

Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 (Senedd)

Meeting date: Monday, 13 May 2024

Meeting time: 13.30 – 16.20

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Jane Dodds MS Carolyn Thomas MS Sioned Williams MS Buffy Williams MS
Witnesses:	Jayne Bryant MS, Minister for Mental Health and Early Years Clare Severn, Head of Early Childhood Education and Care, Childcare and Play Policy, Welsh Government Alex Slade, Director of Primary Care, Mental Health and Early Years, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Clerk) Gemma Gifford (Second Clerk) Angharad Roche (Deputy Clerk) Sam Mason (Legal Adviser) Gareth David Thomas (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Joel James.

Julie James also sent apologies. Buffy Williams attended the meeting as substitute.

2 Childcare follow up inquiry: Ministerial evidence session

Members heard evidence from:

Jayne Bryant, MS, Minister for Mental Health and Early Years

Clare Severn, Head of Early Childhood Education and Care, Childcare and Play Policy,
Welsh Government

Alex Slade, Director of Primary Care, Mental Health and Early Years, Welsh Government

3 Papers to note

Members noted the papers.

- 3.1 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and Culture to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Safety, Security and Migration Interministerial Group
 - 3.2 Correspondence from the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and Culture regarding general Ministerial scrutiny
 - 3.3 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice and Culture to the Chair regarding the report of the Equality and Social Justice Committee – Actions, not Words: towards an anti-racist Wales by 2030
 - 3.4 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding the Welsh Government's response to the Committee's report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Criminal Justice Bill
- 4 Motion under SO17.42 (vi) to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting

Members agreed the motion.

5 Childcare follow up inquiry: consideration of evidence

Members considered the evidence.

6 Governance of Fire and Rescue Services: consideration of draft report

Members considered the draft report.