

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 5 Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 15 December
2022

Meeting time: 09.47 – 13.13

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jayne Bryant MS (Chair) James Evans MS Laura Anne Jones MS Ken Skates MS Buffy Williams MS Sioned Williams MS
Witnesses:	Lynne Neagle MS, Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing Dr Dave Williams, Welsh Government Tracey Breheny, Welsh Government Professor Dame Julie Lydon, Candidate for the Chair of the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research Professor David Sweeney, Candidate for the Deputy Chair of the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research



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Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Tom Lewis–White (Second Clerk) Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Rosemary Hill (Researcher) Sian Thomas (Researcher) Philippa Watkins (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Children, Young People and Education Committee.

1.2 There were no apologies.

1.3 Under Standing Order 17.24A Sioned Williams MS declared her husband was employed by Swansea University.

2 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 3, 6 and 9 of the meeting

2.1 The motion was agreed.

3 Committee activities – oral update

3.1 Members provided oral updates on Committee activities that they had undertaken during the term, the Committee had undertaken engagement work for its inquiry into Mental Health support in Higher Education Institutions and for Care experienced children.

3.2 There was an update from Sioned Williams MS on the joint piece of work with the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee on WESPs

3.3 There were updates from Members on meeting that has taken place:

- Girls' Youth Rights Network
- Beat Cymru
- Home educators
- Update on bi-monthly ministerial meetings
- Meeting with young person and her Caerphilly Family Intervention Team project worker
- NUS Cymru

4 Scrutiny session with Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing

4.1 The Committee scrutinised the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing.

5 Papers to note

5.1 The papers were noted.

6 Scrutiny session with Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing – consideration of the evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the previous session.

6.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Deputy Minister for further information on some of the issues raised.

6.3 The Committee agreed to feedback to the young people who submitted questions and to keep them updated.

7 Chair of the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research pre-appointment hearing

7.1 The Committee scrutinised the Welsh Government's preferred candidate

8 Deputy Chair of the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research pre-appointment hearing

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9 Chair and Deputy Chair of the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research pre-appointment hearings – Committee discussion

9.1 The Committee considered evidence heard in the sessions with the preferred candidates.

9.2 Due to reporting timescales the Members agreed to consider and agree the reports on the pre-appointment hearing electronically. The reports would be laid on Monday 19 December.