

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People, and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 3 Senedd and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 4 March 2026

Meeting time: 09. – 12.31

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jenny Rathbone MS (In place of Buffy Williams MS) Natasha Asghar MS Cefin Campbell MS Russell George 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 Alex Slade, Welsh Government Abigail Philips, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Leah Whitty (Second Clerk)



	Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Philippa Watkins (Researcher) Sian Thomas (Researcher) Michael Dauncey (Researcher) Nyle Bevan-Clark (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 Buffy Williams MS sent her apologies. Under Standing Order 17.22, Carolyn Thomas MS was elected as Temporary Chair.

1.2 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Children, Young People and Education Committee.

1.3 Apologies were received from Buffy Williams MS and Vaughan Gething MS, Jenny Rathbone MS substituted for Buffy.

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

2.1 Members scrutinised the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, the Minister for Children and Social Care and the Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing. They agreed to provide the following:

– total number of children who are waiting for treatment including those waiting for treatment outside Wales.

– figures on the number of health care assistants that are providing support to families.

– information on the outreach element of Flying Start

– share with the Committee the findings from the spotlight event.

– share with the Committee the report from The Royal College of Psychiatrists regarding CAHMS referrals for 11 to 18-year-olds.

- progress report on how regional safeguarding boards are embedding the recommendations from the Child Practise Review.

2.2 Members agreed to send the question unasked for a written response.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The papers were noted.

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

4.1 The motion was agreed.

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

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the previous session.

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

6.1 The Committee received a presentation from CAL:ON Cymru.