



**Y Pwyllgor Plant a Phobl Ifanc
Children and Young People Committee**

10 February 2012

Dear Colleague

On 4 October 2011 the National Assembly for Wales' Petitions Committee received a petition from the cancer charity Tenovus saying that:

“We call upon the National Assembly to urge the Welsh Government to provide free sunscreen for all children under the age of 11 in Wales.”

This petition was referred to the [Children and Young People Committee](#) for consideration. As a result, the Committee has decided to hold a short inquiry into school sun protection policy, which will look not only at the availability and use of sunscreen, but also at other sun protection issues such as the provision of shade in schools and the wearing of suitable clothing whilst outdoors.

To inform the Committee's inquiry, we would welcome your written comments on sun protection for children and young people at school or in childcare, and specifically on the following:

1. Whether current sun protection policies and guidelines for schools are effective in providing sufficient sun protection for children, and if not, where improvements are required.
2. Whether there is sufficient awareness of the current sun protection policies and guidelines, and, if not, how best to raise awareness;
3. Whether there are any barriers to the use of sun protection in schools, including sunscreen, suitable clothing, hats or shade, by children and young people, for example in terms of cost or the application of sunscreen by teachers or childminders, and if so, how these could be addressed.

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Invitation to contribute to the inquiry

The Committee welcomes responses from both individuals and organisations. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.

The Committee welcomes contributions in English or Welsh, and we ask organisations with Welsh Language policies/schemes to provide bilingual submissions, in line with their public information policies.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to CYPCommittee@wales.gov.uk.

Alternatively, you can write to:

Committee Clerk
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I would be grateful if you could ensure that your submission arrives by **Friday 9 March 2012**. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

Disclosure of Information

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Yours faithfully



Christine Chapman AM
Chair