

# Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 16 June 2022

Meeting time: 09.15 – 12.45

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jayne Bryant MS (Chair) Laura Anne Jones MS Ken Skates MS Buffy Williams MS Heledd Fychan MS
Witnesses:	Laura Doel, National Association of Headteachers NAHT Cymru Eithne Hughes, Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) Cymru Rocio Cifuentes, Childrens' Commissioner for Wales Jane Houston, Children's Commissioner for Wales
Committee Staff:	Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Michael Dauncey (Researcher) Sian Hughes (Researcher) Jennifer Cottle



## **1 Pupil absence – evidence session 1**

1.1 Members discussed the inquiry with education welfare officers, a representative from the principal youth officers group and a representative from the Welsh Local Government Association.

1.2 An education welfare officer service manager agreed to provide data relating to FPNs and information about the 'Bridge Project'.

1.3 Clerks agreed to provide all panellists with an email address in case anyone has anything to add, or any additional evidence. There'll be a note from the session to check.

## **2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

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

1.2 Apologies had been received from Sioned Williams MS and James Evans MS, Heledd Fychan MS would be substituting for Sioned Williams.

## **3 Pupil absence – evidence session 2**

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from the school leader unions.

## **4 Pupil absence – evidence session 3**

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Children's Commissioner for Wales.

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

## **5 Papers to note**

5.1 The papers were noted.

## **6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting**

6.1 The motion was agreed.

## **7 Pupil Absence – consideration of the evidence**

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence it has heard in the previous sessions.