

Children and Young People Committee

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Date: Tuesday 20 October 2009

Time: 09:20 - 11:01 am

Venue: Committee Room 2, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Helen Mary Jones (Chair), Llanelli
Christine Chapman, Cynon Valley
Eleanor Burnham, North Wales
Nick Ramsay, Mommouth

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Tom Jackson, Clerk
Sarah Bartlett, Deputy Clerk
Steve Boyce, Members Research Service
Helen Roberts, Legal Adviser

Others in Attendance

Beverlea Frowen, Director of Health Improvement and Social Services, WLGA
Albert Heaney, ADSS strategic lead for Children
Kevin Williams, Chief Executive The Adolescent and Children's Trust (TACT)
Dot Jones, Director of Children's Services, Wales, (TACT)
Bryan Isaac, Inspector, Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW)
Katy Young, Head of Service Analysis and Improvement, CSSIW

Item 1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Angela Burns and Lynne Neagle.
- 1.3 Nick Ramsay acted as substitute for Angela Burns.
- 1.4 There were no declarations of interest.

Item 2: Inquiry into arrangements for the placement of children into care in Wales

Welsh Local Government Association & Association of Directors of Social Services

- 2.1 Beverlea Frowen and Albert Heaney responded to questions from the Committee.

Actions

Witnesses to supply further information on the definition of 'critical' information about young people in care that should be shared between different agencies.

The Clerk to write to the WLGA seeking further information on the South East Wales Improvement Collaborative Children's Services Commissioning Project, including timescales and how it will enable outcome focused commissioning.

- 2.2 The Chair thanked Beverlea Frowen and Albert Heaney for attending the meeting and submitting written evidence in advance.

The Adolescent and Children's Trust (TACT)

- 2.3 Kevin Williams and Dot Jones responded to questions from the Committee.
- 2.4 The Chair thanked Kevin Williams and Dot Jones for attending the meeting and submitting written evidence in advance.

Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW)

- 2.5 Bryan Isaac and Katy Young responded to questions from the Committee.

Actions

The Clerk agreed to write to the CSSIW for further information in relation to workforce issues.

2.6 The Chair thanked Bryan Issac and Katy Young for attending the meeting and submitting written evidence in advance.

Item 3. Agreement of report on scrutiny of Welsh Government budget

3.2 The Clerk agreed to circulate the report to Members for their comments and the finalised report will be submitted to the Finance Committee.

3.3 The Chair reminded Members that the next meeting would take place on 10 November when the Committee will be scrutinising the Annual Report of the Children's Commissioner for Wales.

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