

National Assembly for Wales Cross Party Group on Children Affected by Parental Imprisonment

Proposed Schedule and focus of meetings:

May 13th Mid Day Ty Hywel Inaugural meeting

This meeting will appoint members to key roles, explain rationale for the group, agree terms of reference and work plan, receive presentations from members to set the scene.

Hidden Sentence

This meeting will explore the “Hidden Sentence” served by the children and families of those imprisoned and will receive presentations from members to focus on some of the key issues

Education

This meeting will consider the role of education in identifying and supporting children and families affected by parental imprisonment and discuss the work that is already being undertaken in Wales to develop this area.

Women prisoners

To explore the particular issues that affect Welsh Women offenders who are imprisoned outside of Wales and the impact on their families.

Finance/Benefits

This meeting will focus on the financial impact of a parent/carer being imprisoned and how the loss of an income or benefit can mean vulnerable families are pushed further into poverty.

What next?

This meeting will focus on presenting the research that has been undertaken over the duration of the CPG and will seek to identify a strategy to progress recommendations.