised an area for clarification. You stated that the Department offers peer-to-peer support and mentoring for kinship carers through the Family Rights Group; Kinship have stated that they deliver this support, not the Family Rights Group (Q469). I would be grateful if you could clarify this.

We would like to receive a response on these points by Tuesday 8 April at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Helen Hayes". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a short horizontal blue line.

Helen Hayes MP
Chair, Education Committee