

## CYPE(6)–08–21 – Paper to note 2

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### **Working with the third sector to provide mental health support services for children and young people**

The Children, Young People and Education Committee recently took evidence from the Children’s Commissioner for Wales as part of our scrutiny of her annual report and accounts. During that evidence session, we asked the Commissioner about the extent to which Regional Partnership Boards were working alongside the third sector to deliver mental health support services for children and young people.

The Commissioner told us that there are “some very good examples of where, in establishing a 'no wrong door' approach, some of our regions have worked really effectively with the third sector as partners.”<sup>1</sup> However, she urged us to continue to prioritise scrutiny of how regional partnership boards and other public bodies are working alongside the third sector to deliver mental health services for children and young people.

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<sup>1</sup> Children, Young People and Education Committee, [Record of Proceedings: 18 November 2021](#), paragraph 91

I would be grateful, therefore, if you could provide the Committee with information about the following in relation to providing mental health support to children and young people:

- how you work alongside the third sector to plan and deliver support services;
- any active projects/initiatives that you are currently undertaking alongside the third sector (i.e., a summary of what the projects/initiatives do, which third sector organisations are involved, who can access the services the projects/initiatives provide and where, etc.);
- where partnership working has worked well, and where you have learnt lessons for how to improve it in the future; and
- any future plans you have for partnership working with the third sector, what you hope to achieve with those plans, and how they will be monitored and evaluated.

Please could you provide the information requested above no later than Friday 14 January? The Committee will be making decisions about which areas of work to prioritise during a strategic planning meeting on 27 January 2022. The information you provide will be helpful as we make those decisions.

If you have any questions or would like clarifications about the point above, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee clerks ([SeneddChildren@Senedd.Wales](mailto:SeneddChildren@Senedd.Wales)).

Yours sincerely,



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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.