

Concise Minutes – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5

Meeting date: Monday, 5 December 2022

Meeting time: 11.45 – 16.57

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Jenny Rathbone MS (Chair) Jane Dodds MS Altaf Hussain MS Sarah Murphy MS Sioned Williams MS Ken Skates MS
Witnesses:	Adam Edwards, NHS Confederation Kim Jenkins, Neath Port Talbot Youth Justice Service Eleri Thomas, Gwent Police Amanda Turner, Neath Port Talbot Youth Justice Service Amanda Blakeman, Gwent Police Pippa Cotterill, Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists Alison Davies, Royal College of Nursing Wales Darren Trollope, Youth Justice Board Dr Dave Williams, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board



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	Emma Wools, South Wales Police
Committee Staff:	Rhys Morgan (Clerk) Rachael Davies (Second Clerk) Angharad Roche (Deputy Clerk)

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

No apologies were received and no substitutions were made.

Under Standing Order 17.24A Sarah Murphy MS made a declaration of interest in relation to Items 2, 4 and 6 on the agenda.

2 Experiences of young people with speech, language and communication needs in the criminal justice system: panel one

Members heard evidence from:

Pippa Cotterill, Head of Wales Office for the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists

Kim Jenkins, Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist and Clinical Lead for Youth Justice at Swansea Bay University Health Board

Dr Dave Williams, Consultant Adolescent and Child Psychiatrist

Adam Edwards, Advanced Nurse Practitioner and Mental Health Advisor, Forensic CAMHS Lead and YOS Team Manager

3 Papers to Note

Members noted the papers.

- 3.1 Letter from the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee regarding the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2023–24
 - 3.2 Correspondence with the Minister for Social Justice regarding debt and the pandemic
 - 3.3 Letter from the Minister for Social Justice regarding the youth justice blueprint
 - 3.4 Letter from the RNIB regarding reasonable adjustments to deliver equality of access to healthcare services for disabled people
 - 3.5 Correspondence with the National Advisers for Violence Against Women regarding perpetrator programmes
 - 3.6 Correspondence with the Minister for Social Justice regarding the Equality, Race and Disability Evidence Units strategy
- 4 Experiences of young people with speech, language and communication needs in the criminal justice system: panel two

Members heard evidence from:

Darren Trollope, Head of Planning and Advice, Youth Justice Board

Alison Davies, Principal Officer, Neath Port Talbot Youth Justice Service

Amanda Turner, Operations Manager, Neath Port Talbot Youth Justice Service

Chief Constable Amanda Blakeman, North Wales Police

Emma Wools, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, South Wales Police

Eleri Thomas, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, Gwent Police

5 Motion under SO17.42 (vi) to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

Members agreed the motion.

6 Experiences of young people with speech, language and communication needs in the criminal justice system: consideration of the evidence

Members considered the evidence and agreed to seek additional information in relation to several points raised during the sessions.