

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Monday, 18 May 2020

Meeting time: 14.03 – 16.41

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Lynne Neagle MS (Chair) Dawn Bowden MS Hefin David MS Suzy Davies MS Janet Finch-Saunders MS Siân Gwenllïan MS
Witnesses:	Sarah Crawley, Barnardo's Cymru Vivienne Laing, NSPCC Cymru Louise Israel, Childline Wales Marian Parry Hughes, All Wales Heads of Children's Services Sally Jenkins, All Wales Heads of Children's Services Jan Coles, Powys County Council Jane Randell, National Independent Safeguarding Board Craig McLeod, Flintshire County Council
Committee Staff:	Llinos Madeley (Clerk)



	Tanwen Summers (Second Clerk) Phil Boshier (Researcher) Michael Dauncey (Researcher) Philippa Watkins (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1 Chair welcomed Members to the virtual meeting of the Children, Young People and Education Committee.
- 1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 34.19, the Chair stated that she had determined that the public were excluded from the Committee's meeting in order to protect public health.
- 1.3 The Chair stated that if for any reason she dropped out of the meeting, the Committee agreed that Dawn Bowden AM would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

2 COVID-19: Evidence session on the impact of Covid-19 on vulnerable children with representatives of the third sector and frontline staff

- 2.1 The Committee heard evidence from NSPCC Cymru, Barnardos and Childline.
- 2.2 NSPCC Cymru agreed to provide further details about trends in contacts with its helpline.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from item 4 of today's meeting

- 3.1 The Motion was agreed.

4 COVID-19: Consideration of evidence

- 4.1 Members considered the evidence heard during the previous session.

5 COVID-19: Evidence session on the impact of Covid-19 on vulnerable children with Heads of Children's Services and the National Independent Safeguarding Board

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from Heads of Children's Services and the National Independent Safeguarding Board.

5.2 The Heads of Children's Services agreed to provide more information on the contact that local authorities are routinely having with children and young people within their areas.

6 Paper to note

6.1 The paper was noted.

6.1 Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to the Welsh Government – request for further detail following the COVID-19 evidence sessions

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

7.1 The Motion was agreed.

8 COVID-19: Consideration of evidence

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence heard during the previous session.

8.2 Members agreed to write to the Welsh Government to request:

- sight of the data submitted from children's services to the Welsh Government on a weekly basis; and
- further details on the steps it is taking to ensure that children who may not be known to services but are vulnerable/could become vulnerable are provided with information on how to access support.