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Sioned Cardew-Richardson Director of Statistics and Analysis Medr (by email)

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Dear Sioned,

Request for temporary suspension of accredited official statistics status and request for assessment of Medr's statistics

Thank you for <u>your letter</u> requesting removal of the accredited official statistics status of four statistics transferred from Welsh Government to Medr.

Given that you are a new producer of official statistics and your assessment that your statistical processes have been bedding in, I agree to your request to temporarily suspend the accredited official statistics status of the following statistics:

- Students in higher education
- Welsh language in higher education
- Further education, work-based learning and community learning
- Learner outcome measures for apprenticeships

You also requested that we carry out an assessment of these statistics and two additional statistics:

- Consistent performance measures for post-16 learning: Achievement
- Apprenticeships learning programmes started

I welcome your aspiration to publicly demonstrate your compliance with the <u>Code of Practice for Statistics</u>. My team will continue to engage with your team about the assessment, and I look forward to sharing our findings with you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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