

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 29 June 2022

Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.29

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Hybrid

Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Members of the Senedd: | Jayne Bryant MS (Chair) James Evans MS Laura Anne Jones MS Ken Skates MS Buffy Williams MS Sioned Williams MS Heledd Fychan MS |
| Witnesses: | Sian Jones, Welsh Government Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and the Welsh Language |
| Committee Staff: | Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) |



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| | Michael Dauncey (Researcher) Rosemary Hill (Researcher) Sian Hughes (Researcher) |
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

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

1.2 There were no apologies.

2 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public for items 3, 6, 7 and 8

2.1 The motion was agreed.

3 Pupil absence – findings from the engagement with parents and young people

3.1 Members discussed the findings from in engagement report. They agreed that it should be shared with the Minister for Education and Welsh Language and the Deputy Minister for Health and Wellbeing.

4 Pupil absence – evidence session 7

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Minister for Education and Welsh Language.

4.2 The Minister agreed to provide information on whether school absence data and intelligence on school absence is utilised as an early marker for mental illness amongst young people.

4.2 When available, the Minister agreed to share with the Committee the evaluation of the funding that was made available in 2021–22 for local authorities to provide additional emotional, mental health and well-being support to young people.

4.3 The Minister agreed to attend a future Committee meeting to discuss the support provided for young carers in school.

5 Paper to note

5.1 The paper was noted.

5.1 Peer on peer sexual harassment among learners

6 Pupil absence – consideration of the evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the previous sessions.

7 Peer on peer sexual harassment among learners – consideration of the draft report

7.1 Subject to amendments to be agreed electronically outside of Committee, the Committee agreed the draft report.

8 Mental Health in Higher Education – consideration of the scope and approach

8.1 The Committee agreed the approach to the inquiry, subject to some additional stakeholders for oral evidence.