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Dear Darren

Auditor General Report: Young People not in education, employment or training

Thank you for your letter of 23 September 2014 in which you made the Committee aware of the Welsh Government's response to the Auditor General for Wales' Report: Young People not in Education, Employment or Training.

We launched our inquiry on 'Assisting Young People into Work' in January. We followed up the report from the Auditor General by taking oral evidence from Steve Martin of the Wales Audit Office. Our inquiry looked at the issues facing young people aged from 16 - 24. We considered some of the issues raised by the Audit Office, including the higher proportion of young people aged between 19 and 24 who are not in employment, education or training. Partly in response to this we recommended that the Welsh Government should extend the Youth Concessionary Fare Scheme from 16 and 17 year olds to include all those under 24.

We are also grateful to you for alerting us to the difficulties surrounding data sharing between local authorities and the Department for Work and Pensions. Whilst this was not directly addressed in our report, the need for greater information sharing between local providers was echoed during our evidence gathering.



There is likely to be a Plenary debate on the Welsh Government's response on 20 May.

I will be happy to update your Committee members with the highlights of this debate, in the meantime I hope you will find our report useful. It can be found here:

<http://www.senedd.assembly.wales/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=11185>

Thank you again for bringing this useful report to our attention. Like yours, our Committee is keen to see the employment situation improve for young people in Wales.

Yours sincerely,



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