

Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg

Lleoliad:

Ystafell Bwyllgora 1 – Y Senedd

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I gael rhagor o wybodaeth, cysylltwch â:

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Agenda

Cyfarfod preifat cyn y prif gyfarfod – 08.45 – 09.00

1 Cyflwyniad, ymddiheuriadau a dirprwyon (09.00)

2 Bil Cymwysterau Cymru – Sesiwn dystiolaeth 1 (09.00 – 10.00)

(Tudalennau 1 – 13)

Llywodraeth Cymru

Huw Lewis AC, y Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau

Catherine Lloyd, Cyfreithiwr, Tim Addysg (Ysgolion) a'r Gymraeg

Siwan Daniel, Cyfreithiwr, Tim Addysg (Ysgolion) a'r Gymraeg

Alison Standfast, Dirprwy Gyfarwyddwr, Sefydlu Cymwysterau Cymru

Cassy Taylor, Pennaeth y Gangen Cymwysterau Cymru – Sefydlu

3 Papurau i'w nodi (10.00)

Gwybodaeth ychwanegol gan Gomisiynydd Plant Cymru yn dilyn y cyfarfod ar 13

Tachwedd (Tudalen 14)

CYPE(4)-30-14 – Papur i'w nodi 1

Llythyr gan Gadeirydd y Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol (Tudalen 15)

CYPE(4)-30-14 – Papur i'w nodi 2

Mae cyfyngiadau ar y ddogfen hon

Eitem 3.1

National Assembly for Wales

Children, Young People and Education Committee

CYPE(4)-30-14 – Paper to note 1

Additional information from the Children's Commissioner for Wales following the meeting on 13 November

Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act

The Act has related to many issues that have been prioritised during Keith Towler's time as Commissioner. In particular, safeguarding, independent advocacy, care leavers and wellbeing. The Commissioner is pleased that some of the most concerning issues that children and young people have raised with him have been addressed through the legislation. However, he remains deeply concerned that the legislation does not reflect the distinct needs of children and young people. It is essential that this is now reflected through guidance, eligibility criteria and the code of practice. The Commissioner has not seen sufficient evidence during the discussions in 2013/14 to reassure him that this would be the case. For example, the Eligibility Technical Group recognises that the eligibility framework must be sensitive to differing needs, context and outcomes for children, adults and carers. However, this acknowledgement is not sufficiently demonstrated in the content of the remainder of the analysis in the report which is adult centric and does not pay sufficient regard to the position of children.

The wider issue of eligibility 'pass-porting' appears on the basis of the report to relate only to children at harm or at risk of harm. However there is a strong case for consideration of other groups of children who should automatically be considered as having social care and support needs. For example, the impact of parenting capacity on child well-being outcomes for those whose parents have substance misuse issues or where domestic abuse is identified. This would better support the preventative approach within the Act and would go some way to ensure that the population of 'children in need' would receive an intervention after reaching the new threshold test.

We wish to assure members of the CYPE committee that the Office of the Children's Commissioner is engaging thoroughly with the legislative process to ensure that the safeguarding and promotion of the rights and welfare of children and young people in Wales is as robust as possible.

Eitem 3.2

Y Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol
Health and Social Care Committee

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Ann Jones AM
Chair, Children, Young People and Education Committee

02 December 2014

Dear Ann,

The Health and Social Care Committee considered its forward work programme for spring 2015 at its meeting on 26 November 2014. During the meeting, Members discussed the possibility of undertaking a piece of work on the Welsh Government's [Autistic Spectrum Disorder \(ASD\) Strategic Action Plan for Wales](#).

Unfortunately, due to a number of competing priorities, Members agreed that the Committee does not have sufficient time in its programme to consider this topic before the end of the Fourth Assembly. Furthermore, Members noted the Children, Young People and Education Committee's relevant work on Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services. In light of your on-going work in this area, Members agreed to write to you to suggest that you may wish to consider the Autism Action Plan as part of your future policy and legislative scrutiny work. Although conscious of your already heavy programme, Members felt that suggesting consideration of this topic by your Committee would avoid any unnecessary duplication of effort across committees.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

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