

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date: Thursday, 9 January 2025

Meeting time: 09.34 – 13.25

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Buffy Williams MS (Chair) Natasha Asghar MS Cefin Campbell MS Vaughan Gething MS Joel James MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Jeremy Miles MS, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care Dawn Bowden MS, Minister for Children and Social Care Sarah Murphy MS, Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing Albert Heaney, Welsh Government Hywel Jones, Welsh Government Sioned Rees, Welsh Government Alex Slade, Welsh Government Gillian Baranski, Care Inspectorate Wales



	Margaret Rooney, Care Inspectorate Wales
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Sian Thomas (Researcher) Sarah Hatherley (Researcher)

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 The Chair thanked Gareth Davies MS and Tom Giffard MS for their time and contributions to the committee's work, and welcomed Natasha Asghar and Joel James to the Committee.

2 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025-26 – evidence session 1

2.1 The Committee scrutinised the Cabinet Secretary and Ministers on the draft budget.

2.2 The Cabinet Secretary and Ministers agreed to provide a note on the following:

- The time frame for publication of the Welsh Government's 'quality statement for children's health'.
- The role of the newly appointed Clinical Lead with responsibility for children's health, what plans they will be responsible for delivering, and the impact that the Welsh Government expects the role to have in terms of helping to address long-term developmental delays for children.
- Updates on the work being carried out by Public Health Wales under the direction of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care to address the inequality of vaccination uptake rates across Wales.

- The outcomes of the review of the paediatric workforce being undertaken by Health Education and Improvement Wales.
- Ongoing work being undertaken by the Welsh Government in relation to energy drinks for under-16s.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public for items 4, 7 and 8

3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025-26 – consideration of the evidence

4.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the previous session.

5 Care Inspectorate Wales: Annual Scrutiny session

5.1 The Committee scrutinised Care Inspectorate Wales.

5.2 The Committee agreed to write to Care Inspectorate Wales to clarify the figures recorded about Childcare providers and Childcare places.

5.3 Care inspectorate Wales agreed to provide a link to the good practise work published on its website in relation to childcare and play.

6 Papers to note

6.1 The papers were noted.

6.1 Children on the margins

6.2 Do disabled children and young people have equal access to education and childcare?

6.3 Information from Stakeholders

6.4 Scrutiny of the Children's Commissioner for Wales

6.5 Information from Stakeholders

6.6 Implementation of education reforms

6.7 Routes into post-16 education and training

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6.9 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025-26

6.10 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024-25

6.11 Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill

6.12 Information from Stakeholders

6.13 Information from Stakeholders

6.14 Information from Stakeholders

7 Care Inspectorate Wales: Annual Scrutiny – consideration of the evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the previous session.

8 Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill – Order of Consideration – agreement ahead of Stage 2 proceedings

8.1 The Committee agreed the Order of Consideration ahead of Stage 2.