

Children and Young People Committee

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Date: Tuesday 7 July 2009

Time: 09:30 – 11:00 am

Venue: Committee Room 2, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Nerys Evans (Temporary Chair)
Angela Burns, Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Christine Chapman, Cynon Valley
Eleanor Burnham, North Wales
Lynne Neagle, Torfaen

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Tom Jackson, Clerk
Rita Phillips, Deputy Clerk
Steve Boyce, Members' Research Service
Helen Roberts, Legal Adviser

Others in Attendance

Catriona Williams, Chief Executive, Children in Wales
Sean O'Neill, Policy Director, Children in Wales
David Beard, Assistant Director Children's Services, Barnardo's
Pat Duke, Assistant Director Children's Services, Barnardo's
Anne Marie Browning, Children's Services Manager, Barnardo's

Item 1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Clerk opened the meeting and called for nominations to elect a temporary chair.
- 1.2 Nerys Evans was nominated and elected as temporary chair.
- 1.3 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.
- 1.4 Apologies were received from Helen Mary Jones. Nerys Evans substituted.
- 1.5 There were no declarations of interest.

Item 2: Inquiry into arrangements for the placement of children into care in Wales

Children in Wales

- 2.1 Catriona Williams and Sean O'Neill responded to questions from the Committee.

Actions

- Chair to write to Children in Wales with further questions from Committee members.
- 2.2 The Chair thanked Catriona Williams and Sean O'Neill for attending the Committee and for submitting written evidence in advance.

Barnardo's Cymru

- 2.3 David Beard, Pat Duke and Anne Marie Browning responded to questions from the Committee.

Actions

- Chair to write to Barnardo's Cymru with further questions from Committee members.
- 2.4 The Chair thanked the witnesses from Barnardo's Cymru for attending the meeting and for submitting written evidence in advance.
 - 2.5 The Chair reminded members that the next Committee meeting would take place on 21 September when the Committee would continue taking evidence for its inquiry into arrangements for the placement of children into care.

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