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Dear Chris,

MISSING VOICES: CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER'S REVIEW OF INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL ADVOCACY SERVICES.

As you are aware the Children's Commissioner has undertaken a review of independent and professional advocacy services for looked after children and young people, care leavers and children in need. *Missing Voices*, the report on this review was published on the 22nd March 2012.

I know that the Children and Young People Committee have always taken a close interest in the provision of advocacy support to children and young people. Indeed, the previous Committee undertook a review of advocacy in September 2010.

I will be responding to the Children's Commissioner's report within three months. However, I would welcome the Committee's initial response to the review and the series of recommendations.

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Yours sincerely,
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