# WRITTEN STATEMENT

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| **TITLE**  | **Establishment of a Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) Working Group**  |
| **DATE**  | **12 March 2020** |
| **BY** | **Kirsty Williams AM, Minister for Education** |

On 21 January 2020, I confirmed that pupils in Wales will have universal access to the full curriculum, including Religious Education and Relationships and Sexuality (RSE).

Within the Written Statement, I was clear that this change would require careful and sensitive implementation. I also confirmed that I would be putting in place structures to support an exchange of perspectives and enable clear guidance, resources and professional learning be made available for schools.

Today, I am announcing the establishment of an RSE Working Group to agree the topics to be covered by schools and to co-construct the detailed guidance to support learning, and this work will start work over the coming weeks. The RSE Working Group will include key stakeholders, practitioners, teaching unions and faith organisations. It will be jointly chaired by Welsh Government and the regional consortia.

The RSE Working Group will work alongside the newly established Faith/BAME Involvement Group. The Involvement Group will provide assistance to ensure community and faith views are taken into account.

This is an opportunity for us collaborate, and work together to help shape this important area of learning for children and young people in Wales.