

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue:
Hybrid – Committee room 4 Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom
Meeting date: Thursday, 2 February
2023
Meeting time: 09.00 – 14.45

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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:	Sharon Lovell, National Youth Advocacy Services Cymru Jackie Murphy, Tros Gynnal Plant Emma Phipps–Magill, Voices from Care Ben Twomey, National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS) Cymru Elizabeth Bryan, The Fostering Network Wales Mike Anthony, TACT Cymru Rhian Carter, Action for Children Matt Lewis, Action for Children Sarah Thomas, The Fostering Network Wales Helen Mary Jones, Voices From Care Cymru



Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Tom Lewis-White (Second Clerk) Angharad Roche (Deputy Clerk) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Michael Dauncey (Researcher) Sian Thomas (Researcher)
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1 Services for care experienced children: exploring radical reform – Stakeholder events [invitee only]

1.1 Members meet with professionals and academics to discuss the quality of services and support children in care.

2 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.

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

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from Action for Children, the Fostering Network and TACT Cymru.

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

4.1 The Committee heard evidence from Voices from Care, NYAS Cymru and Tros Gynnal Plant Cymru.

4.2 NYAS Cymru agreed to share with the Committee statistics relating to the number of children and young people who are in unregulated accommodation.

4.3 Voices from Care agreed to provide the Committee with a draft report on the research carried out under the 'When I am Ready Scheme'

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

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Services for care experienced children: exploring radical reform – consideration of the evidence

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

7 Scrutiny of Estyn Annual Report 2021 – 2022

7.1 The Committee scrutinised Estyn on its Annual Report.

7.2 Estyn agreed to provide the Committee when available the findings from a piece of thematic work being carried out on the implementation of the new Additional Learning Needs reform system.

8 Papers to note

8.1 The papers were noted.

9 Scrutiny of Estyn Annual Report 2021 – 2022 – consideration of the evidence

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence it had heard in the previous session with Estyn.