Health and Social Care Committee Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill SSW 33 - NSPCC Cymru

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Gruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

Cymdeithas Genedlaethol er Atal Creulondeb i Blant

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Dear Chair

The NSPCC Cymru/Wales would like to express its disappointment at not being given the opportunity to present oral evidence to the Health and Social Services Committee to support its scrutiny of the Social Services and Wellbeing Bill.

The NSPCC is the UK's leading children's charity specialising in child protection and has built up a wealth of knowledge and expertise based on research and evidence. NSPCC is the only named third sector organisation in the Children Act 1989, where it has authorised person status, and is named as a board member of LSCBs in Safeguarding Children: Working Together Under the Children Act 2004. (http://cymru.gov.uk/publications/circular/2007/1637402/?lang=en)

We will of course be submitting written evidence but this is not the same as allowing committee members to cross examine our experts to draw further upon their knowledge.

We hope there will be an opportunity to reconsider to ensure the committee is able to fully scrutinize the Bill in relation to Child Protection and Safeguarding in order to ensure Wales does not miss the opportunity to get this right for children and young people in Wales. We would also highlight the opportunity to draw on our knowledge to improve safeguarding outcomes for people of all ages.

Please contact <u>Vivienne.Laing@NSPCC.org.uk</u> if you feel we are able to contribute to the scrutiny process.

Kind regards

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