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**Ruth Hatton,
Deputy Committee Clerk,
Proposed Additional Learning Needs
LCO Committee,
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Cardiff Bay CF99 1NA.**

Re: Consultation ALN LCO

Dear Ms Hatton

The All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers does not feel it is qualified to comment on Points 1 and 4 of the Consultation Document but wishes to make the following observations on Points 2 and 3.

Point 2: We feel that it is appropriate for the proposed Order to cover all persons with a disability. Specific needs for each individual will have to be taken into account by the Local Education Authorities

Point 3: The definition of Disability as given works as far as it goes, although it places no emphasis on the notion of Learning Disability. We should also like to see that Local Education Authorities are expected to adhere to comprehensive national standards of Learning Disability, rather than each area applying varying local standards.

A trustee from the All Wales Forum would welcome the opportunity to give evidence to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

**Elis Jones
Director - AWFPC**