

Agenda – Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg

Lleoliad: I gael rhagor o wybodaeth cysylltwch a:
Ystafell Bwyllgora 1 – y Senedd Marc Wyn Jones
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09.15 – 09.30 – Cyfarfod anffurfiol

1 Cyflwyniad, ymddiheuriadau, dirprwyon a datgan buddiannau
(09.30)

2 Gweithredu Dyfodol Llwyddiannus: adolygiad annibynnol o'r
cwrwllwm a threfniadau asesu yng Nghymru – sesiwn dystiolaeth
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(09.30 – 10.30) (Tudalennau 1 – 26)

Yr Athro Graham Donaldson

Dogfennau atodol:

Papur Ymchwil



3 Gweithredu Dyfodol Llwyddiannus: adolygiad annibynnol o'r cwricwlwm a threfniadau asesu yng Nghymru – sesiwn dystiolaeth 2
(10.30 – 11.15)

Ysgolion Arloesi

Luke Mansfield, Ysgol Gynradd St Julian, Casnewydd
Dilwyn Jones, Ysgol Bryn Gwalia
Eirian Davies, Ysgol y Strade

Egwyl – 11.15 – 11.25

4 Ymchwiliad i wasanaethau eirioli statudol – sesiwn dystiolaeth 1
(11.25 – 12.10) (Tudalennau 27 – 49)

Grŵp Darparwyr Eiriolaeth Plant a Phobl Ifanc Cymru Gyfan

Deborah Jones, Prif Weithredwr – Voices from Care Cymru
Jackie Murphy, Prif Weithredwr – Tros Gynnal Plant
Sean O'Neill, Cyfarwyddwr Polisi – Plant yng Nghymru
Emma Phipps-Magill, Rheolwr Gwasanaeth – NYAS Cymru

Dogfennau atodol:

Papur Ymchwil

CYPE(5)-11-16 – Papur | Paper 1 – Grŵp Darparwyr Eiriolaeth Plant a Phobl Ifanc Cymru Gyfan

CYPE(5)-11-16 – Papur | Paper 2 – Llythyr oddi wrth Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Gymunedau a Phlant – ymchwiliad i eiriolaeth statudol

5 Papurau i'w nodi

(12.10)

Llythyr gan Gomisiynydd Plant Cymru – gwybodaeth ychwanegol yn dilyn y cyfarfod ar 6 Hydref

(Tudalennau 50 – 52)

Dogfennau atodol:

CYPE(5)-11-16 – Papur | Paper 3 – papur i'w nodi | paper to note

Llythyr gan Gadeirydd Pwyllgor yr Economi, Seilwaith a Sgiliau at Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Addysg – Adolygiad o Gyllido Addysg Uwch a Threfniadau Cyllid Myfyrwyr Cymru

(Tudalennau 53 – 56)

Dogfennau atodol:

CYPE(5)-11-16 – Papur | Paper 4 – papur i'w nodi | paper to note

Llythyr gan Gadeirydd y Pwyllgor at Weinidog y Gymraeg a Dysgu Gydol Oes – Ariannu Cyngor Cymreig y Gwasanaethau Ieuentid Gwifoddol yn y dyfodol

(Tudalennau 57 – 58)

Dogfennau atodol:

CYPE(5)-11-16 – Papur | Paper 5 – papur i'w nodi | paper to note

Llythyr gan Weinidog y Gymraeg a Dysgu Gydol Oes at gadeirydd y Pwyllgor – Ariannu Cyngor Cymreig y Gwasanaethau Ieuentid Gwifoddol yn y dyfodol

(Tudalennau 59 – 60)

Dogfennau atodol:

CYPE(5)-11-16 – Papur | Paper 6 – papur i'w nodi | paper to note

Llythyr oddi wrth Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Gymunedau a Phlant – gwybodaeth ychwanegol yn dilyn y cyfarfod ar 2 Tachwedd

(Tudalen 61)

Dogfennau atodol:

CYPE(5)-11-16 – Papur | Paper 7 – papur i'w nodi | paper to note

6 Cynnig o dan Reol Sefydlog 17.42(ix) i benderfynu gwahardd y cyhoedd o weddill y cyfarfod ac yn ystod eitem 1 yng nghyfarfod yr wythnos nesaf.

(12.10)

7 Cyllideb ddrafft Llywodraeth Cymru 2017 – 18 – ystyried llythyrau drafft

(12.10 – 12.40)

(Tudalennau 62 – 75)

Dogfennau atodol:

CYPE(5)-11-16 – Papur | Paper 8 – preifat | private – Llythyr gan y Cadeirydd at Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Gymunedau a Phlant – cyllideb ddrafft Llywodraeth Cymru 2017-18

CYPE(5)-11-16 – Papur | Paper 9 – preifat | private – Llythyr gan y Cadeirydd at Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Addysg a Gweinidog y Gymraeg a Dysgu Gydol Oes – cyllideb ddrafft Llywodraeth Cymru 2017-18

Mae cyfyngiadau ar y ddogfen hon

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Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru | National Assembly for Wales
Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg | Children, Young People and Education
Committee

CYPE(5)–11–16 – Papur | Paper 1

Ymateb gan : Grŵp Darparwyr Eiriolaeth Plant a Phobl Ifanc Cymru Gyfan
Response from : All Wales Children and Young People’s Advocacy Providers
Group

Our Response

Member organisations of the **All Wales Children and Young Peoples Advocacy Providers Group** welcome the opportunity to provide written evidence to the NAFW Children, Young People and Education Committee (*thereafter* ‘Committee’) inquiry into statutory advocacy provision.

This response compliments our recent submission to the Committee’s previous request for key priorities to inform its forward work plan. In our response we expressed support for the Committee conducting an inquiry into advocacy provision for children and young people in Wales during the Fifth Assembly Term.

We have tailored our response to the focus of the inquiry, which is

- The latest position on the implementation of the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy for Children and Young People;
- Other issues relevant to the commissioning and funding of statutory advocacy provision;
- The impact of Part 10 of the Social Services and Well-being Act 2014; and
- Identifying other priority areas where progress is needed in respect of advocacy provision.

What are your views on the effectiveness of the Welsh Government’s approach to the delivery of statutory advocacy provision? If this is a concern to you, how should this be addressed?

Advocacy is about speaking up for children and young people, making sure that their rights are respected and their views heard. Advocates explain the views and needs of children and young people to decisions-makers and help them to get their rights met and to navigate their way around the decision-making process.

Advocacy is about **children’s rights** and **safeguarding**.

It is now over 16 years since the publication of the **Waterhouse Report ‘Lost in Care’** (2000) which reported on the inquiry into abuse in state care in North Wales. The establishment of independent advocacy services was a key recommendation to help ensure that children’s rights were protected and that young people’s voices could be heard.

February 2017 will mark 14 years since the first **Children's Commissioner for Wales** published his report '**Telling Concerns**' (2003) with 25 recommendations which followed a national review of local authority statutory advocacy arrangements for children and young people in Wales.

Over the past decade or more, there have been a number of independent studies, reports, inquiries and reviews which have identified areas of concern in respect of the availability, accessibility and visibility of independent professional advocacy services for children and young people. Notably, this has included

- '**A Study of Advocacy Services for Children and Young People in Wales (2005)** undertaken by Cardiff University School of Social Sciences, the Social Inclusion Research Unit at University of Wales NEWI, Department of Child Health Wales College of Medicine.
- During the Third Assembly term, the NAfW Children and Young People Committee published a report with 12 recommendations following its inquiry into '[Advocacy Services for Children and Young People](#)' (March 2008). The Committee subsequently published a follow up report, '[Scrutiny of developments in the provision of advocacy services to children and young people in Wales](#)' (May 2009) with 5 further recommendations. In June 2010, further oral evidence was taken from key stakeholders with a report from this third inquiry, '[Further review of developments in the provision of advocacy services to children and young people in Wales](#)' published in September 2010 with 13 recommendations.
- Between 2012-14, the Children's Commissioner for Wales published a series of reports with recommendations - Missing Voices (June 2012, May 2013 & June 2014).

"Wales has been on an advocacy journey for over 10 years, following the publication of the Waterhouse Report, and yet it finds itself without a clear set of checks and balances to ensure that all children with an entitlement to advocacy also have a genuine opportunity to access it. This situation cannot be allowed to continue and must be addressed as a matter of urgency." Missing Voices (March 2012)

The Welsh Government has also released a number of publications, ministerial statements and non-statutory guidance, as well as establishing a number of advisory stakeholder groups with external representation. Some of the developments included

- A Study of Advocacy Services for Children and Young People in Wales (2005)
- New Service Framework for the Future of Advocacy Services in Wales (2008)
- National Independent Advocacy Board (2009)
- Model for Delivering Advocacy Services for Children and Young People in Wales (2009)
- Response to Commissioners Review (2012) and Progress (2013)

In February 2013, the then Minister announced her intention to establish a Ministerial Expert Group on Advocacy (MEGA) and a Young Person's Expert Group on Advocacy (YPEG).

As is evident from the quotes below, concerns were still being raised.

- **Chair of MEGA (December 2013)**

“There are examples of good practice but the overwhelming impression is one of a post code lottery..... and is based on “finger in the wind” calculations rather than any more scientific estimation of need”.

- **YPEG – Our Views, Our Story!!! (Consultation Event 2014) - Key Messages -**

“Make advocacy independent from local authorities....Encourage providers to increase the number of advocates so that there are no waiting lists... How advocacy is introduced to children and young people is important, highlighting how advocates can help young people”.

The MEGA, chaired by Dr Mike Shooter, presented its first report to Welsh Ministers in January 2014. The Report showed commissioning and provision of statutory advocacy services in Wales to be patchy and inconsistent. Whilst there were some examples of good practice there were also areas of concern.

Having considered five possible models of commissioning statutory advocacy services, the Expert Groups recommended a “hybrid” model as a first step, in which the commissioning of provision remains at a local or regional level while the Welsh Government assumes responsibility for a costing formula, collation and monitoring of statistics, setting standards and inspecting against them, training and registration of advocates, and promotion of advocacy.

MEGA also recommended that the Welsh Government consider a secondment opportunity for a senior and authoritative figure to facilitate any necessary changes, to promote consistent good practice in the delivery of these services and to ensure that practical outcomes are secured from high level engagement between MEGA, advocacy providers, commissioners and Ministers.

It was whilst appointing a secondee that Ministers announced a change in focus, a shift which included the Strategic Leadership Group (which included Mike Shooter) inviting local government to bring forward a model for securing a national approach to statutory independent professional advocacy for looked after children, children in need and other specified individuals (November 2014). This is discussed in our response to the next question.

Our organisations have maintained an effective working relationship with the Welsh Government and have welcomed the inclusive approach adopted in bringing together a range of external stakeholders to seek lasting solutions. However, despite the shared vision for quality, accessible and sustainable advocacy structures for children and young people throughout Wales, progress in addressing some the issues raised in previous Committee enquiries and by children and young people as recipients of advocacy services have been painfully slow. Challenges around demand, budgetary cuts/stagnation and competitive commissioning arrangements remain prevalent and only serve to frustrate the progress Wales has made in helping children access their rights and entitlements under existing statutory legislation. The messages and recommendations coming from more recent independent and commissioned reports, as evidenced above, provide a timely reminder that more needed to be done.

What are your views on the latest position in relation to the implementation of the National Approach to Advocacy Services?

Following the completion of the business case developed by the Task and Finish Group of the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy for Children and Young People in November 2015, we remain concerned that there has been a delay in its full implementation and from the proposed timescales.

We understand that further engagement with local authorities across Wales was required to help ensure that consent was secured, given that each local authority was responsible for ensuring compliance.

However, the Business Case report proposed a phased implementation, beginning with the North Wales region, following the launch of the National Approach in early 2016. The second region was due to commence in June 2016 with all regions adopting the new service model by March 2017 in line with their existing commissioning cycles. There have been a number of implications of this delay on commissioning arrangements.

We understand that an implementation or delivery plan is currently being developed to realise the components which make up the National Approach. However, we have not had sight of this plan and we are unclear of the timescales for this plan's publication or the revised timescales for its full implementation. Communication to external stakeholders, including local commissioners of advocacy services, and children/young people is urgently required.

There are three main areas aiming to be resolved by National Approach – **Visibility** (awareness) **Availability** (capacity) and **Quality** (standards and outcomes)

Visibility – National Approach seeks to improve the visibility of advocacy through the Active Offer, awareness raising sessions with professionals and age-appropriate literature and information for children and young people.

Availability – A Range and Level mechanism was designed to calculate service capacity requirements based on the eligible population.

Quality – A review of a previous draft version of the National Standards and Outcomes Framework was undertaken which forms one of the key components of the National Approach.

Each component of the National Approach is of equal importance. We would not wish to see any dilution from what was agreed and proposed, and continue to support all components of the National Approach being developed as set out in the Task and Finish Groups Business Case report. There is a need for a clear commitment to meet the funding obligations of the National Approach business plan in full

We are unclear about the governance and accountability arrangements to ensure that the implementation plan, once agreed, is delivered in full and to a revised and agreed timescale. We are clear however that there has to be a national lead in place to progress the Plan, working with the full support, cooperation and engagement from recognisable named leads in each of the six regions.

The proposal to review progress at the end of the first year of full implementation, and to report on achievements and any adjustments needed based on performance data and latest

population statistics, is essential. The Business Case did not set out how this would be achieved.

The delay in progressing the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy has meant that the revised National Standards and Outcomes Framework, developed as a key component of the National Approach and mapped to the Well-Being Statement, has yet to be made available and issued for public consultation. We understand that this is still the Welsh Government's intention which we would support. Following consideration of the responses of the consultation, we would also support the National Standards and Outcomes Framework being issued as a statutory document.

The role of the Welsh Government funded MEIC Helpline did not feature in the Business Case report. The potential role for this independent, bilingual, telephone/on-line service as part of a new commissioning framework has not yet been fully explored

A uniform and coherent implementation and adoption of the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy retains support amongst Advocacy provider services and the will for it to succeed remains. However, if the model is not delivered as effectively as intended, we are minded to call for consideration being given to utilising the work already undertaken and applying it to implementing a National Commissioning Model for Statutory Advocacy Services. We are reminded that a key Recommendation from the Committees earlier inquiry was that *'the Welsh Government should review if the consortia approach is realistic and achievable, or if a national model would be a better way forward'* (2010 – Recommendation 2)

A national advocacy service may also need to be considered if the national approach is implemented and once reviewed, is not seen as an efficient model. The Committee may wish to undertake a further review of advocacy services towards the end of this current Assembly Term to provide additional scrutiny of the implementation of the national approach.

What impact has Part 10 of the Social Services and Well-being Act 2014 had on advocacy provision?

Members of the All Wales Children and Young People's Advocacy Providers Group had previously identified the need for the Social Services and Well-Being Act to be seen as a key vehicle for taking forward existing statutory duties on local authorities and their partners. We welcomed the opportunity to inform the development of the Code of Practice in relation to Advocacy under Part 10 through our involvement in the Welsh Government Technical Group

Part 10 provides an opportunity to further extend access to advocacy services for children and young people beyond those recognised 'eligible' groups of children and young people entitled under the Children Act 1989.

Whilst we would accept that it is still early days in terms of full implementation, there are a number of points we would wish to make at this stage.

Local authorities have yet to fully commission advocacy services for the extended entitlement under Part 10.

There is potential for some children to benefit from having access to an advocate at the assessment stage which determines their needs, and any eligibility for a Care and Support Plan. Some advocacy services have been requested by some local authorities to provide advocacy at the assessment stage which is encouraging. Some advocacy services have also accepted those requests to provide advocacy at this stage. However, this has been through spot purchase arrangements. We do not consider this to be sustainable and not an appropriate means of delivering legislation in the long term.

The Code is clear in that “Local authorities **must** arrange for provision of an independent professional advocate when a person can only overcome any barrier(s) to **participate fully** in the **assessment, care and support planning, review and safeguarding processes** with assistance from an appropriate individual, but there is no appropriate individual available”

There is a key role for advocacy as one of the preventative services available to local authorities, helping to prevent escalation, safeguarding concerns and additional costs being incurred. The MEIC helpline also has a role in this regard, yet its potential has yet to be fully explored. The launch of MEIC as, initially a 24hr advocacy helpline for all children and young people in Wales has, in part, delivered on the Welsh Government’s commitment and intention for ‘*advocacy to be more accessible to all children and young people, but especially those most vulnerable*’. But as the Welsh Government has been keen to stress through formal correspondence, MEIC is in place to *compliment* rather than *replace* the need for face-to-face provision.

Section 20 of the Code of Practice for Part 10 considers ‘*Advocacy for looked after children and other specified children*’. This section is presently limited, due in part to the work undertaken under the National Approach having not been completed and agreed when the consultation on Part 10 was issued. We were informed that the outcome from the work of the Task Group ‘*will inform the final version of the Code*’ (3.2). The Code will need to be reviewed to ensure that new arrangements under the National Approach are incorporated and thus protected through statutory legislation.

Which priority areas in relation to advocacy provision for children and young people do you believe the Welsh Government should address? What do you think is needed to achieve that progress?

That there is

- Full implementation of the National Approach with strong strategic leadership to ensure all stakeholders are undertaking the actions required within the business case.
- For the National Approach to be resourced and funded in line with the population needs assessment analysis. The current looked after children population needs to be reflected within any revised figures.
- Robust governance and accountability arrangements for the National Approach to be in place, both at a national and regional level.
- For the National Approach to be monitored throughout and independently reviewed at the end of the first year implementation phase. This review should assess the effectiveness of the approach, seeking to identify/quantify improvements achieved in awareness/visibility and engagement/take-up at the various stages of implementation,

and determine what changes, if any, need to be made. The review should also assess any service quality improvements and any capacity issues encountered, whether any adjustment and or recalculation using the Range and Level mechanism needed to be undertaken. (I.e. using latest population numbers, Performance Management Reports).

- Engagement with children and young people has to be achieved as part of the implementation phase
- The re-establishment of a stakeholder advisory group to review progress.
- Full public consultation of the National Standards and Outcomes Framework
- Clear integrated link between the National Approach and Part 10 of the SS&WB Act
- Greater consideration given to the role and function of the MEIC helpline service, in terms of future commissioning arrangements, interface with independent face-to-face advocacy services, promotion and signposting to help ensure that all children and young people have entitlement to advocacy support (*ProMo Cymru, on behalf of the MEIC service, have submitted a more detailed response*)
- That the Committee give consideration to undertaking a further review of advocacy provision and the recommendations it makes from this inquiry during the latter stages of this Assembly term.

PLEASE NOTE: A number of the organisation represented on the All Wales Children and Young Peoples Advocacy Providers Group have also submitted responses on behalf of their organisations. We would wish to draw the Committee's attention to these and to the recommendations within.

This response has been submitted by Children in Wales, and developed in consultation and in partnership with the following organisations

Children in Wales

NYAS Cymru

Tros Gynnal Plant

Voices from Care Cymru

& with ProMo Cymru (*on behalf of the MEIC service*)

About

Children in Wales has been working with our member organisations and the office of the Children's Commissioner for Wales to help realise the vision of established and sustainable independent advocacy services to help protect children from abuse and harm, and to ensure mechanisms are in place to enable their voices to be heard.

The **All Wales Children and Young Peoples Advocacy Providers Group** was established in 2004 to support our member organisations who deliver advocacy services to children and young people.

<http://www.childreninwales.org.uk/our-work/advocacy/>

Membership of the group consists of professionals and representatives from organisations and/or interest groups with clear responsibilities for promoting the rights and wellbeing of children looked after and other vulnerable groups who may benefit from advocacy provision.

November 2016

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Tachwedd 2016

Annwyl Lynne

Yn eich llythyr dyddiedig 13 Hydref fe wnaethoch ofyn am ddiweddariad ar y cynnydd o ran y Dull Cenedlaethol o Ddarparu Eiriolaeth Statudol ar gyfer Plant a Phobl Ifanc, ac effaith Rhan 10 o Ddeddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant 2014.

Mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi cefnogi'n llawn y gwaith o ddatblygu dull eiriolaeth cenedlaethol. Rydym wedi darparu cyllid ar gyfer secondai i gefnogi'r broses o gyflwyno Dull Cenedlaethol ac wedi sefydlu Grŵp Arweinyddiaeth Strategol i gynghori a chynorthwyo gyda'r gwaith cyflawni a gwneud penderfyniadau ar ddatblygu'r Dull Cenedlaethol. Mae sicrhau bod y plant sydd â hawl statudol i eiriolaeth yn derbyn y gwasanaeth hwnnw yn flaenoriaeth uchel ac rwy'n parhau i gymryd diddordeb personol yn y mater gan ddilyn cynnydd y broses o ddatblygu a gweithredu'r dull cenedlaethol.

Mae gennyf gyfarfod gyda Chymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol Cymru (CLILC), Cymdeithas Cyfarwyddwyr Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol (ADSS) Cymru a'r Comisiynydd Plant ar 24 Tachwedd i drafod y cynllun gweithredu ar gyfer y Dull Cenedlaethol. Mae'r ymateb canlynol i'ch cwestiynau yn seiliedig ar fy nealltwriaeth o'r cynnydd presennol mewn perthynas â'r dull cyn y cyfarfod hwnnw.

- 1. Beth yw'r sefyllfa ddiweddaraf mewn perthynas â gweithrediad y Dull Cenedlaethol o Ddarparu Gwasanaethau Eiriolaeth? A oes fersiwn ddrafft o'r Dull Cenedlaethol? Os oes, am ba hyd y mae fersiwn ddrafft wedi cael ei hystyried? A ellir darparu copi i'r Pwyllgor?**

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Ym mis Rhagfyr 2015 rhannodd Llywodraeth leol achos busnes drafft gyda'r Grŵp Arweinyddiaeth Strategol a oedd yn nodi'r elfennau allweddol canlynol o ddull cenedlaethol:

- **Fframwaith Safonau a Chanlyniadau Cenedlaethol** - gan gynnwys 'cynnig gweithredol' o eiriolaeth a Fframwaith Safonau a Chanlyniadau Cenedlaethol (y Fframwaith) drafft a oedd yn cyd-fynd â llesiant o dan Ddeddf 2014.
- **Templed Adrodd ar Berfformiad Rhanbarthol** - i ddarparu'r dystiolaeth a'r ystadegau a nodwyd yn y Fframwaith at ddibenion monitro ansawdd a pherfformiad y gwasanaeth.
- **Fframwaith Comisiynu** - sy'n darparu dull cyson sy'n cyd-fynd â'r Fframwaith Safonau a Chanlyniadau Cenedlaethol
- **Manyleb Gwasanaeth Rhanbarthol** - i ddarparu manylebau cyson ar gyfer comisiynu gwasanaethau ac sy'n cyd-fynd â'r Fframwaith Safonau a Chanlyniadau Cenedlaethol.
- **Dull o Asesu Ystod a Lefel (Capasiti Gwasanaeth)** - sydd, o'i gymhwyso i'r boblogaeth gymwys yn lleol ac yn rhanbarthol, yn helpu i fesur gofynion y gwasanaeth o ran capasiti a chostau cysylltiedig.

Wrth i elfennau o'r dull cenedlaethol arfaethedig gael eu datblygu, ymgynghorodd aelodau unigol â grwpiau a sefydliadau yr oeddent yn eu cynrychioli - roedd hyn yn cynnwys ymgynghori â phlant a phobl ifanc. Roedd yr achos busnes hefyd yn rhan o'r broses ymgynghori hon.

Mae'r achos busnes wedi bod, ac yn parhau i fod, yn ddibynnol ar ddulliau llywodraethu ac atebolrwydd llywodraeth leol.

Ers datblygu'r dull cenedlaethol rydym wedi bod yn cysylltu â Llywodraeth Leol drwy'r Grŵp Arweinyddiaeth Strategol ynghylch sut y maent yn bwriadu cyflawni'r Dull Cenedlaethol ac rydym yn disgwyl cynllun gweithredu erbyn 24 Tachwedd.

2. Sut y caiff y Dull Cenedlaethol ei weithredu'n llawn? Beth yw'r amserlenni ar gyfer ei weithredu?

Bydd y broses weithredu'n cael ei harwain gan Lywodraeth Leol, yn unol â'r cynllun gweithredu y maent yn datblygu. Mae Llywodraeth Leol wedi dweud bod cynllun gweithredu, a fydd yn cynnwys llinellau amser, er mwyn datblygu'r Dull Cenedlaethol ar gael erbyn 24 Tachwedd.

3. Pa asesiad a wnaed o'r costau o weithredu'r Dull Cenedlaethol? Sut y telir y costau hyn?

Datblygodd Grŵp Gorchwyl a Gorffen 'ddull Ystod a Lefel' sy'n gallu cyfrifo'n gyson y lefelau cyllido sydd eu hangen i gyflwyno'r Dull Cenedlaethol yn lleol, yn rhanbarthol neu'n genedlaethol. Mae'n seiliedig ar gost 'awr eiriolaeth' yn ogystal â chostau rhedeg cyfartalog gwasanaeth yn erbyn targed canran 'niferoedd' o'r boblogaeth gymwys. Gan ddefnyddio ffigurau o 2014 fel llinell sylfaen amcangyfrifir mai cost gweithredu Dull Cenedlaethol yw £1 filiwn sy'n ymgorffori'r cynnig gweithredol ar gost o £247,553.

Mae darparu gwasanaeth eiriolaeth statudol yn ddyletswydd ar awdurdod lleol sy'n cael ei dalu o'r grant cynnal refeniw. Er mwyn cydnabod bod y cynnig gweithredol yn ychwanegol at y darpariaethau presennol a nodir yn y ddeddfwriaeth mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi cytuno i dalu costau llawn y cynnig gweithredol. Rhoddir ystyriaeth lawn o'r lefel o gyllid a ddarperir gan Lywodraeth Cymru i ddarparu'r gwasanaethau hyn i'r ddulliau cenedlaethol. Rhoddir ystyriaeth lawn o'r lefel o gyllid a ddarperir gan Lywodraeth Cymru i ddarparu'r gwasanaethau hyn i'r ddulliau cenedlaethol.

4. Sut y byddwch yn asesu effaith y Dull Cenedlaethol ar blant a phobl ifanc, a'r canlyniadau iddynt?

Mae'r Dull Cenedlaethol a amlinellir yn yr achos busnes yn cynnwys Fframwaith Safonau a Chanlyniadau Cenedlaethol sydd wedi'i fapio yn unol â'r Datganiad Llesiant sy'n sail i Ddeddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant (Cymru) 2014.

Mae'r achos busnes hefyd wedi nodi cynigion ar gyfer Llywodraeth Cymru i gomisiynu adolygiad annibynnol o'r Dull Cenedlaethol i'w gynnal ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn gyntaf o weithredu. Byddai'r adolygiad yn ceisio nodi'r gwelliannau a gyflawnwyd o ran ymwybyddiaeth ac ymgysylltu yn y gwahanol gamau gweithredu.

Byddai'r adolygiad hefyd yn asesu unrhyw welliannau mewn ansawdd gwasanaethau a phroblemau'n ymwneud â chapasiti, ac a oes angen unrhyw addasiad a neu ail-gyfrifo gan ddefnyddio'r dull Ystod a Lefel (h.y. defnyddio'r ffigurau poblogaeth diweddaraf, Adroddiadau Rheoli Perfformiad). Byddaf yn ystyried y cynnig hwn ymhellach ar ôl derbyn y cynllun gweithredu.

Effaith Rhan 10 o Ddeddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant (Cymru) 2014

5. Beth yw goblygiadau'r darpariaethau yn y Ddeddf i wasanaethau eiriolaeth ar gyfer plant a phobl ifanc?

Mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi cyhoeddi Cod Ymarfer ar arfer swyddogaethau gwasanaethau cymdeithasol mewn perthynas ag Eiriolaeth o dan Ran 10 a rhannau cysylltiedig o Ddeddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant (Cymru) 2014.

O fewn y Cod rydym yn nodi'n glir ei bod yn rhaid i awdurdodau lleol a byrddau iechyd lleol, ddefnyddio canlyniadau eu cydasesiad o anghenion y boblogaeth i lywio trefniadau comisiynu a phartneriaeth o dan y Ddeddf er mwyn darparu gwasanaethau eiriolaeth. Mae eiriolaeth yn cynnwys yr ystod lawn o ddarpariaeth a nodir yn y Cod Ymarfer.

Bydd y rownd gyntaf o adroddiadau ar Asesiad o Anghenion y Boblogaeth yn cael eu cyhoeddi ym mis Ebrill 2017 a bydd hyn yn darparu gwell dealltwriaeth o'r angen i ddarparu gwasanaethau eiriolaeth.

6. Sut y byddwch yn asesu effaith y darpariaethau yn y Ddeddf sy'n ymwneud ag eiriolaeth a'r Cod Ymarfer cysylltiedig ar Eiriolaeth?

Wrth i ni symud ein ffocws o ddatblygu'r fframwaith statudol o dan Ddeddf 2014 i gyflawni ei ymrwymadau, rwy'n cydnabod ei bod yn hanfodol bwysig bod gennym drefniadau gwerthuso digonol ar waith i allu asesu a yw'r Ddeddf yn cyflawni'r hyn yr oeddem yn bwriadu ei gyflawni.

Bydd y gwerthusiad yn cael ei gynnal mewn tri cham. Bydd y cam cyntaf yn ymwneud â monitro polisïau o dan y Ddeddf yn ystod y flwyddyn gyntaf o weithredu. Bydd yr ail gam yn cynnwys gwerthusiad parhaus, drwy'r fframwaith canlyniadau cenedlaethol a fframweithiau mesur perfformiad awdurdodau lleol. Bydd y trydydd cam yn werthusiad untro hirdymor annibynnol, gan ddechrau yn y drydedd flwyddyn o weithredu'r Ddeddf.

Mae'r gwaith monitro yn edrych ar y gwahaniaeth y mae'r Ddeddf yn ei chyfanrwydd yn ei wneud yn hytrach na chanolbwyntio ar rannau penodol o'r Ddeddf. Roedd rhanddeiliaid yn croesawu'r dull gweithredu a'r cyfeiriad cenedlaethol a nodir yn y fframwaith canlyniadau cenedlaethol.

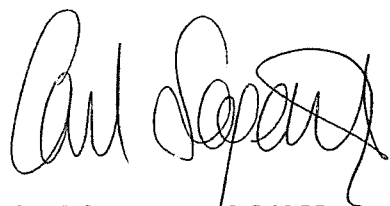
Byddwn hefyd yn parhau i ymgysylltu â rhanddeiliaid i sicrhau bod gennym ddealltwriaeth glir o sut mae gofynion o dan Ran 10 yn gweithredu'n ymarferol.

7. A oes gennych dystiolaeth fod y ddarpariaeth sy'n ymwneud ag eiriolaeth yn Neddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant 2014 wedi arwain at ddeilliannau gwell ar gyfer plant a phobl ifanc?

Cychwynnodd Deddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant (Cymru) 2014 ar 6 Ebrill 2016 ac mae'r Fframwaith Canlyniadau Cenedlaethol wedi cael ei gyhoeddi. Bydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn cyhoeddi ei hadroddiad blynyddol cyntaf ar y fframwaith canlyniadau erbyn mis Mawrth 2017. Hefyd, bydd data ychwanegol gan Wasanaethau Cymdeithasol Awdurdodau Lleol mewn perthynas â phlant a phobl ifanc yn cael eu cyhoeddi erbyn hydref 2017. Fodd bynnag, ni fydd y data yn ymwneud yn benodol ag eiriolaeth gan nad oes unrhyw ganlyniadau neu fesuriadau penodol ar waith ar gyfer y maes hwn ar lefel genedlaethol ar hyn o bryd.

Rwy'n disgwyl gweld cynnydd sylweddol o ran symud ymlaen gyda'r Dull Cenedlaethol pan fydd y cynllun gweithredu yn ei le yn ddiweddarach y mis hwn.

Yn gywir



Carl Sargeant/AC/AM
Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Gymunedau a Phlant
Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children

Eitem 5.1

Comisiynydd Plant Cymru

Children's Commissioner for Wales

Sally Holland

By email only

3 November 2016

Lynne Neagle AM
 Chair - Children, Young People & Education Committee
 National Assembly for Wales
 Cardiff Bay
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Dear Lynne

Thank you for chairing a stimulating scrutiny session of my Annual Report and Accounts on October 5 2016. During that session I agreed to provide further information with regards to the breakdown of cases dealt with by my office during 2015/16 and plans in relation to our strategic outreach programme.

Breakdown of the types of cases that have been dealt with by the Investigations and Advice team over the last year:

The Table below gives the primary classifications assigned to cases when they are taken on by my Investigations and Advice team. There were 520 cases dealt with in total but the primary classifications amount to more than this as some cases are classified with a number of issues dependant on the matters at hand.

Primary Classification	Total Count
CAFCASS	11
Education	293
Environment	51
Health	51
Housing	19
Immigration/Asylum	9
Legal	52
Local Authority (Other)	11
Police	13
Social Services	245

Highlights of our engagement work this year:

- Met, listened and spoke face-to-face to nearly 4000 children and young people from all 22 local authority areas
- 6000 children aged 3-18 responded to our Beth Nesa' / What Next survey (there is a breakdown of the sample within each of the detailed reports for each age group that took part in this large-scale survey – all are available on our website)
- 1000 children responded to our School Journeys 'Special Mission'
- 206 pupils from 80 schools took part in our Super Ambassadors celebration events, to help launch the new Commissioner
- 68 looked after children and care leavers, aged between 15 and 25, attended our north and south Wales events. They represented all 22 local authorities.

Key elements of our engagement work:

Super Ambassadors are one of the ways we listen to children and young people. Our School Ambassadors are primary school pupils who are elected by their peers; their job is to raise awareness about the Children's Commissioner for Wales and children's rights within their schools. Pupils are also required to complete special missions, canvassing opinions from peers on a wide range of issues; opinions which are then fed directly into our work. We now have nearly 200 active Super Ambassadors schools, and we have secured a direct link with existing Welsh Government programmes, such as the Welsh Network of Healthy Schools.

Community Ambassadors is a scheme based on the School Ambassadors concept, targeting children and young people living in areas of social deprivation and/or from disadvantaged groups. It offers opportunities for groups of children and young people who already meet together in non-formal education settings in communities in Wales. They include New Leaf, a Gypsy Traveller Forum in Cardiff, Mixtup, a mixed ability youth group in Swansea and Ebbw Fawr youth group based in a Communities First area in Blaenau Gwent, and Adamsdown Community First in Cardiff.

Webinars also feature heavily now in our direct engagement work with children and young people. We believe it is a cost-effective way of enabling a large number of pupils to engage directly with the Commissioner, helping us to gather pupils' views and raise awareness of the Commissioner and UNCRC. In February, we hosted a webinar where 23 schools logged on to and we recorded 430 online viewers. Partnership working has been a critical element of how we promote children's rights. Over the last seven years, we have worked with a number of partners including S4C on developing a dedicated TV series on our campaign See Me / Dyma Fi, a piece of work aimed at smashing the stereotypes of children and young people in Wales. We are also a member of the Welsh Government's Article 42 group that oversees all awareness work undertaken by Government in relation to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Membership of the group enables us to complement rather than duplicate efforts in relation to raising awareness of children's rights in Wales.

Supporting others to work with and listen to children and young people also features in our work plan. We have engaged with organisations including Kids in Museums, Welsh Ambulance and Welsh Government departments, offering them advice on participation and ensuring all engagement work with children and young people is underpinned by the UNCRC. Our staff also attend the national participation workers' network. This has enabled us to listen to issues being handled by participation workers across the country.

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Working directly with schools is another way of enabling children and young people to find out about their rights and have access to the Commissioner. We proactively arrange visits to schools and groups, covering every local authority in Wales, every year.

Ensuring others who run a similar programmes of visits, such as UNICEF's rights respecting schools, have up-to-date information about us and our work is another cost effective way of making information about rights and the children's commissioner accessible to as many children and young people as possible.

Strategic approach:

On an annual basis we measure awareness levels of the Commissioner amongst children and young people via an independent research company. The results enable us to target our awareness and engagement work.

My strategic equality plan outlines how I intend to ensure that my team and I work towards ensuring that children and young people in Wales grow up in a country where equality and children's human rights are central to the way in which public services are delivered. Equality considerations will continue to be built into the design of policies and the delivery of all my work, including our engagement work, and will be kept under constant review.

I hope you find this additional information useful to further inform the scrutiny of my annual report and the work of the office of the Children's Commissioner for Wales. As discussed during the session, the roles of the Committee and Commissioner are symbiotic in nature as we both play key parts in scrutinising the work of government and seeking improved outcomes for the children and young people of Wales. Our collaborative approach has invigorated a healthy dialogue and I look forward to building upon this relationship over the rest of our tenures.

Yours sincerely



Sally Holland
Children's Commissioner for Wales

Kirsty Williams AC, Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Addysg

4 Tachwedd 2016

Annwyl Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet

Adolygiad Diamond

Yn dilyn cyhoeddi'r Adolygiad annibynnol o drefniadau cyllido addysg uwch a chyllid myfyrwyr (Adolygiad Diamond) roedd Pwyllgor yr Economi, Seilwaith a Sgiliau yn awyddus i archwilio sut y bydd y gwaith hwn yn effeithio ar feysydd yn ein cylch gwaith.

Yng nghyfarfod y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg ar 12 Hydref manteisiais i a Hefin David ar y cyfle i holi'r Athro Syr Ian Diamond am ei adroddiad a sut y mae'n berthnasol i gylch gwaith Pwyllgor yr Economi, Seilwaith a Sgiliau.

Y diwrnod canlynol cynhaliodd Pwyllgor yr Economi, Seilwaith, a Sgiliau sesiwn rhanddeiliaid i gasglu ymatebion. Roeddem yn ddiolchgar bod uwch-swyddogion o Lywodraeth Cymru wedi dod i'r digwyddiad hwn er mwyn clywed ymatebion yn uniongyrchol ac adrodd yn ôl i chi.

Clywodd y rhanddeiliaid drafodaethau ar yr effaith debygol ar economi Cymru, ymchwil ôl-raddedig ac ar ddatblygu sgiliau lefel uwch. I gloi gwnaethom ofyn hefyd am sylwadau cyffredinol. Mae'r llythyr hwn yn nodi ein casgliadau a'n hargymhellion sy'n deillio o'r cyfarfod hwnnw.

Casgliadau

Mae argymhellion Diamond wedi cael eu croesawu gan groestoriad eang o randdeiliaid. Mae brwdfrydedd penodol o ran y syniad y bydd pob myfyriwr – nid yn unig yr israddedigion hynny sy'n 18 oed neu'n hŷn mewn addysg amser llawn –



yn gymwys i gael cymorth ar sail angen. Mae'r syniad y gallai Cymru arwain y ffordd yn y dull hwn wedi bod yn boblogaidd iawn.

Mae'n arbennig o boblogaidd o ran gwella sgiliau'r gweithlu presennol, gyda llawer ohonynt yn ystyried cymorth ar gyfer astudio'n rhan-amser ochr yn ochr â'u gwaith yn arbennig o apelgar.

Er bod argymhellion Diamond yn cael eu gweld fel ateb i gylch gwaith penodol a roddwyd i'r grŵp adolygu, mae cydnabyddiaeth eang bod angen ystyried materion eraill ym maes addysg uwch – er enghraifft recriwtio a chadw staff – a bod angen cymryd camau yn hyn o beth.

Rydym yn ymwybodol, yn dilyn eu cyfarfod â'r Athro Diamond, fod y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg wedi argymhell bod argymhellion Diamond yn cael eu rhoi ar waith yn llawn, ac yn cael eu hariannu'n llawn drwy gydol y Cynulliad hwn.

Argymhellion

Rydym yn argymhell y canlynol:

- bod y camau gweithredu yn cael eu hintegreiddio â'r gwaith sy'n mynd rhagddo i sicrhau bod ein system addysg yn galluogi unigolion i ddatblygu'r sgiliau y bydd eu hangen ar economi Cymru, a'r gwaith ar Strategaeth Economaidd newydd;
- bydd angen gwneud rhagor o waith i fynd i'r afael â diwygiadau mewn addysg uwch sydd y tu hwnt i gwmpas Adolygiad Diamond;
 - gall hyn gynnwys mesurau i wrthbwysu effaith Brexit ar recriwtio myfyrwyr a staff addysgu o dramor;
 - ond gall hefyd ystyried mesurau i fynd i'r afael a'r effaith sylweddol ar lwyth gwaith darlithwyr, yn enwedig o ystyried nifer y myfyrwyr rhyngwladol, sydd eisoes yn uchel, yn enwedig ôl-raddedigion.
- bod y Gweinidog Sgiliau a Gwyddoniaeth yn adolygu maint y cymorth a geir gan Lywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer prosiectau arloesi a bod Ysgrifennydd y



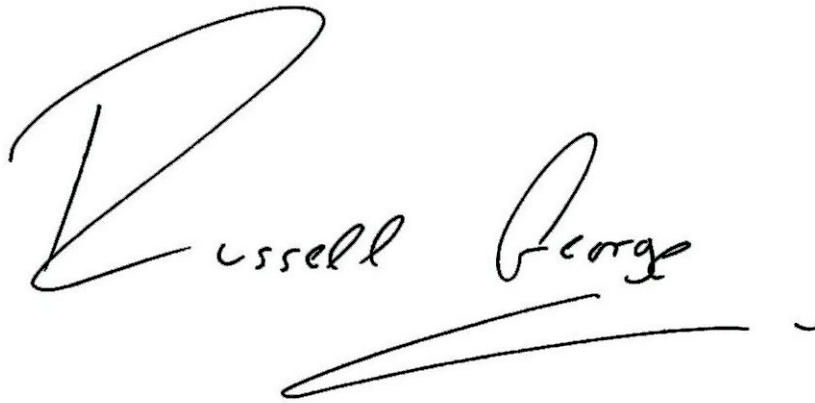
Cabinet dros Addysg yn ystyried pa mor effeithiol y mae'r sgiliau entrepreneuriaidd yn cael eu meithrin ym maes addysg uwch. Clywodd aelodau'r Pwyllgor y gall symiau bach o gymorth ariannol ar gyfer prosiectau arloesi arwain at fanteision sylweddol;

- bod Llywodraeth Cymru yn hyrwyddo perthynas fwy "deinamig" rhwng addysg bellach ac addysg uwch, gan gynnwys adolygu a gwerthuso gwahanol fodelau o gydweithredu a phartneriaeth rhwng addysg bellach ac addysg uwch, sy'n ategu yn hytrach na dyblygu; Manteision posibl hyn yw'r canlynol:
 - annog datblygiad myfyrwyr unigol;
 - cynyddu nifer y dysgwyr sy'n ennill sgiliau lefel uwch;
 - hyrwyddo llwybrau mwy hyblyg rhwng addysg/dysgu (amser llawn a rhan-amser); anweithgarwch economaidd; a chyflogaeth (amser llawn a rhan-amser); a
 - helpu i adfywio cymunedau sydd â lefelau uchel o anweithgarwch economaidd ac amddifadedd.
- bod Llywodraeth Cymru yn adolygu'r ffyrdd y mae busnesau bach a chanolig yn ymgysylltu â'r sector addysg uwch a'r ffyrdd y gellir gwneud hyn yn fwy effeithiol. Yn aml, nid oes gan fusnesau bach a chanolig yr amser, yr adnoddau na'r ddealltwriaeth o sut i ymgysylltu â'r sector addysg uwch yn effeithiol;
- bod Llywodraeth Cymru yn gwerthuso effaith argymhellion Adolygiad Diamond. Rydym yn credu y dylai hyn ddigwydd tair blynedd ar ôl gweithredu'r newidiadau.

Deallaf y bydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn cyhoeddi ei hymateb i argymhellion Diamond yn yr wythnosau nesaf, a hyderaf y bydd ystyriaeth y Pwyllgor o'r materion a'r argymhellion yn ddefnyddiol i chi.



Cofion gorau,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell George". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'R' and a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Russell George AC

Cadeirydd

Pwyllgor yr Economi, Seilwaith a Sgiliau

Copi at: Alun Davies AC, Gweinidog y Gymraeg a Dysgu Gydol Oes (gan gynnwys Addysg Bellach)

Copi at: Julie James AC, y Gweinidog Sgiliau a Gwyddoniaeth

Copi at: Lynne Neagle AC, Cadeirydd, Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg



Alun Davies AC
Gweinidog y Gymraeg a Dysgu Gydol Oes

02 Tachwedd 2016

Annwyl Weinidog

Ymchwiliad i Waith Ieuenctid

Mae'r Pwyllgor wedi cael gwybod am yr ohebiaeth rhwng eich swyddogion a Chyngor Cymreig y Gwasanaethau Ieuenctid Gwirfoddol sy'n datgan y bydd ei grant yn dod i ben ar 31 Mawrth 2017. Byddwch yn deall bod gan y Pwyllgor bryderon difrifol am y datblygiadau hyn a'i fod yn ceisio eglurhad ar frys ynghylch y penderfyniad a wnaed gennych.

Pan ddaethoch i gyfarfod y Pwyllgor ar 12 Hydref, fe'n hysbyswyd gennych fod y Gweinidog blaenorol wedi comisiynu gwaith a oedd yn archwilio modelau ar gyfer darparu gwaith ieuenctid yn y dyfodol. Dywedasoch y byddech yn trafod y materion gyda grŵp cyfeirio'r Gweinidog ar gyfer gwaith ieuenctid ym mis Rhagfyr – eich cyfarfod cyntaf gyda'r grŵp – cyn gwneud penderfyniad ar fodel ar gyfer y dyfodol.

Ar 31 Hydref cyflwynwyd llythyr i Gyngor Cymreig y Gwasanaethau Ieuenctid Gwirfoddol yn rhoi gwybod iddo na fydd yn derbyn cyllid grant ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2017–18.

Yng ngoleuni'r datblygiadau hyn, byddai'r Pwyllgor yn ddiolchgar pe gallech ateb y cwestiynau canlynol –

- 1) Ar ba ddyddiad y gwnaethoch chi benderfynu na fyddai Cyngor Cymreig y Gwasanaethau Ieuenctid Gwirfoddol yn derbyn cyllid ar gyfer 2017–18?



- 2) Pa drafodaethau a gynhaliwyd gyda Chyngor Cymreig y Gwasanaethau Ieuenctid Gwirfoddol, y grŵp cyfeirio ar gyfer gwaith ieuenctid neu'r sector ehangach cyn ichi wneud y penderfyniad hwnnw?
- 3) Ar ba dystiolaeth y gwnaethoch chi seilio eich penderfyniad i beidio ag ariannu Cyngor Cymreig y Gwasanaethau Ieuenctid Gwirfoddol ar gyfer 2017-18?
- 4) Pam y gwnaethoch chi newid eich meddwl o ran aros tan fis Rhagfyr i wneud penderfyniad ar fodel ar gyfer y dyfodol?
- 5) Pa gynlluniau sydd gennych ar gyfer darpariaeth amgen i ymgymryd â swyddogaethau Cyngor Cymreig y Gwasanaethau Ieuenctid Gwirfoddol?
- 6) Pam y bu'n angenrheidiol gwneud y penderfyniad cyn i'r Pwyllgor gwblhau ei ymchwiliad i Waith Ieuenctid?

Byddwch yn dod i gyfarfod y Pwyllgor ar 10 Tachwedd i drafod y Gyllideb ddrafft. Mae'n bosibl y bydd y Pwyllgor yn dymuno gofyn cwestiynau eraill ynghylch y mater hwn yn ystod y cyfarfod hwnnw. Felly, byddwn yn ddiolchgar pe gallech ymateb i'r llythyr hwn erbyn diwedd dydd Llun 7 Tachwedd.

Rwyf wedi anfon copi o'r llythyr hwn at Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet o ran cwrteisi, oherwydd bydd hi'n bresennol yn y cyfarfod ar 10 Tachwedd gyda chi.

Yn gywir



Lynne Neagle AC
Cadeirydd

Copi: Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Addysg





Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/Our ref MAP/ARD/6906/16

Lynne Neagle AC
Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor
Y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg

9 Tachwedd 2016

Annwyl Lynne,

Diolch am eich llythyr dyddiedig 2 Tachwedd yn gofyn am eglurhad o'r trefniadau ariannu ar gyfer Cyngor Cymreig y Gwasanaethau Ieuenctid Gwirfoddol (CWVYS).

Yng nghyfarfod y Pwyllgor ar 12 Hydref, esboniais y byddaf yn mynd i gyfarfod y Grŵp Cyfeirio Gweinidogol ar gyfer Gwaith Ieuenctid ym mis Rhagfyr ac y byddaf yn manteisio ar y cyfle hwnnw i drafod gwahanol fodelau ar gyfer cyflawni gwaith ieuenctid. Mae hyn yn dilyn gwaith a gomisiynwyd gan fy rhagflaenydd, Julie James, ar ôl lansio Siarter Gwaith Ieuenctid Cymru. Dyna yw fy mwriad o hyd.

Rwyf am symud at ddull mwy agored a hyblyg o ddarparu cymorth i'r sector gwaith ieuenctid. Fel rhan o'r weledigaeth hon, mae angen i ni ailfeddwl y modd rydym yn ariannu'r cymorth ar gyfer y sector gwirfoddol. Credaf mai dyma'r ffordd gywir ymlaen.

Mae fy swyddogion, a Gweinidogion blaenorol, wedi ymgysylltu a chynnal deialog rheolaidd â CWVYS a'r Grŵp Cyfeirio ar gyfer Gwaith Ieuenctid. Cyfarfu swyddogion â Phrif Weithredwr a Chadeirydd CWVYS ym mis Rhagfyr 2015, a chafwyd cyfarfod pellach anffurfiol rhwng y swyddogion a'r Cadeirydd yn ystod y cyfnod pan oedd yr amcanion grant yn cael eu negodi. Ni thrafodwyd y trefniadau ariannu presennol sydd gennym â CWVYS, na threfniadau'r dyfodol, â'r Grŵp Cyfeirio ar gyfer Gwaith Ieuenctid na'r sector ehangach; ni fyddai hyn wedi bod yn briodol.

Mae arfer gorau yn golygu ei bod yn ofynnol i ni werthuso rhaglenni ariannu bob 3-5 mlynedd o leiaf. Mae ein dogfen Trydydd Sector yn nodi bod ymrwymiad arnom i roi'r cyfnod cyllid mwyaf pan fo'n bosibl, i leihau unrhyw gostau gweinyddu a gwella effeithlonrwydd y cyllid.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Nodwyd yn ein Strategaeth Gwaith Ieuenctid Cenedlaethol (2014-18) y byddai arian grant i CWVYS ar gael am ddwy flynedd o leiaf, ac yna y byddai'n cael ei adolygu yn unol â'r broses o ddatblygu cymorth i'r sector gwirfoddol ehangach. Mewn gwirionedd, mae'r arian wedi bod ar gael am dair blynedd. Felly, mae'n bryd i ni adolygu ac ystyried y ffordd fwyaf effeithiol o gyflawni ein hamcanion yn effeithlon ac yn gost effeithiol.

Mae'r dirwedd, o ran nifer ac amrywiaeth y rhanddeiliaid ac o ran ffrydiau cyllido ar draws y sector gwaith ieuenctid gwirfoddol yng Nghymru, yn gymhleth. Fy nymuniad yw symud at ddull symlach a mwy agored a hyblyg ar gyfer darparu cymorth priodol, cynrychiadol ac effeithiol i'r sector. Fel rhan o'r weledigaeth hon, mae angen i ni ailfeddwl y modd yr ydym yn ariannu'r cymorth hwn.

Fodd bynnag, yn sgil y sylwadau sydd wedi dod i law, rwy'n fodlon adolygu fy null gweithio ar gyfer hyn.

Felly, rwyf wedi gofyn i'm swyddogion wneud y newidiadau angenrheidiol i'r model cyllido er mwyn caniatáu digon o amser ar gyfer trafodaethau manylach ar gynllun gweithredu i helpu CWVYS i ddod yn hunan-gynhaliol fel sefydliad. Byddant hefyd yn dechrau mynd ati, mewn partneriaeth ac mewn ymgynghoriad â rhanddeiliaid perthnasol, i ystyried yr opsiynau ar gyfer darparu cymorth yn y dyfodol.

Heddiw, rwyf wedi ysgrifennu at CWVYS yn amlinellu fy null gweithio newydd. Rwy'n pwysleisio eto fy mod yn cefnogi'n llwyr rôl werthfawr gwaith ieuenctid yng Nghymru a'r gwaith hollbwysig y mae sefydliadau'r sector gwirfoddol yn ei wneud, ac edrychaf ymlaen at gwrdd â'r Grŵp Cyfeirio ar gyfer Gwaith Ieuenctid ym mis Rhagfyr. Yn y cyfamser, rwy'n bwriadu cwrdd â Phrif Weithredwr a Chadeirydd CWVYS i drafod sut allwn gydweithio'n effeithiol er budd sefydliadau gwirfoddol a bobl ifanc yng Nghymru.

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Yng nghyfarfod y Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg ar 2 Tachwedd, cytunais roi gwybod i'r Pwyllgor am gymorth ariannol i Chwarae Cymru yn y dyfodol.

Mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn credu'n gryf bod chwarae'n rhan bwysig iawn o fywydau plant a'i fod yn sicrhau manteision o ran eu hiechyd, eu hapusrwydd a'u lles. Rwy'n gwerthfawrogi'r ffaith bod Chwarae Cymru'n cefnogi Llywodraeth Cymru, yr awdurdodau lleol a'r sector chwarae wrth greu Cymru sy'n annog y cyfle i chwarae, er budd ein plant a'u teuluoedd.

Rydym wedi rhoi cyllid i Chwarae Cymru i gyflawni'r swyddogaeth honno ers sawl blwyddyn, ac rwy'n ystyried parhau i roi cymorth ariannol i'r sefydliad. Fodd bynnag, ni ellir gwneud ymrwymiad o ran hynny hyd nes i gyllideb Llywodraeth ar gyfer 2017-18 gael ei chytuno fis nesaf. Ond, gwnaf yn siŵr bod y Pwyllgor yn cael gwybod y newyddion diweddaraf am y mater hwn.

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