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| **TITLE** | **Formal response to the recommendations made by the Measuring the Mountain project** |
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Earlier this year I agreed to fund an 18 month extension of the Measuring the Mountain project. Measuring the Mountain is a Welsh Government funded project which makes up part of the Welsh Government’s commitment to evaluate the performance of the Social Services and Well-being Act (Wales) 2014. Measuring the Mountain produced a report exploring people’s experiences of social care in Wales.

[Today I am publishing Welsh Government’s response to those recommendations](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fevaluating-peoples-experiences-social-care-services-0&data=02%7C01%7CGovernment.Plenary.Business%40gov.wales%7C1e1eb04c550b4a999bb408d7b52627b2%7Ca2cc36c592804ae78887d06dab89216b%7C0%7C0%7C637177047779753506&sdata=fpgdmPHBZOilKuG19erlEYHk90caMUyHcT%2BoMNYIUW0%3D&reserved=0). The report is critical to the whole sector and highlights a number of important areas where the sector is working well but also what needs to be improved. I want the whole sector to own and take forward these recommendations to ensure that, as the changes demanded by the Act continue to be embedded into practice, the findings set out in the report actively inform these improvements.

Projects such as Measuring the Mountain are essential for us to hear voices of those who are at the heart of the Act. The positive momentum that has been created from this project must continue and it is for this reason that I have agreed to fund Measuring the Mountain for a further 18 months. The next phase of the project will allow us further insight and understanding to help guide the sector towards improvement. Crucially the project will expand on the excellent work that was undertaken in 2018/19 and will further explore the gaps that were identified in phase one. I look forward to receiving the phase two recommendations when they are published in September 2020.