AS 16 Aneurin Bevan University Health Board



Follow-up to Children, Young People and Education Committee's Inquiry into Adoption Services in Wales

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Committee's Inquiry in relation to adoption services in Wales. I am pleased to outline below a short position statement in relation to Aneurin Bevan University Health Board's approach to adoption services. Work relating to adoption services within the Health Board is led by our Families and Therapies Division.

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board is extensively involved in the national adoption work through the direct involvement of one of our Consultant Paediatricians and one of our Clinical Psychologists. These individuals are directly contributing to the work of the national group and bringing that knowledge back to the Health Board to assist with the development of our local services.

In addition locally the Health Board offers support, training and advice to a local partnership group on adoption. The local Children's Partnership Board has also recently completed a scoping exercise for service needs not currently available through existing provision between Local Authority Social Services Departments, Education Services and the Health Board. This scoping exercise included assessing the current needs and provision for adopted children in the Gwent area. This information will now be used as the basis of the development of new partnership service models. The development of these models are due to be completed over the next couple of months.

I hope this initial information is helpful to you. However, if you would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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