

Cross-Party Group Annual Report.

March 2016

Cross Party Group on Looked After Children

David Melding AM

Rhian Williams, Voices From Care

1. Group membership and office holders.

David Melding AM DPO (Chair)
Bethan Jenkins AM
Julie Morgan AM
Mohammad Asghar AM

Secretary: Rhian Williams – Voices From Care

Other Outside Bodies Attending:

Barnardo's Cymru
Children's Commissioner for Wales office
The Fostering Network Wales
The Catholic Education Service

2. Previous Group Meetings.

Meeting 1.

Meeting date: 24th June 2015

Attendees:

David Melding AM DPO
Aled Roberts AM
Tomos Davies – Angela Burns AM Support Staff
Rhian Williams – PA/Administrative Secretary, Voices From Care
Christopher Dunn -Development Coordinator, Voices From Care

Summary of issues discussed:

Annual General Meeting
Future meetings
5 Nations, 1 Voices Event 2016

Additional Needs Bill
The Wrexham Warehouse Project which creates opportunities and work experience for young people.

Meeting 2.

Meeting date: 14th October 2015

Attendees:

David Melding AM DPO

Aled Roberts - AM

Deborah Jones, CEO, Voices From Care

Rhian Williams, PA / Administrative Secretary, Voices From

Menna Thomas, Research and Policy Officer, Barnardo's

Hywel Ap Dayfdd—Policy Officer, Children's Commissioner for Wales Office

Lucas Leblanc - David Melding AM Support Staff

Summary of issues discussed:

5 Nations, 1 Voice Event 2016

Queen's Young Leader's Grant programme

Additional Needs Bill

Legacy Report

Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act

Training Packages for Assembly Members and Assembly Committees

Meeting 3.

Meeting date: 27th January 2016

Attendees:

David Melding AM DPO

Rhian Williams, PA / Administrative Secretary, Voices From Care

Christopher Dunn, Voices From Care, Development Coordinator

Rachel Evans, Policy Officer, Children's Commissioner for Wales Office

Reverend Philip Mangham, Catholic Education Service's Adviser (CSE) for Wales

Summary of issues discussed:

Annual General Meeting

Legacy Report

5 Nations, 1 Voices Event

Voices From Care's Manifesto

3. Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities with whom the Group has met during the preceding year.

The Cross Party Group on Looked After Children did not meet with any lobbyists or charities but the charities that regularly attended the All Party Group meetings are listed above.

Annual Financial Statement.

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Group's Expenses.	None.	£0.00
Costs of all goods.	No goods purchased.	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individual Members from outside bodies.	No benefits received.	£0.00
Any secretariat or other support.	2015-2016. A total of £5.40 was paid in travel expenses across the three meetings, which were met by Voices From Care and an estimation of £160.90 costs in kind for time incurred by Voices From Care staff for servicing the Cross Party Group on Looked After Children.	£166.30
Services provided to the Group such as hospitality.		
Date	Description and name of provider	Cost
		£0.00
Total cost		£166.30