

# Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 3 Senedd and video Conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 2 March 2023

Meeting time: 09.32 – 12.56

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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:	Jane Shears, British Association of Social Workers (BASW) Cymru Christine Parry, Barnardo's Cymru Sian Elen Tomos, GISDA Sam Austin, Llamau Yvonne Connelly, Llamau Lee Phillips, Money and Pensions Service Alan Davies, Citizens Advice



	<p>Lena Smith, CLASS Cymru</p> <p>Dr Hannah Bayfield, Children’s Social Care Research and Development Centre (CASCADE)</p> <p>Professor Jacqui Boddington, Universities Wales</p> <p>Sophie Douglas, Universities Wales</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Naomi Stocks (Clerk)</p> <p>Tom Lewis–White (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Sian Thomas (Researcher)</p>

## **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.

## **2 Services for care experienced children: exploring radical reform – evidence session 9**

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the British Association of Social Workers.

2.2 They agreed to provide the following information:

- Further information on the project to support overseas–qualified social workers to take up posts.
- Analysis of the 2022 annual survey results including an overview of the responses from Welsh social workers specifically.
- Comment on the dual role that social workers play when there are child protection concerns regarding the child of a care experienced parent (that of having a safeguarding role for a child – at the same time as being a corporate parent to a care

experienced birth mother).

### **3 Services for care experienced children: exploring radical reform – evidence session 10**

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from Barnardo's Cymru, GISDA and Llamau.

3.2 Barnardo's Cymru agreed to provide the Committee with further information on the work they are doing on the youth homeless prevention service in Swansea.

### **4 Services for care experienced children: exploring radical reform – evidence session 11**

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Wales Financial Education Forum and the Citizens Advice, England and Wales.

### **5 Services for care experienced children: exploring radical reform – evidence session 12**

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from the CLASS Cymru network and Universities Wales.

### **6 Papers to note**

6.1 The papers were noted.

### **7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and for item 1 on 9 March**

7.1 The motion was agreed.

### **8 Services for care experienced children: exploring radical reform – consideration of the evidence**

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the previous sessions.