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Dear Maria,

I am writing with regard to the Committee's inquiry into the inequalities faced by Gypsy, Roma and Travellers (GRT) and in particular, your examination into violence against women and girls from those communities. As I have portfolio responsibility for both Equality matters and Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence in the Welsh Government, I was very interested to learn of this work.

In Wales we are developing our understanding of issues faced by diverse groups in relation to Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence. In March this year, we will be launching our latest national media campaign, *Control and diverse groups*, which includes messaging around controlling behaviour such as isolation, which we know has been prevalent in GRT communities.

We are also committed to developing a national survivor engagement framework and officials are working with relevant third sector providers to explore ways in which we can encourage survivors from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities to participate.

I watched with interest the examination you held on 5 December 2018 with those who are working with these communities in England. As your inquiry moves forward it would be very helpful if you were able to share with us relevant findings and recommendations at an early stage. This would allow us to understand if they are equally applicable in Wales. If you are able to share any data that originates from England and Wales, that would also be very much appreciated.

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I believe this would strengthen the understanding we have across both England and Wales and ultimately to ensure we focus on the right provision for these groups.

I look forward to your reply.

*Yours sincerely,*  
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