

Agenda – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: 24 June 2015

Meeting time: 09.15

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09.15 – 09.30 – Private Pre-meeting

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

(09.30)

2 Papers to note

(09.30)

**Qualifications Wales Bill – Letter from the Chair of the Constitutional and
Legislative Affairs Committee**

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**Inquiry into Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services – Letter from the
Minister for Health and Social Services**

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**Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill – Letter from the Chair of
Health and Social Care Committee**

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CYPE(4)-18-15 – Paper to note 3



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

(09.30)

4 Briefing on Regional Education Consortia Report – Estyn

(09.30 – 10.30)

CYPE(4)-18-15 – Paper 4 – [Estyn Report](#)

Meilyr Rowlands, HM Chief Inspector – Estyn

Simon Brown, Strategic Director – Estyn

Mark Champion, HM Inspector – Estyn

5 Briefing on Regional Education Consortia Report – Wales Audit Office

(10.30 – 11.30)

CYPE(4)-18-15 – Paper 5 – [Wales Audit Office Report](#)

Sophie Knott, Performance Auditor – Wales Audit Office

Alan Morris, Director, Performance Audit – Wales Audit Office

6 Briefing on Youth Engagement

(11.30 – 11.45)

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CYPE(4)-18-15 – Private paper 6

7 Committee approach on the draft Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Bill

(11.45–12.15)

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CYPE(4)-18-15 – Private paper 7

Ann Jones AM
Chair, Children, Young People and Education
Committee

May 2015

Qualifications Wales Bill Stage 2 Amendments

We would like to commend the Committee for undertaking additional consultation on the Welsh Government amendments to the Qualifications Wales Bill tabled at Stage 2.

We have concerns about substantive changes being made to a Bill during Stage 2, which are then not subject to public consultation. We are considering this as part of our inquiry into Making Laws in the Fourth Assembly. We welcome your approach and would hope to see other committees adopt a similar practice if they were faced with similar substantive amendments at Stage 2.

Yours



David Melding AC/ AM

Cadeirydd / Chair



Agenda Item 2.2

Mark Drakeford AC / AM
Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
Minister for Health and Social Services



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Ann Jones AM
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| June 2015

Dear Ann,

Thank you for your letter of 27 May regarding our work in relation to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

I have the following comments to make in relation to the additional information you seek.

The Part 1 Measure Task and Finish Group will reconvene for the first time in July. I will ask the group to consider your request and how best it can provide outcome information for children and young people. It will need to consider this in relation to the range of other qualitative and quantitative data collected in relation to CAMHS, such as service user outcome data collected as part of the mental health core data set and data collected as part of the current CAMHS benchmarking exercise. I provided a paper to the Committee on the former as part of my evidence for your CAMHS inquiry. Key will be ensuring the small CAMHS service is able to manage the need to collect performance information, whilst not diluting its core work with children and young people.

As far as the ring-fence review is concerned, I am due to receive the Price Waterhouse Coopers review and recommendations shortly. I do not want to pre-empt the report, though I am generally not in favour of separate hypothecation. If we were to ring-fence CAMHS we would need to also separate adult and older people's mental health funding, hampering the ability of health boards to react to local circumstances, pressures and unforeseen issues, particularly around transition between services. That is not to say Welsh Government is not examining health board performance, including financial performance, particularly following the significant new investment in CAMHS I recently announced.

As for your request for a private briefing with those involved in the prescribing review and CAMHS benchmarking, I am content for this to occur, subject to the willingness and availability of those involved. The prescribing review phase one report (ADHD medication and antidepressants) is due imminently and my officials have discussed with the report author, Dr Ann John, Associate Professor of the School of Medicine at Swansea University (who is familiar to the Committee from her role as Chair of the Advisory Group on Suicide and Self-harm), the potential for her to meet the Committee. She is happy to do so, though due to other commitments her only availability is the morning of the 10 June.

In relation to the benchmarking, this work is being taken forward by the NHS Wales Quality Assurance Team and the NHS Benchmarking Network, not Public Health Wales. CAMHS services have asked for an extension to 5 June (from 19 May) to collect data for the audit and this data will be analysed by early July. Meeting the Committee in June will not therefore be possible, though if you wish to reschedule to July I am sure they would be willing to discuss their findings.

Best wishes,
Mark

Mark Drakeford AC / AM

Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
Minister for Health and Social Services



16 June 2015

Ann Jones AM

Chair, Children, Young People and Education Committee

Dear Ann,

Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill

Thank you for your letter dated 6 May 2015.

I can confirm that as part of its Stage 1 scrutiny of the Bill, the Health and Social Care Committee has taken into account issues affecting children and young people. At its meeting on 21 May 2015, the Committee took oral evidence from the Children's Commissioner for Wales, and a panel of third sector organisations which work with children and young people.

You may wish to draw the record of those sessions to the attention of the Members of your Committee:

<http://www.senedd.assembly.wales/documents/s40648/21%20May%202015.html?CT=2> (record of committee proceedings, 21 May 2015)

The Committee took further evidence from the Minister for Health and Social Services on 3 June, and will report by 3 July 2015. I will forward you a copy of the report in due course.

Yours sincerely,

David Rees AM

Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

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