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Dear Mr Batchelar

Raising the ambitions and attainment of looked-after children in Wales

The Welsh Government has asked Estyn to carry out a thematic inspection focusing on raising the ambitions and attainment of looked-after children.

The remit will focus on:

- interventions that are working well in schools to support the ambitions, attainment and achievement of LAC; and
- an assessment of good practice interventions for LAC that are supported by the PDG.

Huw Davies HMI, and other colleagues will be visiting a cross section of local authorities and schools throughout Wales during the Autumn term.

In order to inform the planning of the thematic inspection I would be grateful if you would provide the following:

- Contact details (name, designation, telephone number and email address) of the senior officer in your directorate with responsibility for LAC.

Documents requested:

- The local authority strategy for LAC.
- The local authority policy for LAC.
- Reports to scrutiny committees on the attainments and achievement of LAC, including any reports on placement information.
- Reports to scrutiny on the use of the pupil deprivation grant (pre-regional PDG) to support LAC.

The regional plan for LAC arising from the 2015 Pupil Deprivation Grant, is being sought directly from the consortia. There is no need, therefore, to forward this.

I would be grateful if you would forward the requested information via return email, by Friday 12 June 2015, to Shuna.Lovering@estyn.gov.uk. Alternatively if you wish to post the reports or other requested documents, please send them to:

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In the meantime, if you have any queries related to this thematic inspection, please feel free to contact me on: Telephone: 02920 446336 or Email: Shuna.Lovering@estyn.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Shuna Lovering

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