



**Y Pwyllgor Plant a Phobl Ifanc
Children and Young People Committee**

2 October 2012

Dear Colleague

The National Assembly for Wales' Children and Young People Committee is undertaking a short inquiry into the work of the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service in Wales (CAFCASS Cymru). You will be aware that the Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee undertook an inquiry and follow-up inquiry into CAFCASS in 2009 and 2011.

The Committee will review:

- Progress made in implementing the recommendations of the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) inspection of November 2010 and the subsequent organisational restructure of CAFCASS Cymru;
- How effectively CAFCASS Cymru is delivering its services in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) for example user engagement, decision-making in the best interests of the child;
- How effectively CAFCASS Cymru is delivering its role in the provision of child contact centres;
- The implications of the Family Justice Review and its effect on the work of CAFCASS Cymru.

and would welcome your views on any or all of the above points:

Invitation to contribute to the inquiry

The Committee welcomes responses from both individuals and organisations. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.

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The Committee welcomes contributions in English or Welsh and will consider responses to the inquiry and hold oral evidence sessions during the autumn term.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to CYPCommittee@wales.gov.uk.

Alternatively, you can write to:

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I would be grateful if you could ensure that your submission arrives by **Friday 9 November 2012**. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

Disclosure of Information

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Yours faithfully



Christine Chapman AM
Chair