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Sent: 16 January 2025 19:12

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Subject: RE: Urgent view needed - press line

Thanks Redacted, much appreciated.

Yr Is-adran Diogelwch Cymunedol / Community Safety Division

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Just to confirm I have spoken with ACC Redacted in North Wales who joined the call that Chiefs were on this morning. He agrees with the observations below. Whilst there have been cases of child sexual exploitation in Wales, they have not been organised in nature as seen elsewhere and do not follow the same profile as in some English towns.

Hope that is sufficient to inform your response

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I'm waiting for a call to confirm our response. My initial point would be:

- Line 3 suggests that there have been instances of grooming gangs in Wales in the past. I'm not sure this is true although we do know that they have clearly existed in a number of English towns
- The last line suggests that this is a national review but I think that the Home Sec's announcement signalled a number of local reviews with national oversight which is slightly different

Will come back to you as soon as I can with a more considered view

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We understand there will be a story going live on Nation Cymru today at 17:00, relating to grooming gangs and focussing on the victim whose story was referred to by Redacted in the Senedd this week.

Communications colleagues have been working up a revised press line which is below:

We will do continue to do everything we can as a government to ensure young people in Wales are safe from the horrific crimes of exploitation and sexual abuse. Whilst we have received assurances from all Welsh police forces that there are no current widespread issues with grooming gangs in Wales, we know this has happened in the past and we welcome the decision by the Home Secretary to ask all police forces, including in Wales, to review historic gang exploitation cases where no further action was taken. We also welcome the UK Government's announcement of a national review across the UK led by Dame Louise Casey and will be engaging fully with this review.

If there are any issues or inaccuracies with this line, please let us know ahead of 17:00. I am out of office today so I'd be grateful if you could cc both Redacted and Redacted into your reply.