

Dai Lloyd AM

Chair, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

18 October 2019

Dear Dai,

Children's Rights in Wales

I am writing in relation to the Children, Young People and Education Committee's inquiry into children's rights in Wales.

Thirty years since the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) opened for signatories, the Committee is undertaking a short inquiry to review the impact of the Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure 2011.

The 2011 Measure placed a duty on Welsh Ministers to have due regard to the UNCRC and its optional protocols. The Measure means that the Welsh Government should ensure that any legislation, policies and decisions which impact on children comply with their human rights.

The Committee received 26 submissions as part of its public consultation which closed in September 2019. It also sought the views of children and young people through its "Meeting in a Box" resource. This resource aimed to empower young people to share their views on children's rights using a specially designed lesson plan that youth workers, teachers and group leaders could deliver. The Committee spoke directly with children at a number of engagement events across Wales, and also took evidence from a range of stakeholders at its meeting on 16 October 2019.

Health was highlighted in many of the written submissions received by the Committee, in specific relation to the point in Committee's Terms of Reference that refers to the extent to which the Welsh Government has sought to ensure that its duties within the Measure are translated into the work of the public bodies it

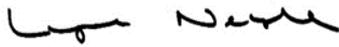


provides funding to, including local authorities and NHS bodies. Therefore, as part of its evidence gathering, the Committee took evidence on 16 October from representatives of Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales.

Given the relevance of this work to your remit, I am writing to make you aware that the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services will be attending the Committee meeting scheduled for 6 November. If you or any Members of your Committee would like any more information about our work, or would be interested in attending this meeting, please contact the Committee Clerk.

We will of course keep you updated on developments and will share with you any written outputs.

Yours sincerely,



Lynne Neagle AM
Chair

