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Annwyl / Dear Lee

**Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee - Children's Services Quarter
Three Performance Report**

Thank you for the opportunity to present to Committee and for your letter dated 14th March 2019. I am very grateful to the Committee for considering the service performance and providing feedback which is always useful.

I would also like to thank you for your kind words relating to the improvements in the format and content of the performance report. I am very pleased that this has been recognised by the Committee and shall be passing on your appreciation to Officers.

I note the Committee's concerns about the relatively low level of kinship placements. However, I would like to emphasise to the Committee that, though the kinship placements are relatively low, we have seen a notable increase during the last twelve months. I have included a detailed briefing on this subject in Appendix 1.

I am also happy to provide clarification in response to your query regarding the comment in Well-being Objective 1.4. This is an issue relating to Adult Social

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Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg, Saesneg neu'n ddwyieithog. Byddwn yn cyfathrebu â chi yn ôl eich dewis, dim ond i chi roi gwybod i ni pa un sydd well gennych. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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Care. The "considerable rate of attrition" is as a result of the need for carers to become registered with Care Inspectorate Wales and Welsh Government.

Finally, we would be happy to provide additional project highlight reports which summarise the progress being made on each of the improvement projects. I will ensure that the Principal Scrutiny officer receives copies of the additional papers for circulation to the Committee as soon as they become available.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but please contact me if you require further assistance.

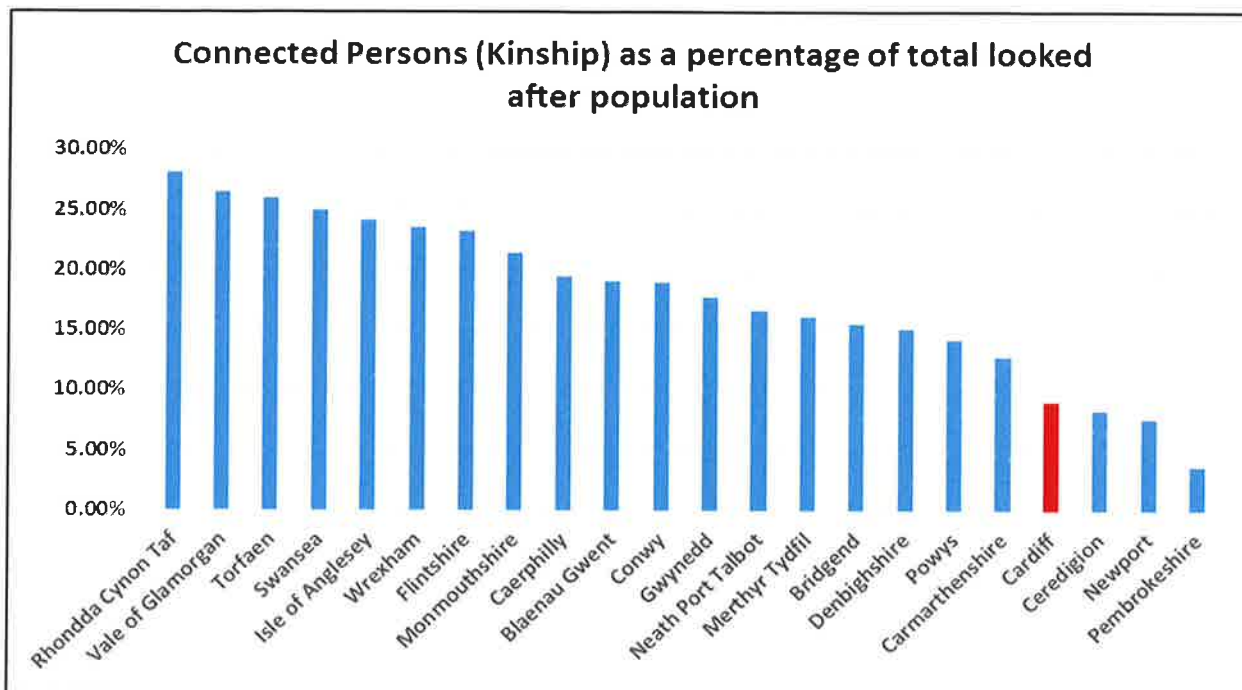
Yn gywir / Yours sincerely



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Appendix 1 RE: Kinship Placement

Data below as @ 31st March 2018 – As a percentage of its overall looked after population Cardiff is towards the bottom in comparison with the rest of Wales.



However significant focus has been given to ensure, when appropriate, Children who have become looked after can live with a relative or close family friend. As the graph below demonstrates this has increased by 50% over the last 12 months (April 18 = 67 to March 19 = 101)

