

Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date:

Thursday, 5 February 2015

Meeting time:

09.15

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Agenda

Private Pre-meeting – 09.15 – 09.30

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions (09.30)

2 Qualifications Wales Bill – Evidence session 7 (09.30 – 11.00) (Pages 1 – 21)

Welsh Government

Huw Lewis AM, Minister for Education and Skills

Catherine Lloyd, Lawyer – Education (Schools) and Welsh Language Team

Siwan Daniel, Lawyer – Education (Schools) and Welsh Language Team

Alison Standfast, Deputy Director – Qualifications Wales Transition

Cassy Taylor, Head of Qualifications Wales – Transition Branch

3 Papers to note

Letter from the Deputy Minister – Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS)

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CYPE(4)-04-15 – Paper to note 1

Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) (Pages 23 – 24)

CYPE(4)-04-15 – Paper to note 2

Letter from the Chair of the Finance Committee – Inquiry into the Consideration of Powers: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (Page 25)

CYPE(4)-04-15 – Paper to note 3

Letter from the Finance Committee to the Minister for Education and Skills – Qualifications Wales Bill (Pages 26 – 27)

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4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the remainder of the meeting

5 Inquiry into Educational Outcomes for Children from Low Income Households – consideration of draft report (11.00 – 11.30) (Pages 28 – 34)

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Vaughan Gething AC / AM
Y Dirprwy Weinidog Iechyd
Deputy Minister for Health



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Bethan Jenkins AM
Assembly Member for South Wales West
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27 January 2015

Dear Bethan,

Following the 13 January Plenary debate on the Together for Mental Health Annual Report and your comments regarding Professor, Dame Sue Bailey's work with Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), I wanted to write to you to clarify her role.

I have seen Prof. Bailey's letter which simply states she is not reviewing CAMHS on behalf of Welsh Government, rather she is offering external, independent advice for CAMHS in Wales as they undertake this work. This is entirely consistent with the Minister for Health and Social Services' previous public comments in relation to her role, including his evidence to the Children, Young People and Education Committee (CYPE), and Health and Social Services Committee (the latter in relation to scrutiny of the Mental Health (Wales) Measure.

To clarify, as stated in the Minister's letter to the Chair of the CYPE Committee on 23 October 2014, the changes are being led by the NHS. It is important this work is driven and terms of reference are set by the NHS, working with partners. Only by engendering a sense of ownership and consensus among CAMHS practitioners and other partners, including local authorities, can we hope to achieve the changes required. Prof. Bailey will support the NHS in this work, assuring the process; acting as an honest broker in asking the difficult questions; and ensuring the NHS engages with wider partners. Prof. Bailey will be able to bring considerable experience to bear, not only of children's emotional healthcare across the UK, but internationally.

During the debate you also touched on the issue of consultation. The Minister has already given a commitment to the Children's Commissioner and young CAMHS service users in December 2014 that he wanted consultation events, involving service users in particular, as this work develops throughout 2015, to ensure their voice is heard. He will also formally launch the work being undertaken at a partner and stakeholder event being held on 26 February.

Yours sincerely

Vaughan Gething AC / AM
Y Dirprwy Weinidog Iechyd
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Agenda Item 3.2

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Ann Jones
Chair
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27 January 2015

Dear Ann,

Thank you for your letter of 15 January regarding our work to drive service change within CAMHS.

Although there appears to be some confusion, I feel I have been clear in my statements to Committee (including my letter of 23 October) about Professor Bailey's role. I can confirm that Professor Bailey will support the NHS to undertake the necessary work to secure the clinical change and development needed in CAMHS in Wales. This work is being led by the NHS CAMHS Network, chaired by Carol Shillabeer, the acting Chief Executive of Powys Teaching Health Board and supported by the Chief Medical Officer's Adviser in Child Psychiatry. Whilst initial scoping work has already been undertaken, I will formally launch the change process and consultation with stakeholders at a major conference on 26 February.

In terms of consultation, I would expect the Network and other relevant partners to consult on proposals for the future of the services. I have already assured the Children's Commissioner that service users would be consulted during the process.

I am aware of Bethan Jenkins' comments made during the Deputy Minister for Health's debate on the Together for Mental Health Annual Report on 13 January. He has written to Bethan to clarify the issues. I attach a copy of his letter, which also addresses some of the issues you raise, the only outstanding point being in relation to how much time Professor Bailey has agreed to devote to this work. Professor Bailey has already spent a considerable amount of gratis time prior to Christmas engaging with Welsh Government and key NHS stakeholders to develop her thinking around the issues.

During the current year she has committed to spend a day a month working with NHS CAMHS and partners, in addition to an unspecified amount of time she will need to devote, working from her north of England base, in developing her thinking and scoping the issues. Professor Bailey was clear when she accepted this commission that she did not want to take on the role unless she felt she could devote enough time to make a difference.

I will ensure that the Committee is kept informed of this work as it develops.

Best wishes,
Mark

Mark Drakeford AC / AM

Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
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Ann Jones AM
Chair of Children, Young People and
Education Committee

28 January 2015

Dear Ann

Inquiry into the Consideration of Powers: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales

The Finance Committee has agreed to undertake an [inquiry into the consideration of powers of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales](#). Nick Bennett, the Ombudsman has highlighted five main areas for changes to the [Public Services Ombudsman \(Wales\) Act 2005](#) which he believes will strengthen the role. These include own-initiative powers, accepting oral complaints, complaints handling across public services, jurisdiction and links with the courts. The Ombudsman has provided a [background paper](#) outlining each of these proposals.

As the role of the Ombudsman cuts across Committee remits, I am writing to Committee Chairs to notify them of our inquiry and consultation. I would be grateful if you could forward the consultation on to any individuals or organisations that may wish to contribute to the inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Jocelyn Davies AM
Committee Chair

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Huw Lewis,
Minister for Education and Skills,
Welsh Government

29 January 2015

Dear Huw,

Qualifications Wales Bill

At the Finance Committee meeting of 21 January 2015, the Committee considered the financial implications of the Qualifications Wales Bill. The Members had two queries in relation to the Bill, which we would appreciate your views on.

ICT costs

While Annex B to the RIA identifies that you have undertaken detailed work into the costings associated with ICT, the RIA does not set out detailed information on how these costs have been reached. In comparison, the staffing and premises costings are much more detailed, and show the assumptions used to calculate additional costs in these areas. Given that the RIA states that you have undertaken a detailed scoping study around costs in this area, it would be helpful to have further details of these.

Total and additional costs of the preferred option

You stated in evidence to the Children, Young People and Education Committee at its meeting on 11 December 2014, that the Bill will be funded “within the agreed education budget” and that you “do not have access to an additional resource”¹. We’d be grateful if you could confirm which specific

¹ [Meeting transcript of the Children, Young People and Education Committee – 11 December 2014](#)

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budget will be used to cover the total and additional costs that will result from implementing the legislation.

I would be grateful if you were able to respond to these points by 20 February 2015. I am also copying this letter to the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jocelyn Davies".

Jocelyn Davies AM
Chair

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By virtue of paragraph(s) vi of Standing Order 17.42

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