

Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 (Senedd)

Meeting date: Monday, 14 October 2024

Meeting time: 13.30 – 16.30

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Hybrid

Attendance

| Category | Names |
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| Members of the Senedd: | Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Mick Antoniw MS Jane Dodds MS Joel James MS Julie Morgan MS Sioned Williams MS |
| Witnesses: | Rhian Davies, Chief Executive, Disability Wales Miranda Evans, Policy and Programmes Officer, Disability Wales Gerraint Jones–Griffiths, Engage to Change Angela Kenvyn, Engage to Change Elisa Vigna, Engage to Change |
| Committee Staff: | Rhys Morgan (Clerk) Mared Llwyd (Second Clerk) Angharad Roche (Deputy Clerk) Claire Thomas (Researcher) |



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

No apologies were received and no declarations of interest were made.

2 Disability and Employment: evidence session 6

Members heard evidence from:

Rhian Davies, Disability Wales

Miranda Evans, Disability Wales

3 Disability and Employment: evidence session 7

Members heard evidence from:

Gerraint Jones–Griffiths – Engage to Change Lead Ambassador, Learning Disability Wales and Honorary Associate, Engage to Change Research and Evaluation Team, National Centre for Mental Health, Cardiff University

Angela Kenvyn – Project Manager, Learning Disability Wales

Dr Elisa Vigna – Research Fellow – National Centre for Mental Health, Cardiff University

4 Papers to note

Members noted the papers.

- 4.1 Correspondence from the National Deaf Children's Society Cymru to the Chair regarding the suspension of the Made for Wales British Sign Language GCSE qualification**
- 4.2 Correspondence from the Equality and Human Rights Commission to the Chair regarding the Public consultation: "Updated Code of Practice for services, public functions and associations"**
- 4.3 Correspondence from to the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government to the Chair regarding the inspection report published by the Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser and Inspector for Wales on the effectiveness of South Wales Fire and Rescue Service's response to domestic dwelling fires**
- 5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(iv) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting**

Members agreed the motion.

6 Disability and Employment: consideration of evidence

Members considered the evidence. Members agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip expressing concerns about the scrapping of the GCSE in sign language.