

Concise Minutes – Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee room 3**
Senedd and video conference via Zoom
Meeting date: Wednesday, 20 March
2024

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Meeting time: 09.00 – 12.29

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jayne Bryant MS (Chair) James Evans MS Heledd Fychan MS Laura Anne Jones MS Ken Skates MS Buffy Williams MS
Witnesses:	Gillian Baranski, Care Inspectorate Wales Vicky Poole, Care Inspectorate Wales Judge Jane McConnell, Education Tribunal for Wales Rhian Davies–Rees, Welsh Tribunals Sue Evans, Social Care Wales Sarah McCarty, Social Care Wales
Committee Staff:	Naomi Stocks (Clerk) Tom Lewis–White (Second Clerk)



	Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Sian Thomas (Researcher) Michael Dauncey (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 The Chair noted that Ken Skates MS and Laura Jones MS would be joining the meeting late, and that James Evans MS would need to leave the meeting early and had sent his apologies from 11am onwards.

2 Care Inspectorate Wales: Annual Scrutiny

2.1 The Committee scrutinised Care Inspectorate Wales.

2.2 The Committee agreed to write to Care Inspectorate Wales with some specific questions for the inquiry into Children and Young People on the Margins.

2.3 Care Inspectorate Wales agreed to provide a note on the report issued regarding the inspections of Ty Cariad children's home.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 4 and 8 of the meeting

3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 Care Inspectorate Wales: Annual Scrutiny – consideration of the evidence

4.1 The Committee considered the evidence it has heard in the previous session.

5 Implementation of education reforms – evidence session

5.1 The Committee heard evidence from Judge Jane McConnell.

6 Scrutiny session with Social Care Wales

6.1 The Committee scrutinised Social Care Wales.

6.2 Social Care Wales agreed to provide the following:

- when published the latest social worker vacancy figures and;
- a breakdown of age profiles of people on the social services practitioner course.

7 Papers to note

7.1 The papers were noted.

7.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Education and Welsh Language to raise the issues highlighted in the letter from Universities Wales.

7.1 Residential Outdoor Education (Wales) Bill

7.2 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25

7.3 Information from Stakeholders

7.4 General scrutiny of the Minister for Education and Welsh Language

7.5 Information from Stakeholders

7.6 Information from Stakeholders

7.7 Services for care experienced children: exploring radical reform

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7.9 Services for care experienced children: exploring radical reform

7.10 Information from Stakeholders

7.11 Implementation of education reforms

7.12 Do disabled children and young people have equal access to education and childcare?

7.13 General scrutiny of the Minister for Education and Welsh Language

8 Consideration of the evidence heard in the previous evidence sessions

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

8.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Education and Welsh Language to follow up on some of the evidence heard during the session on implementation of education reforms.