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Subject: Announcement of the UK Review / CSE - Barnardo's response

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for inviting us to feed in on the issue of CSE and organised gangs. Barnardo's has worked extensively on tackling CSE for many years and has significant knowledge and experience from our time supporting children and young people.

We have included links to published work below and attached to this email which may be useful to your work:

- Barnardo's Cymru [Boys2 research](#)
- [A Guide for Parents and Carers Providing Care, Support and Protection to children at risk of or who have been harmed by CSE](#) (produced by Barnardo's Better Futures)
- Assessment Guide, Structured Framework and definitions of CSE
- Barnardo's Cymru written evidence to the Children on the Margins inquiry (2024)
- The Gwella Approach: An evaluation report
- Literature review on children and young people demonstrating technology assisted harmful sexual behaviour – Rhiannon Lewis
- The Same but Different? Exploring the Links between Gender, Trauma, Sexual Exploitation and Harmful Sexual Behaviours – Dr Sophie Hallett, Kat Deerfield, Kirsty Hudson
- Children who have displayed harmful sexual behaviour: a gender sensitive approach – Sharron Wareham
- Night Light impact report 2024

We were able to briefly discuss Welsh Government's request with colleagues in children's services to share their views. Due to the short timescales for this, we have been unable to offer detailed feedback, but **key themes** are attached, and we would invite you to discuss this further with Children's Services practitioners if this were useful and would be happy to arrange this. Our colleagues in Barnardo's Better Futures and Newport regularly work to prevent and respond to CSE and have much more insight and information that they could share as part of a discussion.

We hope that this information is useful, and if you'd like to discuss further with children's services colleagues then please don't hesitate to let me know.

Best wishes,