

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 8 February
2023

Meeting time: 09.01 – 12.37

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jayne Bryant MS (Chair) James Evans MS Laura Anne Jones MS Ken Skates MS Buffy Williams MS Sioned Williams MS Hefin David MS Jane Dodds MS Tom Giffard MS
Witnesses:	Daljit Kaur Morris, National Youth Advocacy Service Helen Perry, National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS) Cymru Mark Carter, Barnardo's Cymru South East Wales Amy Bainton, Barnado's Cymru



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	<p>Sir Andrew Mcfarlane, Family Court Judge</p> <p>The Honourable Mr Justice Francis, Family Court Judge</p> <p>Vikki Morris, Centre for Justice Innovation</p> <p>Peter Spinner, Cardiff and Vale Family Drug and Alcohol Court</p> <p>Melissa Meindl, CASCADE, Cardiff University</p> <p>David Westlake, CASCADE, Cardiff University</p> <p>Orla MacRae, UK Government</p> <p>Kwamina Korsah, UK Government</p> <p>Gabrielle Melvin, UK Government</p> <p>Becky Woods, UK Government</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Naomi Stocks (Clerk)</p> <p>Tom Lewis–White (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Michael Dauncey (Researcher)</p> <p>Sian Hughes (Researcher)</p> <p>Sian Thomas (Researcher)</p> <p>Craig Griffiths (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Manon Huws (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Rhys Morgan (Clerk)</p> <p>Robin Wilkinson (Researcher)</p> <p>Lleu Williams (Clerk)</p>

1 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 There were no apologies.

1.3 The Chair welcomed Jane Dodds MS to the meeting for items 1 to 6 and Tom Giffard MS and Hefin David for item 8.

2 Services for care experienced children: exploring radical reform – evidence session 6

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the NYAS Cymru Project Unity and Barnardo's Baby and Me Service.

2.2 Barnardo's Cymru agreed to provide examples of good practise in producing quality parenting assessments in a timely way.

3 Services for care experienced children: exploring radical reform – evidence session 7

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from The Right Honourable Sir Andrew McFarlane and the Honourable Mr Justice Francis.

3.2 The Right Honourable Sir Andrew McFarlane agreed to provide examples of good practise of local authorities in England who are using the pre-proceedings work to divert cases from reaching the family court.

4 Services for care experienced children: exploring radical reform – evidence session 8

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Family Drug and Alcohol Court Scheme.

4.2 FDAC agreed to provide the first year evaluation of the 15 families in the pilot scheme and updated statistics on the challenges that families in the Welsh FDAC pilot have been experiencing.

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 and for the whole of the meeting on 15 February

6.1 The motion was agreed.

7 Services for care experienced children: exploring radical reform – consideration of the evidence

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

8 Online Safety Bill – briefing from UK Government officials

8.1 The Committee received a briefing on the UK Government Online Safety Bill.