

Agenda – Children, Young People, and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 3 Senedd
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 4 March 2026

Meeting time: 09.30

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Hybrid

Private pre-meeting

09.15 – 09.30

Public meeting

09.30 – 11.00

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

09.30

2 General scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

09.30 – 11.00

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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

Abigail Phillips, Deputy Director, Quality & Nursing

Alex Slade, Director of Primary Care, Mental Health & Early Years

Albert Heaney, Chief Social Care Officer for Wales

Attached Documents:

Research brief

Welsh Government Evidence Paper



Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament

3 Papers to note

11.00

3.1 Information from Stakeholders

(Pages 32 – 33)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from Keith Towler

3.2 School improvement and learner attainment

(Pages 34 – 47)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Education from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

3.3 Legislative Consent: Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

(Pages 48 – 49)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Education from the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

3.4 Information from Stakeholders

(Pages 50 – 51)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Director for Wales of the Learning and Work Institute

3.5 Care Inspectorate Wales: Annual Scrutiny

(Pages 52 – 55)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chief Inspector of Care Inspectorate Wales from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

3.6 SL(6)763 – The Child Minding and Day Care Exceptions (Revocation and Transitional Provision) (Wales) Order 2026

(Pages 56 – 57)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee and the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee from the Minister for Children and Social Care

3.7 Implementation of education reforms

(Pages 58 – 67)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Education from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

3.8 Legislative Consent: Children’s Wellbeing and Schools Bill

(Pages 68 – 70)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee from the Cabinet Secretary for Education

3.9 General scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Education

(Pages 71 – 73)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chief Executive of the Welsh Local Government Association from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

3.10 Scrutiny of the Children's Commissioner for Wales Annual Report

(Pages 74 – 86)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Children’s Commissioner for Wales

3.11 Annual Scrutiny of Medr

(Pages 87 – 89)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from Medr

3.12 General scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Minister for Further and Higher Education

(Pages 90 – 93)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee from the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Minister for Further and Higher Education

3.13 Information from Stakeholders

(Pages 94 – 95)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee

3.14 Forward work programme

(Pages 96 – 112)

Attached Documents:

Letter to the Chair of the Finance Committee and Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee from the Auditor General Wales

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

11.00

Private meeting

11.00 – 12.30

5 General scrutiny of the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care – consideration of the evidence

11.00 – 11.15

Break

11.15 – 11.30

6 School improvement and learner attainment – briefing from CAL:ON Cymru

11.30 – 12.30

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Attached Documents:

Research brief: CAL:ON project