
The Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

Welsh Government response to the Children, Young People and Education Committee Report

30 October 2025

In September 2025, the Children, Young People and Education Committee submitted its report on the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memoranda for the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill. The report included one recommendation, which is addressed in this response.

The Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill ("the Bill") was introduced in the House of Commons on 17 December 2024. Amendments to the Bill to include Wales in certain provisions were introduced at report stage in the House of Commons on 10 March 2025. In accordance with Standing Order 29, a Legislative Consent Memorandum ("LCM") in respect of the amendments was laid on 24 March. The LCM made reference to the children not in school and social services provisions and sought the Senedd's Consent for these to apply to Wales.

Two supplementary LCM were laid on 28 May and 12 June, to include further amendments tabled by the UK Government, to include Wales in provisions relating to child employment, and to include aspects from the children not in school provisions that were omitted from the first LCM.

The Children, Young People and Education Committee published its report on the three LCM relating to the Bill on 19 September.

Responses to recommendations

Recommendation 1.

The Senedd should grant consent for Clauses 11, 20, 25-30 and Schedule 1 (as set out in the LCM); clause 26 (as set out in SLCM No 2); clauses 35, 63 and 66 (as set out in SLCM No 3) of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill.

Welsh Government Response: No response required.
