

Parenting Expert Action Group
17 October 2019 11am – 15.30pm
Angel Hotel, Cardiff
Summary of Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Welsh Government (WG) welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the co-chairs of the group.

2. Overview and update on the Bill

Bill Progress

The WG provided an overview and update on the current status of the Bill.

Communications update and Bill Explainer

The WG provided an update on the communications plan around raising awareness of the Bill, as well as informing the Group about the launch of the Bill's monthly newsletter. WG agreed to provide the Bill's newsletter sign up email and a link to the Bill's explainer video to the group.

It was commented that the www.learning.wales.nhs.uk could be a useful route for raising awareness of the legislation, and WG agreed to look into this.

Update on Implementation and Task and Finish Groups

WG provided an update on the work to date of the Strategic Implementation Group, and the other task and finish groups set up to support implementation of the legislation. It was agreed that WG would share the 'Public attitudes to physical punishment of children: baseline survey 2018' report; this research was commissioned by Welsh Government and carried out through the November 2018 Beaufort Wales omnibus survey, and is intended to provide a baseline for awareness levels, and attitudes in Wales towards the physical punishment of children. Data definitions and collection methodology relating to numbers of incidents reported to the police and social services would be considered in the Data Collection and Monitoring Task and Finish Group, allowing baseline information to be collected for those purposes.

3. Agree draft Terms of Reference

The draft Terms of Reference (ToR) was presented and a discussion took place, specifically around the name of the Group (which will now be called the Parenting Expert Action Group (PEAG)).

Purpose and Membership of the Group

A few changes to the Purpose of the Group were requested and additional representation for the Group were also identified. The rest of the paper was agreed in its entirety. It was agreed WG would amend ToRs and circulate along with the list

of representatives; and request additional representation from the organisations identified.

4. Afternoon Session - Key Discussion Points

The purpose of the afternoon session was for each table to discuss two areas of work – Expansion of *Parenting: Give it Time*, and Parenting Provision.

5. Feedback from workgroups

The Group reconvened following their discussions. A representative from each group provided feedback on some of the key points raised around the two areas of work. The feedback will be used to develop a detailed work plan for the Group to be discussed at the next meeting. Co-chairs for the group agreed to discuss items to be included in the work plan, and to circulate a draft work plan to the Group.

6 - Parenting Expert Advisory Group Meeting Dates

The dates for the PEAG meetings have been arranged for 2020 and will take place in the WG office in Cathays Park. WG will send out invitations for the meetings.

7. Closing remarks and AOB

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.