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Dear Colleague,

**THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN
2017-2020: SECOND ITERATION (CHALLENGE VERSION)**

Powys County Council is intent on making the considerable and systemic changes which are required for improving children's services on the scale and at the pace needed. The attached documents set out the actions we will take to:

- fulfil the Council's vision for ensuring that the quality of care and support available for to children, young people and families in Powys is exemplary;
- meet the recommendations set out by the Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) in their inspection report (October 2017) and subsequently; and
- satisfy requirements placed upon the Council by Welsh Government.

We have adopted an approach to planning which involves all parts of the Council working together. It has sought also to define the contribution that can be made by collaborative groups such as the Children and Young People's Partnership and the Regional Safeguarding Board. This is intended to encourage the collective and distributed leadership and ownership of the plan which will sustain an enterprise which will have to be very active over a long period.

The Council is keen to consult our key stakeholders at this stage, while the plan is still evolving. The documents attached to my letter are described as 'challenge versions'. We welcome any observations or proposals for change that you may wish to put forward. The only proviso is a request that you do so as quickly as possible. The final versions need to be with CIW and CSSIW by 7 February.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

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