

# Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 (Hybrid)

Meeting date: Monday, 22 May 2023

Meeting time: 12.00 – 16.30

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## Hybrid

### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Jane Dodds MS Altaf Hussain MS Sarah Murphy MS Sioned Williams MS Ken Skates MS
Witnesses:	Lara Snowdon, Violence Prevention Unit Dr Jen Daffin, Psychologists for Social Change Yasmin Khan, National Adviser for Violence against women, gender-based violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence Johanna Robinson, Preferred candidate for the role of National Adviser for Violence against women, gender-based violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence Oliver Townsend
Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Angharad Roche (Deputy Clerk)



## **1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

Apologies were received from Ken Skates for items 1 & 2. There were no declarations of interest.

## **2 The public health approach to preventing gender-based violence: evidence session 1**

Members heard evidence from Lara Snowdon, Public Health Lead – Violence Prevention Unit.

## **3 The public health approach to preventing gender-based violence: evidence session 2**

Members heard evidence from Dr Jen Daffin, Community Clinical Psychologist – Psychologists for Social Change and Oliver Townsend, Head of Partnerships and Practice – Platform.

## **4 The public health approach to preventing gender-based violence: evidence session 3**

Members heard evidence from Johanna Robinson and Yasmin Khan, National Advisers for Violence Against Women, Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence.

## **5 Papers to note**

Members noted the papers.

- 5.1 **Correspondence from the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip to Stephen Crabb MP regarding the benefits system in Wales**
- 6 **Motion under SO17.42 (vi) and (ix) to exclude the public for the remainder of the meeting**
- 7 **The public health approach to preventing gender-based violence: consideration of evidence**

Members considered the evidence received.

- 8 **Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Protection from Sex-based Harassment in Public Bill: consideration of draft report**

Members agreed the draft report.