

Agenda Supplement – Children, Young People and Education Committee

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Committee Room 5 – Tŷ Hywel

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– Additional Information from the Minister for Children and Social Care

Please note the documents below are in addition to those published in the main Agenda and Reports pack for this Meeting

8 Inquiry into Flying Start: outreach – Evidence session 4

(13:30 – 14:30)

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Huw Irranca-Davies AM, Minister for Children and Social Care

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Attached Documents:

Research Brief – Flying Start: outreach

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Background

On 22 November the Minister for Children & Social Care agreed to provide the CYPE committee with a short note on Flying Start ahead of their meeting next week. The Chair asked to receive the note by midday Friday to incorporate the information into the Committee's briefing. The Committee appreciated the very short timescale and suggested it need only be short and to include the following:

- Further information on the Minister's evidence about the work Welsh Government is doing with 5 pilot local authorities and the Secure Anonymised Information Linkage (SAIL) Databank in respect of evaluating Flying Start outcomes.
- Will this project include a link to data on educational outcomes?
- When the output will be published? Is the output an evaluation of Flying Start outcomes in those 5 local authorities? Briefing on the Dataflow Development Project and Flying Start Data Linking Pilot Projects

The briefing follows the same order as these bullets.

1. Further information on the Minister's evidence about the work Welsh Government is doing with 5 pilot local authorities and the Secure Anonymised Information Linkage (SAIL) Databank in respect of evaluating Flying Start outcomes

The Welsh Government provides funding to SAIL (Secure Anonymised Information Linkage) Databank to provide a secure infrastructure for linking personal health data for research purposes in an anonymous, ethical and secure way.

Welsh Government Knowledge and Analytical Services successfully bid to the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) for funding to support a three year programme of research around linked administrative data - known as the Dataflow Development Project (DDP).

Due to legal complexities at first the project will look at the feasibility of installing a National Research Data Appliance (NRDA), an automated 'linking engine', or the equivalent software in each Local Authority. This should ease the burden of data provision for Local Authorities and enable secure information governance. The pilot will explore the whether these devices can be installed and used in up to six Local Authorities:

- Flintshire
- Swansea
- Monmouthshire
- Torfaen
- Gwynedd
- Cardiff

From the outset it was agreed to align the DDP with the Flying Start Data Linking Pilot Project to gain maximum added value for all concerned. The DDP is providing a range of expert support to the Flying Start Data Linking Pilot Project. Local Authorities want to ensure that they are able to demonstrate impact of the Flying Start programme and therefore recognise the importance of providing robust evidence as part of this wider project.

If this pilot is successful, it is envisaged that further funding will be sought to install the devices or software in the remaining Local Authorities and establish routine dataflows on an all-Wales level into the SAIL Databank.

The joint DDP and Flying Start Data Linking Pilot Projects are working closely with Local Authority representatives to shape the project, both through the Flying Start Network Meetings and through a DDP Flying Start Reference Group consisting of representatives from the pilot Local Authorities.

2. Will this project include a link to data on educational outcomes?

This project will include a link to data on education and health outcomes.

The aims of this pilot project are:

- To develop a standardised set of data that will be collected by Local Authorities about Flying Start children's engagement with the programme
- To develop an approach for Local Authorities to anonymise their individual-level Flying Start data and send into the Secure Anonymised Information Linkage (SAIL) Databank for linking with other anonymised routine administrative datasets
- To link Flying Start intervention data with health, education and other data for evaluation purposes.

3. When the output will be published? Is the output an evaluation of Flying Start outcomes in those 5 local authorities?

As this pilot project is currently in its development phase, timescales for the publication of outputs have yet to be agreed. It is anticipated that there will be an analytical report based on the pilot, the detail is being discussed.