

Communities and Culture Committee

Minutes (CC(3)-13-09)

Date: 07 October 2009

Time: 09:30 - 11:05

Venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd

Eleanor Burnham, North Wales
Lesley Griffiths, Wrexham
Mark Isherwood, North Wales
Bethan Jenkins, South Wales West
Dai Lloyd, South Wales West
Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales

Tom Jackson, Clerk
Annette Millett, Deputy Clerk

Others in Attendance

Dr Samantha Clutton, Senior Research and Policy Officer, Policy, Research and Development Unit, Barnardos Cymru
Andy James, Assistant Director for Policy
Mary Duff, Chairman of the Magistrates Association Youth Courts Committee
David Ford, Chair of the Cardiff Youth Court Panel

The Chair welcomed Committee members and members of the public.

Apologies were received from Alun Cairns and Lynne Neagle.

Evidence from:

Barnardos Cymru CC(3)-13-09 : Paper 1

Dr Samantha Clutton and Andy James responded to questions from the Committee.

Action

The witnesses will send the Committee recommendations they would make to stop the trafficking and sexual exploitation of children and young people.

Barnardos are issuing on 19 October the first in a series of three reports on work with children of adult offenders. The witnesses will provide the Committee with copies of these reports.

Barnardos will write in with any other suggested recommendations for the Committee

The Chair thanked Dr Samantha Clutton and Andy James for attending the meeting and for submitting written evidence in advance.

CC(3)-13-09 : Paper 2

Mary Duff and David Ford responded to questions from the Committee

Actions

Witnesses will provide the Committee with figures of custodial and non-custodial sentences for children and young people in conflict with the law.

Witness will confer with the Chair of Merthyr Magistrates Court, towards providing correspondence regarding sentencing patterns in Merthyr to the Committee.

Witnesses will send a copy of the next update from the Youth Justice Board on training of staff who have contact with young people in custody.

Witness will send a hard copy of the All Wales Youth Offending Strategy to the Committee.

Witnesses will write in with any other suggested recommendations for the Committee.

The Chair thanked Mary Duff and David Ford for attending the meeting and for submitting written evidence in advance.

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2009 were ratified.

Committee Service

October 2009