

PA8 Conwy Education Services

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Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg

Absenoldeb Disgyblion

Ymateb gan Gwasanaethau Addysg Conwy

Welsh Parliament

Children, Young People and Education
Committee

Pupil absence

Evidence from Conwy Education Services

Record your views against the inquiry's terms of reference, which have been grouped into 5 themes.

1. Reasons

Yes to first part of the question

Lack of transition

Lifestyle environmental changes, poverty, housing crisis

ALN needs going unmet

Parental mental health

Family not having access to Services

Anti social behaviour

Everything has been impacted by COVID either directly or indirectly. The pandemic has just exacerbated underlying issues

2. Risks and consequences

As above but significant mental health issues, disengaged from society, social exclusion. EBSA cases

3. Impact

Yes without doubt - EHE numbers significantly increased, numbers prior to COVID in March 2020 = 127 as at May 2022 =190

4. Effectiveness of policies

Need a lot more resources, due to previous austerity measures and the impact of COVID it will take a number of years before we are anywhere near back to attendance levels as previously.

Attitudes around school attendance have changed and policy does not reflect this. Legal action and fines being off the table for a long time, although Education was compulsory as from 2021 but legal measures only back on agenda May 2022 have impacted.

5. Other

Cuts across the board are impacting, adult mental health services, school nursing, housing, cost of living crisis.