

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 6 November 2019

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.28

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Lynne Neagle AM (Chair) Dawn Bowden AM Hefin David AM Suzy Davies AM Janet Finch–Saunders AM Siân Gwenllïan AM
Witnesses:	Julie Morgan AM, Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services Karen Cornish, Welsh Government David Pearce, Welsh Government Professor Sally Holland, Children’s Commissioner for Wales Rachel Thomas, Children’s Commissioner for Wales
Committee Staff:	Llinos Madeley (Clerk) Tanwen Summers (Second Clerk)



	Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Sian Thomas (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members, there were no apologies.

2 Inquiry into Children's Rights in Wales – evidence session with the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services.

2.2 The Deputy Minister agreed to provide details on the number of Welsh Ministers who have received specific training to help them deliver their legal responsibility to give 'due regard' to children's rights when making decisions within their portfolios.

3 Scrutiny of the Children's Commissioner for Wales Annual Report 2018 – 19

3.1 The Committee scrutinised the Children's Commissioner for Wales on the Annual report.

3.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Commissioner with the questions that were not reached during the evidence session.

3.3 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Economy and Transport to seek an update on the timescale for the publication of the refreshed Learner Travel guidance.

4 Papers to note

4.1 The papers were noted.

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

5.1 The Motion was agreed.

6 Inquiry into Children's Rights in Wales – consideration of the evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence heard during the evidence session.

7 Scrutiny of the Children's Commissioner for Wales Annual Report 2018 – 19 – consideration of the evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence heard during the scrutiny session.

8 The Emotional and Mental Health of Children and Young people – Follow-up – consideration of the response from the Minister for Health and Social Services and the Minister for Education

8.1 The Committee considered the response. Members agreed:

- time would be scheduled at a future meeting to consider the response and the Committee's next steps in more detail;
- to write to the Welsh Government to inform relevant Ministers of this intention.