

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 18 March 2021

Meeting time: 09.15 – 12.33

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Lynne Neagle MS (Chair) Dawn Bowden MS Hefin David MS Suzy Davies MS Siân Gwenllian MS Laura Anne Jones MS
Witnesses:	Sarah Crawley, Barnardo's Cymru Brigitte Gater, Action for Children Cecile Gwilym, NSPCC Wales Deborah Jones, Voices from Care Emma Phipps–Magill, Voices from Care Sharon Lovell, National Youth Advocacy Services Cymru (NYAS) Ben Twomey, National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS) Cymru



	<p>Jackie Murphy, Tros Gynnal Plant (TGP)</p> <p>Sally Jenkins, Newport City Council</p> <p>Jan Coles, Powys County Council</p> <p>Nicola Stubbins, Association of Directors of Social Services Cymru</p> <p>Jonathan Griffiths, Pembrokeshire County Council</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Llinos Madeley (Clerk)</p> <p>Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Phil Boshier (Researcher)</p> <p>Sian Thomas (Researcher)</p>

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the virtual meeting of the Children, Young People and Education Committee.

1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair stated that she had determined that the public were excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health but that the meeting would be broadcast live on www.senedd.tv

1.3 The Chair stated that if for any reason she dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Dawn Bowden MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

1.4 There were no apologies.

2 COVID-19: vulnerable children

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from NSPCC, Barnardo's Cymru and Action for Children.

3 COVID-19: vulnerable children

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS) Cymru, Voices from Care and Tros Gynnal Plant (TGP) Cymru.

3.2 Tros Gynnal agreed to provide a note on how many children are living in 155 independent private homes in Wales.

3.3 Voices from care agreed to provide the following:

A report relating to the process of young people leaving care and

An update on projects based on the leaving care approach in Wales called When I am Ready.

4 COVID-19: vulnerable children

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of frontline local authority social services.

5 Papers to note

5.1 The papers were noted.

5.1 Letter from the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee regarding the Children (Abolition of the Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Act 2020

5.2 Letter from the Llywydd to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee regarding the Welsh Elections (Coronavirus) Bill 2021 – impact on Senedd Committees

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

6.1 The motion was agreed.

7 COVID-19 – consideration of the draft report

7.1 The Committee discussed the draft report. As this was the last Committee meeting of the Fifth Senedd, Members agreed to consider final amendments and agree the report electronically.