

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People, and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 3 Senedd and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 19 November 2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.35

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Buffy Williams MS (Chair) Natasha Asghar MS Cefin Campbell MS Russell George MS Vaughan Gething MS Carolyn Thomas MS
Witnesses:	Jeremy Miles MS, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care Dawn Bowden MS, Minister for Children and Social Care Sarah Murphy MS, Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing Albert Heaney, Welsh Government Sioned Rees, Welsh Government Alex Slade, Welsh Government Hywel Jones, Welsh Government



	<p>Rhian Edwards, Medr</p> <p>James Owen, Medr</p> <p>Geoff Hicks, Medr</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Naomi Stocks (Clerk)</p> <p>Leah Whitty (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Thomas Morris (Researcher)</p> <p>Sian Thomas (Researcher)</p> <p>Philippa Watkins (Researcher)</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.

2 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27 – evidence session

2.1 The Committee scrutinised the Welsh Government.

2.2 The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care agreed to provide the following:

- a date when the Integrated Quality Statement on Children’s Health will be available.
- a list of policy interventions that affect children and young people, highlighting ones where change is needed to improve performance and delivery in a sustainable way and the areas where new investment is needed.
- figures to demonstrate the progress made with the Designed to Smile programme in the most deprived wards.
- Updates on the National Board established to oversee delivery of the Healthy Weight. Healthy Wales delivery plan 2025 to 2027.

2.3 The Committee agreed to send the unasked questions for a written response.

3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27 – evidence session

3.1 The Committee scrutinised Medr.

3.2 Medr agreed to provide the committee with the analysis of the work they have done on enrolment trends and when available the consultation findings on a proposed all-age apprenticeship programme.

4 Papers to note

The papers were noted.

4.4 Information from Stakeholders

The Committee agreed to write back to the Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing regarding this letter.

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2026–27 – consideration of the evidence

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