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Hi

You might have seen that the Welsh Conservatives have tabled a debate for next week on grooming gangs, including a call for a National Inquiry:

*NDM8821 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)*

*To propose that the Senedd:*

*Calls on the Welsh Government to commission an independent inquiry into child sexual exploitation by grooming gangs.*

Our Cabinet Secretary will need to respond to the debate and met PCC to discuss this morning.

When this story broke you and kindly provided assurances that there weren't any known substantive issues with grooming gangs in Wales, but that this was still an area forces were looking at closely – just wanted to ensure that was still the case and see if there were any additional reassurances or updates PCCs or forces wanted to provide. Anything by close of play tomorrow would be great as I'm afraid we're working to predictably bonkers timescales on this work.

I'll also send over a draft of the speech once it is ready to ensure policing leads are content with what Cab Sec is likely to say.

Thanks,