

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 16 May 2019

Meeting time: 09.22 – 12.08

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Lynne Neagle AM (Chair) Dawn Bowden AM Hefin David AM Suzy Davies AM Janet Finch–Saunders AM Siân Gwenllïan AM Jayne Bryant AM (In place of Jack Sargeant AM)
Witnesses:	Jeff Cuthbert, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent and Chair of the All Wales Policing Group Matt Jukes, Chief Constable, South Wales Police Allison Hulmes, British Association of Social Workers (BASW) Cymru
Committee Staff:	Llinos Madeley (Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Sian Thomas (Researcher)



	Samiwel Davies (Legal Adviser) Lisa Salkeld (Legal Adviser)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members. Apologies were received from Jack Sargeant AM, Jayne Bryant AM substituted.

2 Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill – evidence session 6

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from Police representatives.

2.2 Police representatives agreed to provide a note on the current landscape, as they understand it in relation to the development and work of multi-agency safeguarding hubs.

3 Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill – evidence session 7

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from BASW Cymru.

3.2 The Director agreed to provide a note on the following:

- Evidence about the escalation from activity below the current threshold for the use of the defence of reasonable punishment to activity considered to be assault
- BASW Cymru's involvement to date with the development of the Bill

4 Papers to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

4.2 The Chair thanked the Welsh Youth Parliament for its contribution to the Committee's scrutiny of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill.

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

**6 Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill
– consideration of the evidence**

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence they had heard during sessions.