

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People, and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 24 March 2022

Meeting time: 09.15 – 14.57

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Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Ken Skates MS (Temporary Chair) Peter Fox MS (In place of James Evans MS) Laura Anne Jones MS Buffy Williams MS Sioned Williams MS
Witnesses:	Laura Doel, National Association of Headteachers (NAHT) Cymru Eithne Hughes, Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) Cymru Mary van den Heuvel, National Education Union Cymru (NEU) Kelly Harris, Brook Rebecca Williams, Undeb Cenedlaethol Athrawon Cymru (UCAC) Iestyn Wyn, Stonewall Cymru Mairead Canavan, National Education Union (NEU)



	<p>Lowri Jones, Urdd Residential Centre</p> <p>Kerry Packman, ParentKind</p> <p>Professor EJ Renold, Cardiff University</p> <p>Chris Parry, National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) Cymru</p> <p>Siobhan Parry, Plattform</p> <p>Ceri Reed, Parents Voices in Wales</p> <p>Sally Thomas, Plan UK International</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Naomi Stocks (Clerk)</p> <p>Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Michael Dauncey (Researcher)</p> <p>Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser)</p>

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 Under Standing Order 17.22 Ken Skates MS was elected as Temporary Chair for the whole of the meeting.

1.2 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Children, Young People and Education Committee.

1.3 Apologies were received from Jayne Bryant MS and James Evans MS, Peter Fox MS substituted for James. Laura Jones MS was absent for some of item 3 and all of item 4. Sioned Williams MS was absent for item 6.

2 Peer on peer sexual harassment among learners – evidence session 6

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of school leader unions.

2.2 Due to time constraints, the Chair agreed that any unasked questions would be sent to the witnesses for a written response.

3 Peer on peer sexual harassment among learners – evidence session 7

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of teaching unions.

4 Peer on peer sexual harassment among learners – evidence session 8

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of Stonewall Cymru and Brook Cymru.

5 Peer on peer sexual harassment among learners – evidence session 9

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from Professor EJ Renold.

5.2 Professor Renold agreed to provide the Committee with data on the number of cases of sexual harassment that meet the threshold for constituting a criminal offence.

5.3 Due to time constraints, the Chair agreed that any unasked questions would be sent for a written response.

6 Peer on peer sexual harassment among learners – evidence session 10

6.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of parents and carers.

6.2 Due to time constraints, the Chair agreed that any unasked questions would be sent to the witnesses for a written response.

7 Peer on peer sexual harassment among learners – evidence session 11

7.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of youth services.

8 Papers to note

8.1 The papers were noted.

8.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Welsh Government to seek its views on paper to note 3.

9 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and for the whole of the meeting on 31 March

9.1 The motion for the remainder of the meeting to be held in private was agreed.

10 Peer on peer sexual harassment among learners – consideration of the evidence

10.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the previous sessions.