

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Tuesday, 9 June 2020

Meeting time: 13.31 – 17.43

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Lynne Neagle MS (Chair) Dawn Bowden MS Jayne Bryant MS (In place of Hefin David MS) Suzy Davies MS Janet Finch-Saunders MS Siân Gwenllïan MS
Witnesses:	Dr David Tuthill, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Lisa Turnbull, Royal College of Nursing Dr Mair Hopkin, Royal College of General Practitioners Wales Simon Jones, Mind Cymru Kate Heneghan, Papyrus Sarah Stone, Samaritans Stephanie Hoffman, Meic Cymru



	<p>Dr Kristy Fenton, Royal College of Psychiatrists Wales</p> <p>Dr Liz Gregory, Applied Psychologists in Health National Specialist Advisory Group</p> <p>Dr Bethan Phillips, British Psychological Society</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Llinos Madeley (Clerk)</p> <p>Tanwen Summers (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Phil Boshier (Researcher)</p> <p>Michael Dauncey (Researcher)</p> <p>Philippa Watkins (Researcher)</p>

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The 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 MS would become Temporary Chair in accordance with Standing Order 17.22.

1.4 The Chair noted apologies from Hefin David MS. Jayne Bryant MS substituted.

2 COVID-19: Evidence session on the impact of COVID-19 on the physical and mental health of children and young people – with nursing, paediatric and general practitioner representatives

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, the Royal College of Nursing and the Royal College of General Practitioners.

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2.2 The Royal College of Nursing agreed to provide a note on whether all families were receiving their schedule of visits as per the Healthy Child Wales programme.

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

3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 COVID-19: Consideration of evidence

4.1 The Committee considered the evidence it heard in the previous session.

5 COVID-19: Evidence session on the impact of COVID-19 on the physical and mental health of children and young people with third sector representatives

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from Mind Cymru, Papyrus, Samaritans Cymru and Meic Cymru.

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for item 7 of today's meeting

6.1 The motion was agreed.

7 COVID-19: Consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence it heard in the previous session.

8 COVID-19: Evidence session on the impact of COVID-19 on the physical and mental health of children and young people with psychiatry and psychology representatives

8.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Royal College of Psychiatrists, the Applied Psychologists in Health National Specialist Advisory Group and the British Psychological Society.

9 Papers to note

9.1 The papers were noted.

9.1 **Additional information from NSPCC Cymru following the Committee meeting on 18 May**

9.2 **Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee to the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services – request for further information following the Committee's evidence sessions on 18 May on the impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable children**

9.4 **Letter from the Minister for Education – response to the Committee's letter of 12 May requesting further information on the impact of Covid-19 on children and young people**

9.3 **Letter from the Chair of Finance Committee regarding engagement activities and Plenary Debate on the Welsh Government's Spending Priorities 2021–22**

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

10.1 The motion was agreed.

11 COVID-19: Consideration of evidence

11.1 The Committee considered the evidence it heard in the previous session.

12 Committee's approach to forthcoming legislation

12.1 The Committee considered its approach to forthcoming legislation.

12.2 The Committee:

- agreed an in principle approach to Stage 1 scrutiny of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill, subject to its introduction before the summer recess;
- noted the Welsh Government's statement of 9 June 2020 indicating that the Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Bill will be published as a Draft Bill and its introduction postponed; and
- agreed to write to the Welsh Government to request an update on the timescales for the implementation of the next stages of Additional Learning Needs reforms, and an indication of whether the Welsh Government will be publishing a response to the points raised in last year's consultation on the Draft ALN Code in advance of laying the final version before the Senedd.