Y Pwyllgor lechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol Health and Social Care Committee

Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru National Assembly for Wales



Mark Drakeford AC AM

Y Gweinidog Techyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Minister for Health and Social Services

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Dear Mark,

I refer to our discussion regarding a potential short committee inquiry into the current measles outbreak centred around Swansea. We would not wish to commence an inquiry whilst the outbreak is still at - or near - its peak and public health professionals have more important matters to focus their attention upon. Members were keen to understand whether the Welsh Government intends to conduct a public inquiry into this matter. It was helpful to know that it is not your intention to do so.

It is likely that we will conduct an inquiry into the current outbreak, its causes, the response and any continuing risk factors that could lead to a similar occurrence outside the Swansea area. We are acutely aware that other measles cases have been reported in Gwent in particular.

Yours sincerely,

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cc. Ann Jones, Chair, Children and Young People Committee