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Cc: [information redacted] (HSS - MH & VGD)
Subject: RE: BBC article on EHE Wales

Hi both,

Good to catch up with you yesterday.

The Goodred judgement was obviously a positive outcome from both our perspectives and the initial impression is that it is supportive of some aspects of WG's draft statutory guidance. In that vein, I was wondering if you are able to share a copy of your submissions on the case?

Looking forward to the joint meeting planned for next year with yourselves and EHE officials from the other devolved nations.

Thanks,
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Subject: RE: BBC article on EHE Wales

Hi [information redacted]

Later than planned and with leave in between, we did indeed publish the ESC response – it's available here [Strengthening Home Education: Government Response to the Committee's Third Report - Education Committee \(parliament.uk\)](#)

We also got the judgment handed down in the judicial review case of Goodred vs Portsmouth City Council, where a home-educating parent challenged her LA's application of our guidance. The claim was dismissed on all grounds, and it looks like it will have some implications for us in the near-future at least in terms of tightening up the guidance or having a review of it. We'll be able to give you a fuller review when we speak tomorrow afternoon, but the full judgment is attached if you fancy a light read...

Look forward to seeing you then.

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Subject: RE: BBC article on EHE Wales

Hi [information redacted]

Thanks for the heads-up on the ESC response. I look forward to reading it when published.

With regard to defining a 'suitable education'. Most of the work on this was completed before I was in post, but from what I can ascertain there wasn't any significant backlash, more differences of opinion from different stakeholders.

Generally speaking, EHE families weren't keen on specifics and wanted broader definitions that took into account the diversity of educational philosophies and approaches adopted by home educators, in contrast to local authorities who wanted clear definitions in place – as you'd probably expect.

Hope helpful.

Kind regards,
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Subject: RE: BBC article on EHE Wales

Hi [information redacted]

Quick heads-up just to note we won't publishing the ESC response this week after all – hopeful it will go out next week (not least because our Sec of State is before the ESC on Wednesday!).

On a different note, I was just looking at our consideration of whether we would move to define 'suitable education' in the English guidance. I wondered, given in Wales you're moving towards defining that term – what, if any, kind of resistance have you encountered in tightening up that term? Did you face any backlash from EHE families, or even councils, or anyone else?

Many thanks

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Subject: RE: BBC article on EHE Wales

Good afternoon [information redacted]

It looks as if they have used the following data source: [Pupils educated other than at school: September 2020 to August 2021 | GOV.WALES](#). that you may want to peruse.

Just wondering, have you or are you due to publish your response to the Home Education Committee's report on Elective Home Education?

Cofion/Regards

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Hi [information redacted]

We've read the article on BBC this morning on developing numbers of EHE in Wales with interest. ([Covid: Homeschooling numbers up since pandemic began - BBC News](#))

We're intrigued by the certainty of the numbers quoted from Welsh government. We wondered where your data comes from and how you collect and analyse it? We're a little way off the level of data in England and are working towards better data generally so would be interested to hear more about it.

Kind regards

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