Equality of Opportunity Committee

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Date: 8 March 2007

Venue:Committee Room 3, Senedd

Title: Review of Service Provision for Disabled Young People in Wales – Welsh Assembly Government Response

Purpose

1. To provide the Committee with the Government's response to its report on service provision for disabled young people 'Why is it that disabled young people are always left until last?'.

Summary/Recommendations

2. The Committee is invited to note the Government's response which is attached at Annex 1.

Background

3. The response was issued on 21 February and the Minister for Assembly Business, Equalities and Children made an oral statement to Plenary on 28 February.

Cross Cutting Themes

4. The report and the Government's response look in particular at Education, Training and Employment; Transport; and Independent Living. The recommendations have not been considered by subject portfolio committees. There is overlap with work currently being undertaken by the Education Lifelong Learning and Skills Committee to review special educational needs provision. The ELLS Committee is due to publish its final (of 3) reports in mid March. The Health and Social Services Committee has recently reported on children with special health needs, primarily disabled children.

Action for Subject Committee

5. To note the Assembly Government response to the Committee's report and the undertaking given in the Oral Statement to report progress on implementation of its response in the Autumn.

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