

**Children (Abolition of the Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill
Data Collection and Monitoring Task and Finish Group
Welsh Government, Treforest QED, 11 December 2019
Summary of Meeting**

1. Welcome and Introductions

Welsh Government (WG) welcomed attendees to the meeting.

2. Update on the Bill

WG gave an update on the Bill. It was agreed that WG would circulate the draft high level work-plan.

3. Update on other Task and Finish groups

WG gave an update on the work of the other Task and Finish groups.

4. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting of 19 September 2019 were agreed. It was agreed that WG would share correspondence to the Children, Young People and Education Committee regarding the issues encountered whilst attempting to estimate current numbers and costs of reports of parental physical punishment to social services, with the group once it was published.

5. Discussion of options for police data collection

WG presented options for data collection considered by the police. These options were developed following discussions at the previous meeting of the group, and during a workshop with data analysts from the four police forces.

There was a discussion on the relative pros and cons of the options, allowing the options to be narrowed down for further consideration. It was agreed that WG would draft an options paper for consideration by the Strategic Implementation Group (SIG), which would inform the next steps. The paper would be shared with the group, and with senior police and Police and Crime Commissioner representatives before being submitted to the SIG.

6. Discussion of the proposed social services metrics

There was a discussion on the proposed social services metrics to capture the data on referrals of physical punishment cases to social services. It was agreed they would be circulated to group members.

7. Next steps/ plan for future meetings

WG thanked the group for their time and for sharing their expertise. WG confirmed they would provide an update to the SIG on social services data collection.

The next meeting of the group would be scheduled for February 2020.