

The [Children's Legal Centre Wales](#), welcome the opportunity to offer some views on the following points:

The Bill in General

Whilst this bill repeals the most problematic sections of the Illegal Migration Act it represents a missed opportunity to develop a humane and functional immigration and asylum system based on principles of fairness.

Retained sections of the Illegal Migration Act.

The Bill seeks to repeal the majority of the Illegal Migration Act, listed in clause 38, these sections 16 to 21 relating to the care and treatment of unaccompanied children as well as sections 57 and 58 relating to age assessment. Whilst there are ongoing concerns regarding the detention powers in section 12 as they relate to adults, the retained sections do not impact on the position of unaccompanied children.

Rights of Children and Young People (Wales) Measure 2011

The Bill is compatible with the Measure in so far as it repeals a number of incompatible sections of the Illegal Migration Act. The further provisions of the Bill do not deal with the treatment of unaccompanied children and therefore will not impact on the functioning of this Measure.