

**Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc  
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**Children, Young People  
and Education Committee**

Nikki Lawrence  
Chief Executive, Careers Wales

22 April 2025

**Chair to Careers Wales - Request for information about careers advice**

Dear Nikki,

Thank you for appearing before Committee on 6 February and for your written evidence as part of our inquiry 'routes into post-16 education and training'.

We have now finished gathering oral evidence for our inquiry. However, there are some specific issues that we would like to follow up in more detail to help us come to conclusions and make recommendations in our report.

I would therefore be very grateful if you could reply to the following questions by 16 May 2025.

In relation to your tailored work experience programme on behalf of the Welsh Government:

1. Please could you confirm the eligibility criteria for this tailored work, how learners are put forward and who assesses their eligibility? Could you also provide more information about the numbers and characteristics of learners who have been eligible for that programme by year and what data is collected and published about that? In what areas does the programme operate? What is the cost per pupil of delivering this tailored work?
2. Are there any groups of additional learners who have disengaged, or are at risk of disengaging, who you believe would benefit from the programme, but are not currently eligible for it due to capacity/funding constraints? If so, what would be the approximate cost of scaling up the programme nationwide to those learners?

In relation to work experience more generally:

3. What would be the approximate cost of Careers Wales providing a Wales wide work experience matching and placing service to all year 11 pupils, including the administration of assessing any required DBS, insurance and health and safety measures?

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In relation to your careers guidance service for secondary school-age pupils:

4. To what extent do you believe that your standard offer of a careers check and a careers advice interview for every pupil in years 10/11 meets the needs of the majority of pupils across Wales and how do you assess this? What is the mechanism for evaluating the learner's view of your input?
5. Are there any additions to your standard offer that you believe would offer good value for money in terms of supporting learners and their families to understand the options available to them post-16? What would be the approximate cost of providing those additional services?

If you have any questions about the information that the Committee is requesting, or have any concerns about the timetable, please don't hesitate to contact our clerks at any time by emailing [SeneddChildren@Senedd.Wales](mailto:SeneddChildren@Senedd.Wales).

Yours sincerely,



Buffy Williams MS  
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.