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Dear Colleague

Consultation on degree apprenticeships

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the consultation on degree apprenticeships.

Beyond the fact that roughly 15 percent of individuals who are studying for a degree apprenticeship are Welsh speakers, we do not have specific knowledge of the position of the Welsh language in degree apprenticeship programmes. As a result we do not know to what extent current apprentices are completing their apprenticeships through the medium of Welsh and therefore maintain or develop their Welsh language skills. Nonetheless, in 2017 we published a briefing note on 'The position of the Welsh language in apprenticeship programmes in Wales'¹. It's likely that some of the key findings of this briefing note is also relevant to degree apprenticeships in Wales. The key findings of the briefing note were as follows:

- That the use of Welsh within work-based learning programmes and apprenticeships is very low.
- That the potential of apprenticeship programmes supporting the use of Welsh and developing a skilled bilingual workforce is not currently being realised.
- That a specific review of the position of the Welsh language in apprenticeship programmes is required.

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<http://www.comisiynyddygyymraeg.cymru/English/Publications%20List/20171114%20S%20Nodyn%20briffio%20Prentisiaethau%20FERSIW%20TERFYNOL.pdf>

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