



Children in Wales Plant yng Nghymru

Annual report and accounts 2016-17



- Representing the sector
- Consulting with our members
- Expert training
- Participation for young people
- influencing policy and practice
- Developing strong networks
- Raising public and professional awareness
- Producing and disseminating information

Introduction

Children in Wales is the national umbrella organisation for voluntary, statutory and professional organisations and individuals who work with children, young people and families in Wales. Our aim is to promote the interests of these groups and take action to meet their needs by:

- Contributing to making children's rights a reality in Wales
- Fighting for sustainable quality services and fair shares for all children and young people
- Ensuring special attention and treatment for children in need and those who are marginalised
- Ensuring children and young people have a voice

Children in Wales is a membership organisation and provides a range of services designed to keep members informed of new developments and to facilitate joint responses. We are a registered charity and an independent, non-governmental organisation. We are also funded under the Children and Families Development Grant from the Welsh Government on a three year project to reduce inequalities in health, education and economic outcomes for children living in poverty, working under the following objectives:

- Informing and enabling children and young people to participate effectively and have their views heard by Ministers and policy makers
- Ensuring that the children and young people's workforce is informed of children's right to participate and for structures to be in place that facilitate the sharing of effective methods of participation
- Supporting a better informed and engaged multi agency cross sector workforce including policy makers and practitioners to deliver Welsh Government Policy
- Effectively influencing and contributing to policy and practice development with an emphasis on early intervention, prevention and mitigation of poverty, underpinned by Welsh Government strategic priorities

Children in Wales had a busy and productive year during 2016-2017, with our Young Wales initiative growing and developing and project working in the areas financial capability and social care, alongside our development work, networks, influencing and campaigning, and our information services to members.

It has been a year of change politically, and with new developments such as the vote to leave the European Union and a new National Assembly term, we have increased our efforts to ensure that children and young people have their say in the decisions that will affect their lives.

This report highlights the work we have done over the past year and we'd like to thank our members and all those we work with in the sector for your input.



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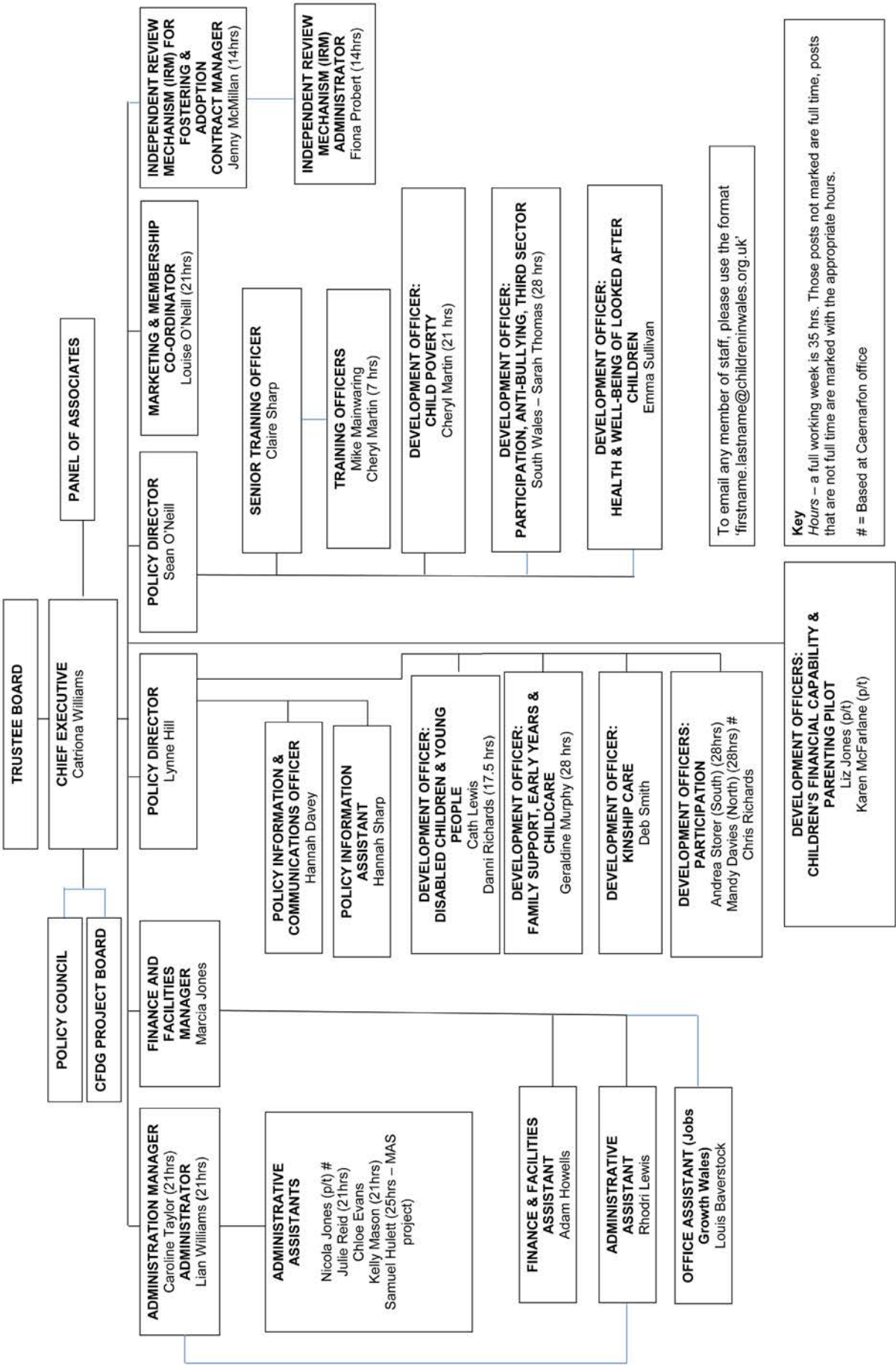
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CHILDREN IN WALES ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



Better connected children and young people

Young Wales is Children in Wales' participation initiative, funded under the Welsh Government's Children and Families Delivery Grant. During 2016-17, we established the Young People's Project Board who shape the work of Young Wales going forward. We work on the following priorities, identified as areas of importance and voted on by youth forum members at the start of the project.

Emotional Well-being and mental health

Mental health has always been one of Young Wales' priorities. Identified as a key priority by local youth forums, mental health and emotional well-being continues to be raised as an issue by young people. Young Wales. This theme feeds in to the Together for Children and Young People programme.

Young Wales has created a group looking at mental health. The Young Person's Emotional Well-being and Mental Health Group was established in October 2016. The Group aims to give young people opportunities to:

- Give their views on emotional well-being and mental health issues facing young people in Wales
- Get their opinions heard by Together for Children and Young People
- Get their ideas heard by Welsh Government on how to ensure well-being is at the heart of the new curriculum

The group met in December and January to discuss a new leaflet being developed by the Together for Children and Young People (T4CYP) Programme to help children understand what to expect if they are referred to CAMHS.

The Well-being of Future Generations

The Well-being of Future Generations has been identified as one of Young Wales' priorities for the year. This work looks at improving cultural, economic, environmental and social well-being in Wales and its sustainability long-term. Young Wales' work in this area will focus on climate change

30 young people from across Wales attended a meeting with Sophie Howe, the Future Generations Commissioner in early January. The Question and Answer allowed the Commissioner to update young

people on the Future Generations Act and the work she is planning, using the 7 wellbeing Goals and the 5 ways of working.

Anti-Bullying and hate crime

Anti-bullying continues to be a key priority for young people who identify bullying as a huge area of concern. Young people feel that more education and awareness is needed of the effects of bullying and stronger links between communities, community services and schools to best prevent bullying and tackle its effects.

Young Wales facilitates an Anti-Bullying Network which met throughout the year and aims to work together with the Preventing Bullying Behaviour Group at Welsh Government, and other organisations, to promote anti-bullying messages and a rights-based approach to anti-bullying work. The group developed a survey to support Anti-Bullying Week this year. Young Wales has also consulted with young people for the Welsh Government's review of the Respecting Others anti-bullying guidance.

Young Wales organised a free forum theatre workshop for young people. The production, called 'Real Human Being' focused on bullying and disability hate crime, including the role of the by-stander. The workshop was held to coincide with national anti-bullying week, which highlights issues in this area. Young Wales worked in partnership with Taking Flight Theatre Company and Atradius UK who sponsored the day.





Curriculum development

Young people have identified curriculum development as one of Young Wales' priorities. Domestic abuse and healthy relationships continue to have a strong focus in the Young Wales work programme, with specific links to the developments within the new curriculum and PSE.

Young Wales is a member of the strategic stakeholder sub group on Children and young people, ensuring young people's voices are heard in the development and implementation of the new curriculum. At the last meeting we identified that there is a need to ensure that the views and voices of the children and young people who are home schooled are included in discussions. Young Wales will support this work alongside one of the members of the Young Wales Project Board.

UNCRC

Young people continue to identify children's rights as a key priority in Young Wales' work. Specifically, young people feel that awareness and education around children's rights need to improve to ensure that all children and young people know about their rights and how to access them.

In May 2016, Young Wales attended a session in Geneva as part of the reporting process on children's rights, where the UK Government responded to issues raised in the evidence sessions. delegates from Merthyr Tydfil Youth Forum and Voices from Care Cymru were given the opportunity to give evidence directly to members of the Committee on a range of concerns for children and young people.

UK Youth Parliament

On 11 November 2016, Young Wales supported 18 Welsh Members of the UK Youth Parliament to take part in the annual Youth Parliament debate in the House of Commons Chamber. Ahead of the event, training and a mock debate were held to help prepare the young people for the day. 276 elected members of UK Youth Parliament (aged 11-18) from across the UK debated the top issues affecting young people, as voted on by young people at the event. Chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons, Rt Hon John Bercow MP, Members of Youth Parliament voted to campaign on votes at 16 and a curriculum for life in 2017.

Young Wales Annual Conference

Over 120 young people from across Wales joined us at our second Annual Conference held in Cardiff during half-term on Tuesday, 21 February 2017. The conference was planned and delivered by young people from the Young People's Project Board who shape and lead the work of Young Wales. Samuel Taylor and Fateha Ali chaired the event.

Approximately 50% of the young participants were from youth forums and councils from across Wales. All young people at the Conference had the opportunity to participate in four workshops throughout the day. In the afternoon, there was a video message from Carl Sargeant, AM and Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children, and a presentation by the Children's Commissioner for Wales.

Events

Young Wales participated in a number of events throughout the year, allowing us to work with other organisations and to gather the views on children and young people on topics we are working on. The events we have taken part in include:

- Youth excellence Awards 2016
- Urdd Eisteddfod 2016
- Eurochild Conference : Children's Rights Matter
- Keeping It Equal Conference
- National Eisteddfod 2016
- Black History Month
- Eurochild event to develop a participation strategy
- Pride Cymru

Better connected families and workforce



Children in Wales facilitates networks which bring professionals together to discuss policy and practice issues. Through these networks we inform members of new developments, share good practice and develop appropriate perspectives on policy developments.

Cywaith Management Board

Children in Wales chairs the Cywaith Management Board, a collaborative partnership of five organisations. Cywaith has responsibility for overseeing the management, operation and delivery of the MEIC information and support service for children and young people.

Advocacy Practice Exchange Group

The Advocacy Practice Exchange Group provides an opportunity for practitioners in the field to share practice, experience and knowledge about advocacy and related areas. It contributes to the improved development of advocacy practice across Wales.

All Wales Children and Young People's Advocacy Providers' Network

The All Wales Children and Young People's Advocacy

Providers' Network contributes to and supports the development of effective advocacy in Wales. It aims to promote partnership work and developmental strategies between organisations.

Third Sector Additional Needs Alliance (TSANA)

Children in Wales Chairs the Third Sector Additional Needs Alliance (TSANA). This is a group of voluntary organisations which seek to protect and promote the rights of children with additional needs in Wales. The aim of the group is to work with the National Assembly for Wales and Welsh Government to influence policy, to ensure that children with additional needs reach their full potential.

Forum for Integrated Service Delivery

The Forum for Integrated Service Delivery brings together professionals across Wales who are leading the development of the Team Around the Family, as part of the Welsh Government's Families First programme. The aim of the forum is to offer peer support to managers involved in developing local services.

Parenting Co-ordinators' Network

The Parenting Co-ordinators' Network is a network for those who have a strategic co-ordinating role for parenting support in their Local Authority. The quarterly meetings give co-ordinators a chance to share issues, solutions, research and policy with their colleagues.

Preventing Bullying Behaviour Group

Children in Wales' Preventing Bullying Behaviour Group aims to ensure that policies relating to the anti-bullying agenda, both in schools and communities, are evaluated and joined up. The group supports anti-bullying work nationally and locally. It also provides an opportunity to share practice and identify common concerns.

End Child Poverty Network Cymru

The End Child Poverty Network Cymru is a coalition of organisations concerned with child poverty. It was set up in November 2001 and works to increase public and professional understanding of child poverty in Wales and measures to end it. It lobbies for policies

at all levels of government which contribute to ending child poverty in Wales.

Flying Start Managers' Network

The Flying Start Network meets quarterly, bringing together the Flying Start Managers from the 22 Local Authorities. Additional meetings and workshops are also organised as needed. The Flying Start Network includes all managers of the programme in Local Authorities as well as Welsh Government managers.

Young Carers Workers' Network

The Young Carers Workers' Network is open to all those who work with young carers in Wales. The Network shares issues, concerns and supports the development of good practice. The Network also supports a young carers network who meet to identify key issues of concern and has the opportunity to present their concerns to the Deputy Minister for Social Services on an annual basis.



Influencing practice, policy development and research

Talk, Learn, Do: Parents, Kids and Money

Children in Wales facilitated a pilot study into financial capability called Talk, Learn, Do: Parents, Kids and Money. The project started in October 2015 and was led by the Money Advice Service, Children in Wales and other partners.

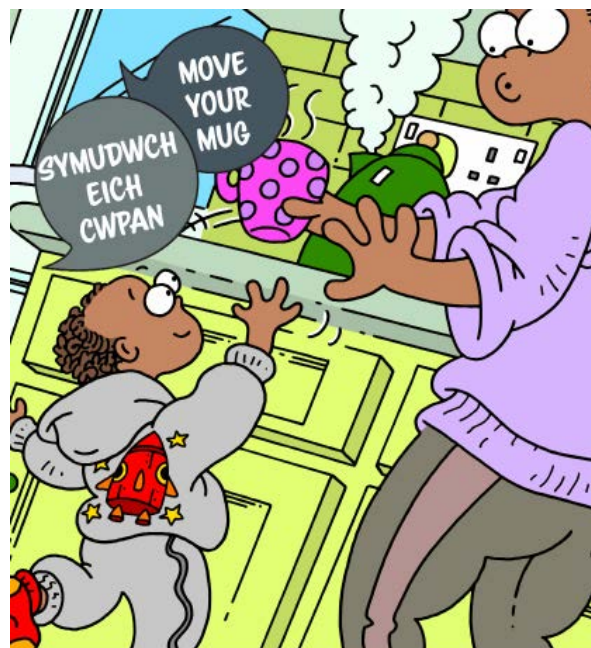
Direct delivery of Talk, Learn Do ended in April 2017 along with the coordination of the project by Children in Wales. To celebrate the work of practitioners who delivered the programme they organised two events during March in Cardiff and Wrexham.

The Money Advice Service has agreed to let partners deliver further Talk, Learn, Do sessions during the summer term 2017, and make the session materials available between now and the end of the impact evaluation in 2018.

The Money Advice Service will continue to work closely with delivery partners and look towards securing a legacy by using feedback from the back to feed into the National Advice Network, promote resources developed for the pilot project, and support financial capability as part of parenting programmes where it is most needed.

Getting More Involved in Social Care project

The Getting More Involved in Social Care project is a new initiative being developed by Children in



- ✓ Gwnewch yn siŵr na all eich plentyn chrafangia neu gyrraedd eich paned
- ✓ Make sure your child can't grab or reach your cuppa
- ✓ Cadwch eich diod poeth allan o gyrraedd plant
- ✓ Keep your hot drink out of reach of children



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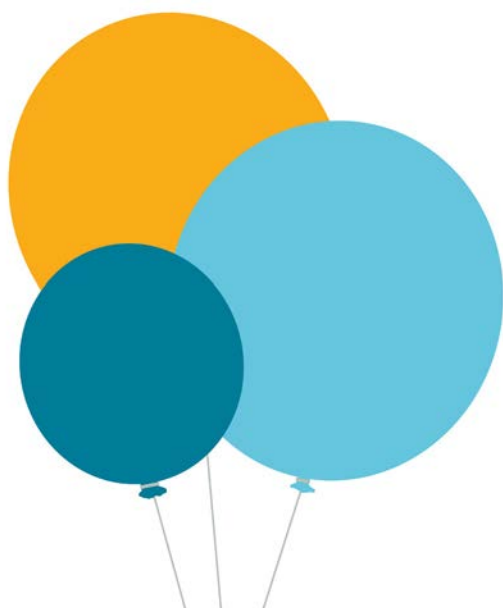
Wales. It is a three year project funded by Welsh Government, looking at supporting the health and well-being of looked after children, disabled children and young people and kinship carers.

The project started in April 2016. Children in Wales is working with looked after children, disabled children and kinship carers to produce online guides that will inform young people of their rights under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and to bring groups together for mutual support and learning.

Keep Kids Safe 2017

Children in Wales, in partnership with Public Health Wales, developed a new child safety toolkit for 2017. Aimed at reducing unintentional injuries in the under 5s, this exciting new toolkit provides your organisation and practitioners with all of the resources needed to deliver a whole year of child safety information and advice to parents.

The Keep Kids Safe toolkit was developed to address the needs of practitioners, who stated: "We know we should do something, but we haven't got the time



additional needs can access the support they need to reach their full potential. This included meeting with Welsh Government officials to help shape the development of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (wales) Bill.

Refresh of the Participation Standards for Wales

Children in Wales worked with Youth Forum participation workers to create a refreshed version of the Welsh Government's Participation Standards, which set out the key areas that professionals and organisations should be aware of when working with children and young people in Wales. The refreshed standards were published in November 2017.

Youth Forum Participation workers and Young Wales worked on revising the standards in line with ideas and insight collected during consultation with young people across the country. The seven standards link clearly to the Children's Rights agenda in Wales.

Children with Additional Learning Needs

Organisations working with children and young people will be encouraged to undertake the self-assessment process to demonstrate they meet the Participation Standards in all their work with children and young people.

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Influencing practice and policy development: Representation

Children in Wales is represented on a number of groups across Wales and the UK. This allows us to feed into policy development and practice.

During 2016-17, we were involved in the following groups:

Welsh Government

- All Wales Posture and Mobility Partnership Board
- Anti-bullying Leadership Group
- CAF/CASS Cymru Stakeholder Advisory Group
- CAMHS Delivery Advisory Group
- Children's Residential Care Task and Finish Group
- Children's Rights Advisory Group
- Council of Wales Alliance of Citizen Directed Support
- Early Years and Childcare Workforce Network
- Effective Services for Vulnerable Children Delivery Board
- Financial Inclusion Stakeholder Advisory Group
- Improving Outcomes from Children Ministerial Advisory Group
- Local Authority Performance Measurement Framework - Task and Finish Group
- New improvement framework and new accord steering group – social services
- Public Services events
- Social Services Partnership Forum
- Social Services Strategic Leadership Board
- Social Services National Outcomes Framework Task Group
- Social Services Regulation and Inspection Task Groups
- Social Services - Strong and Professional Delivery team
- Social Care Accolades CARE Council for Wales
- Substance Misuse Advisory Board
- Talk Care Stakeholder Group – Development of an NHS Outcome Framework
- Tackling Poverty External Advisory Group
- Third Sector Partnership Council and related meetings
- Third Sector Partnership Council Funding and Compliance Group
- Safeguarding and Protection Advisory Network
- When I am Ready – In Residential Care Task Group

National Assembly for Wales

- Cross Party Group on Disability
- Climate Change Stakeholder Committee
- Cross Party Group on Fuel Poverty
- Cross Party Group on Looked After Children

UK

- Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission
- End Child Poverty UK
- End Child Poverty Management Board

Statutory Sector

- All Wales Child Protection Procedures Review Group

Academic

- Building Blocks Independent Data Monitoring Committee (Family Nurse Evaluation)
- DECIPHER (Development and Evaluation of Complex Intervention for Public Health Improvement)
- Public Involvement Steering Group

Health

- CAMHS Action
- Planning Group
- Child Measurement Programme Steering Group
- NLI/AH (National Leadership and Innovation Agency for Healthcare) Stakeholder Reference Group
- Paediatrics & Child Health National Specialist Advisory Group (NSAG)
- Wales Public Health Alliance

Multi agency/sector

- All Wales Disability Network Managers Meeting
- All Wales Family Group Meeting Network
- Booktrust Advisory Group
- Flying Start Outcomes Measure Framework
- Food Poverty Alliance
- Fuel Poverty Coalition Group
- Money Advice Service Wales Forum
- National Childhood Poisonings Steering Group
- National Child Death Review Steering Group and Thematic Review Groups
- North Wales Participation Workers meeting
- SEN Statutory reform SEN Multi agency group

- Vale of Glamorgan LSCB - children's rights in safeguarding
- Care Council for Wales Improvement Task and Finish Group
- Care Council for Wales Strategic Advisory Group
- Confidence in Care Steering Group
- Voices from Care Policy Forum
- Wales Alliance for Global Education
- Wales NHS Confederation Policy Forum

Third Sector

- Carers Alliance (core contributor)
- Children are Unbeatable
- Council of Wales Alliance of Citizen Directed Support
- Equality and Human Rights Coalition
- Fuel Poverty Forum - South Wales
- Fuel Poverty Forum - North Wales
- LDAN Stakeholder group
- NEA Cymru Advisory Group
- North Wales Financial Capability Forum
- Play Wales Board of Trustees
- TSANA (Chair)

- UK Qualifications and Skills Community Learning and Development Constituency Panel
- Vision for Looked after Children 2016-17 Task Group
- Voices from Care Board and F&HR Committee
- Wales Council for Citizen Directed Support
- Wales Tobacco Control Alliance
- Welsh Refugee Coalition
- WCVA Alliance of Alliances
- WCVA Executive Committee
- WCVA Board
- Welsh Refugee Coalition
- ROCK Children's Rights Coalition

International

- Eurochild National Partners Network
- European Child Safety Alliance Steering Group
- International Forum for Child Welfare Executive Committee



Influencing practice and, policy development: Consultation



Children in Wales produces consultation responses on behalf of our members. During 2016-2017, Children in Wales responded to the following consultations.

Welsh Government: Phase 1 implementation of the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016

- Written response

National Assembly for Wales Children, Young People and Education Committee – Inquiry into Youth Work

- Written evidence
- Oral evidence

National Assembly for Wales Children, Young People and Education Committee – Forward work programme and priorities

- Written evidence (from Children in Wales)
- Written evidence (from Children & Young People's Advocacy Providers Group)
- Written evidence (Third Sector Additional Needs Alliance)

National Assembly for Wales Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee – Forward work programme and priorities

- Written evidence (from Children in Wales)
- Written evidence (from End Child Poverty Network Cymru)

National Assembly for Wales Equality Health, Social Care and Sport Committee – Forward work programme and priorities

- Written evidence (from Children in Wales)
- Written evidence (from End Child Poverty Network Cymru)

United Nations Universal Periodic Review

- Written response from UNCRC Monitoring Group, Together Scotland and the CRAE

Westminster European Scrutiny Committee – inquiry into 'Brexit'

- Input for a Joint GB response

National Assembly for Wales consultation: Children, Young People and Education Committee – Inquiry into Statutory Advocacy

- Written evidence
- Oral evidence

National Assembly for Wales consultation: Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee – Inquiry into Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Migrants

- Written evidence
- Oral evidence

Welsh Government: Consultation on a future demand-led fuel poverty scheme to succeed Welsh Government Warm Homes – Nest

- Written evidence

National Assembly for Wales consultation: Donaldson Review

- Written response

National Assembly for Wales consultation: Consultation on the implications for Wales of Britain exiting the European Union

- Written evidence

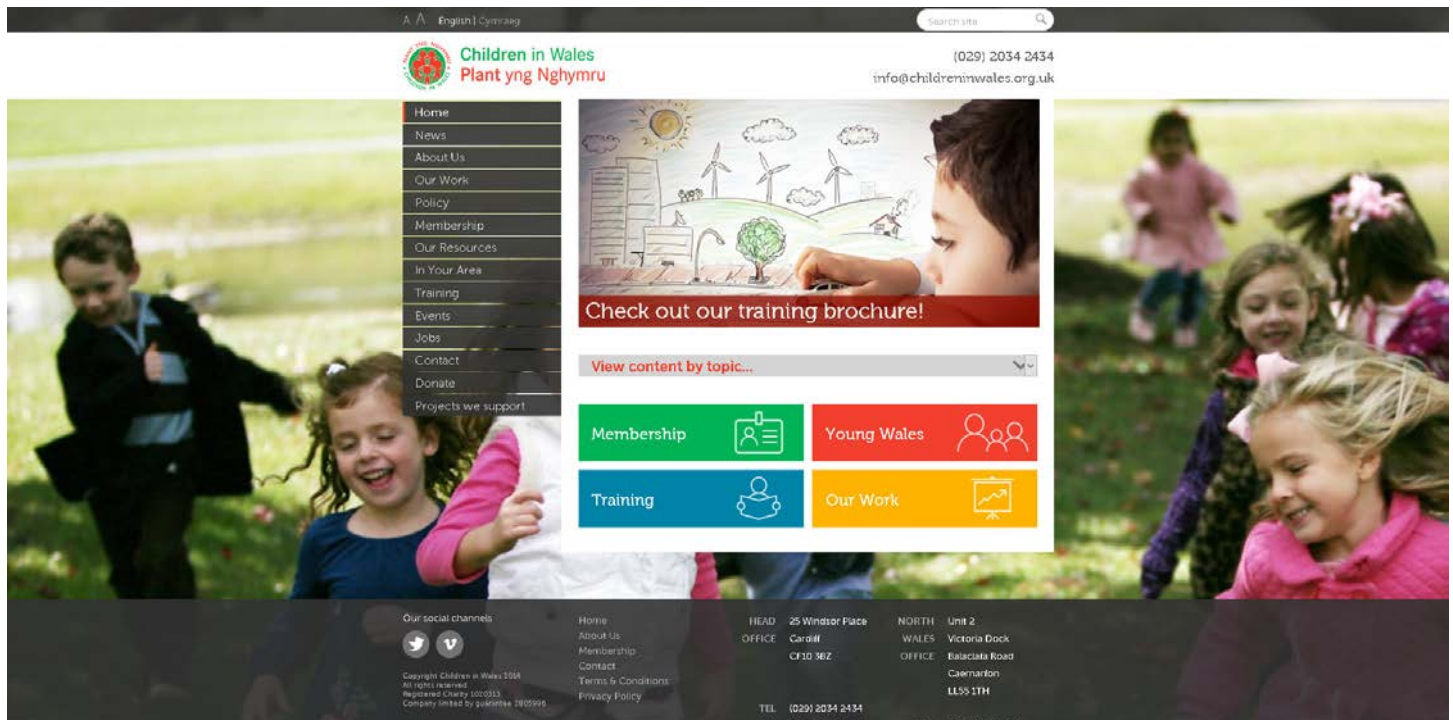
Welsh Government consultation: The first 1000 days

- Written response

Student support funding for students ordinarily resident in Wales

- Written response

Better informed children, young people, families and workforce



Children in Wales website

The Children in Wales website, www.childreninwales.org.uk, provides our members and the wider children's sector with news and information about developments in the children's sector. The policy section of the website contains updates on legislation and other developments affecting children and young people in Wales and the UK.

Young Wales website

The Young Wales website, www.youngwales.wales, supports our participation work. It is a hub of information on the work being undertaken by youth forums, schools, partner organisations and individuals. The website also allows us to share information on Young Wales' work and opportunities for young people to get involved and have their voices heard.

Children in Wales magazine

Children in Wales' magazine is published on a quarterly basis. It provides a round-up of the policy developments from the National Assembly for Wales and the UK Parliament, as well as the latest news from Children in Wales and our members. It contains in-depth features and interviews on important topics and regular columns from the Children's Commissioner for Wales and MEIC Cymru.



Briefing papers

Children in Wales prepares and distributes briefings on specific topics for our members. These give more detailed information on laws and policies.

During 2016-17, we wrote briefings on the work of the Fifth Assembly, and *Taking Wales Forward*, the Welsh Government's Programme for Government.

E-briefing services

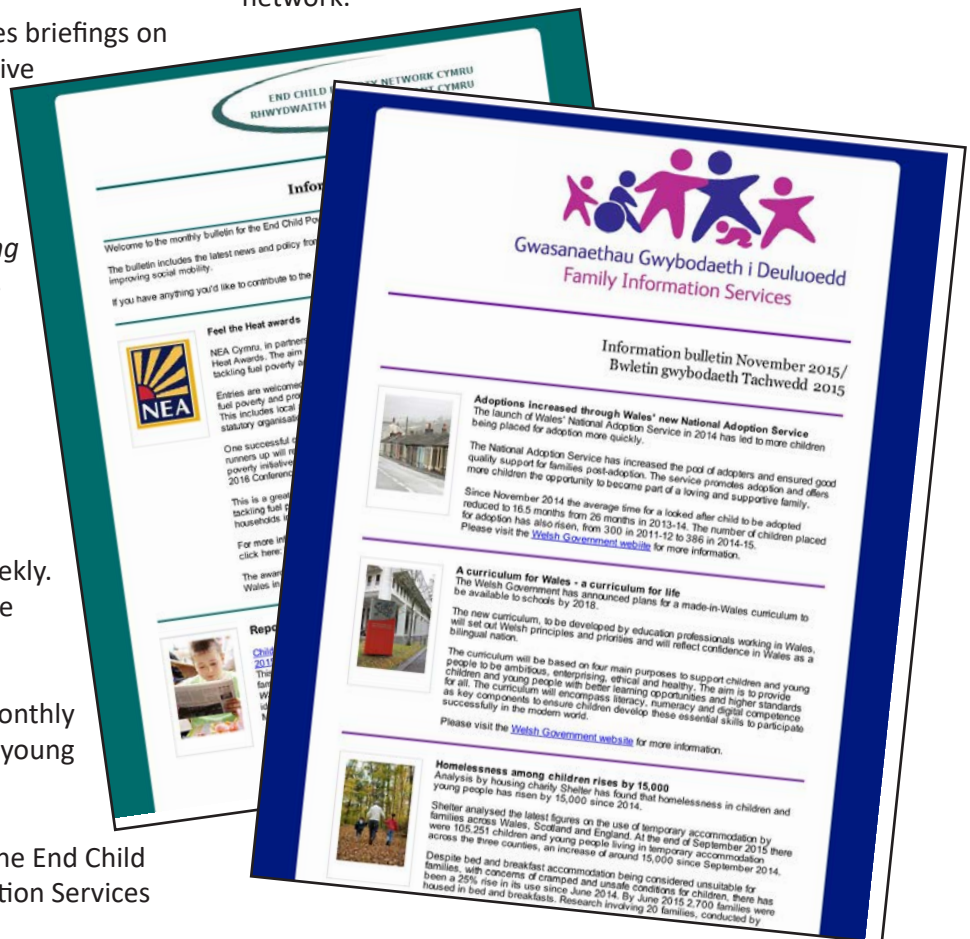
Children in Wales produces a number of electronic briefings for our members and networks.

Our members' e-briefing is circulated weekly. It keeps our members up-to-date with the latest policy developments and news.

The Young Wales newsletter is sent out monthly with the latest news and information for young people and participation workers.

We also produce regular e-briefings for the End Child Poverty Network and the Family Information Services

network.



The fourth National Assembly for Wales: Work undertaken affecting children, young people and families

This briefing has been prepared by Children in Wales to give an overview of the work of the Welsh Government and the National Assembly for Wales during the 2011-2016 term, affecting children, young people and families.

The paper gives a summary of:

- Key legislation passed by the Assembly passed during the 2011-16 Assembly term
- Key policies published by the Welsh Government during the Assembly term
- The work of National Assembly Committees working on issues relating to children, young people and families in the fourth Assembly, including inquiries undertaken.



Legislation

Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016

The Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 received Royal Assent on 18 January 2016. This Act from the National Assembly for Wales makes provision for the registration and regulation of persons providing social care services, including residential family centre services, adoption services, fostering services and advocacy services.

The Act also renames the Care Council for Wales as Social Care Wales, which will provide advice and assistance to persons providing services involving care and support in terms of registration, regulation and training of social care workers.

Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015

The Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 received Royal Assent on 29 April 2015. The aims of the Act are to improve arrangements for the prevention of gender-based violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence; to improve arrangements and support for the protection of victims; and to create the post of National Adviser on gender-based violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence.

The Act places a duty on Welsh Ministers to publish and implement a national strategy for tackling violence against women, and a duty on local authorities to produce and implement local strategies. It also contains provisions on measuring performance under the Act, and on new powers to implement regulations on information for educational purposes.

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act received Royal Assent on 29 April 2015. The Act requires public bodies to actively pursue environmental, social, cultural and economic sustainability.

The Act contains provisions duties on well-being goals

and objectives. It sets goals for well-being in the present and future, and also set out how public authorities will show they are working towards those goals. The Act puts Public Service Boards on a statutory footing and simplifies requirements for integrated community planning.

The Act also establishes the office of the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, who will support the Welsh Government and Welsh public authorities in meeting these goals and advocate for future generations.

Higher Education (Wales) Act 2015

The Higher Education (Wales) Act received Royal Assent on 12 March 2015. It makes provision on fees and access plans for Higher Education, and also assessment and quality of education in Higher Education.

The Act also introduces a duty to prepare and publication a code on the financial affairs of Higher Education establishments.

Qualifications Wales Act 2015

The Qualifications Wales Act received Royal Assent on 5 August 2015. The Act establishes a new body, Qualifications Wales, to be the independent regulatory body for non-degree qualifications in Wales.

This is intended to address weakness in the current system, by ensuring that one organisation takes responsibility for qualifications; giving powers to prioritise qualifications and to ensure that students across Wales take the same qualification; and providing more capacity for strategic development of qualifications.

The Act provides Qualifications Wales with the following aims:

- Ensuring that qualifications, and the Welsh qualification system, are effective for meeting the reasonable needs of learners in Wales
- Promoting public confidence in qualifications and in the Welsh qualification system.

Social media

Children in Wales uses Twitter to promote our activities and resources, as well as new policy and documents using our accounts, @childreninwales and @plantyngnghymru. At the end of March 2017 we had 4796 followers in English and 625 in Welsh.

Our Young Wales account, @youngwalesCIW, has 1514 followers. We also have a Facebook page which can be found at Facebook.com/Young-Wales-Cymru-lfanc.

Help desk and signposting services

Children in Wales has an information and signposting service for members of the public and professionals in the children's sector. During 2015-16 we gave advice on a broad range of issues including advocacy services, childcare provision and accessing the Flying Start programme, child protection, parenting, and contact issues.

Conferences and events



Children in Wales holds conferences and events during the year to keep delegates up to date with the latest develops, and provide opportunities for information exchange and networking.

During 2015/16 Children in Wales held the following events:

Pre-election Hustings event for the children, young people and families' sector, 13 April 2016, Cardiff

This hustings event involved a panel of politicians from different parties, who gave a short speech and were asked questions from the audience.

Safeguarding Children from Adversity, 25 May 2016, Cardiff

Participants at this conference explored a range of issues that make children and young people vulnerable in our society.

Children in Wales Seminar Addressing the Health Agenda in the Early Years, 18 May 2016, Cardiff

Following our successful half-day seminar in February 2016, this practical seminar on the early years focused on the public health agenda.

Children's rights and participation – What does it mean these days? 15 Jun 2016, Carmarthen

This conference looked at the challenges facing those who are developing participative practice, and showcased examples of innovative practice.

Annual forum at the National Eisteddfod, 3 August 2016, Monmouthshire

This year, our annual forum speech was given by Mark Drakeford AM, Cabinet secretary for Finance and Local Government. This was an update on the implementation of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the effects for Wales' children and young people.

Annual Round Table conference: Taking forward the Agenda for Children, Young People & Families in Wales, 21 September 2016, Cardiff

Our annual conference informed policy makers and practitioners and cast a spotlight on the differing policy and practice themes that affect children, young people and families in Wales.

Children in Wales Preventing Bullying Behaviour Group – Bullying is... anyone going to care? 6 October 2016, Cardiff

Our anti-bully event gave attendees the chance to tell us about their thoughts on how to improve anti-bullying work across Wales.

Involving the Third Sector in Improving Emotional Well Being and Mental Health of Children and Young People in Wales, 21 October 2016, Cardiff and 27 October 2016, Conwy

This event helped third sector organisations to understand the Together for Children and Young People (T4CYP) Programme, and gave delegates the chance to tell us about concerns and issues that organisations are facing in working to improve mental and emotional health.

Children in Wales Seminar ‘Reforming the Additional Learning Needs Framework in Wales’, 16 November 2016, Cardiff

This conference looked at Additional Learning Needs reform in Wales, ahead of the introduction of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Bill.



“I really enjoyed the talks and workshops, it re-lit passions and reasons why I enjoyed working in Flying Start with parents and their children.”
-Delegate at our Parenting conference.

Resilient Communities and the third sector, 18 January 2017, Cardiff

Following the announcement from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children regarding a new approach to building resilient communities, this conference looked at the role of the third sector going forward.

Parenting Conference 2017, 15 February 2017, Cardiff

This conference focused on how to develop the skills of the people who work to support parents and carers.

Young Wales Annual Conference, 21 February 2017, Cardiff

The Young Wales Annual conference was developed and run by the Young People’s Project Board which shapes Young Wales’ work. It was a chance for everyone attending to learn more about young people’s priorities including mental health, bullying, climate change and education.

The Family Information Services Conference, 15 March 2017, Cardiff

This conference looked at the current developments that will shape Family Information Services in the coming year including Adverse Childhood Experiences, the development of Children’s Zones, the roll out of childcare services and recent developments in parenting support.

Training



Children in Wales provides multi-disciplinary training courses which aim to promote an integrated approach for all those working in the statutory, third and independent sectors. The courses draw on the resources of our own specialist staff team, and a national network of expert individuals and organisations, to deliver high quality training events at a variety of venues across Wales. Our training courses are aimed at people working in Wales, and reflect the Welsh context.

Open training

During 2016-17, Children in Wales ran a comprehensive programme of 78 open training courses. Our training programme featured an ambitious range of topics, including safeguarding, child sexual exploitation, putting participation into practice, reducing home accidents in the early years, cultural awareness in safeguarding, harmful traditional practices, working with young LGBTQ people and motivational interviewing. The full list of open training courses is listed on the training archive of our website, <http://www.childreninwales.org.uk/our-training/training-archive/>.

Accreditation

We are able to offer accredited training courses on a range of topics with Agored Cymru as our awarding body. We continue to receive excellent reports from Agored Cymru with the Quality Reviewers noting::

“The centre contact continues to manage an effective and robust internal quality assurance system. All suggestions for improvement have been implemented since the 2014-15 EQA and consequently there are no required actions for 2016-17.

The QM has every confidence that this centre will continue to deliver a high quality provision.

Feedback from the assessor is positive, encouraging, developmental and constructive where relevant. The judgments of the assessor are sound.”

Commissioned training

Children in Wales provides commissioned training for organisations wanting a course that is tailored to their needs.



Core topics that Children in Wales provide training on include child protection at different levels ranging from basic 'awareness raising' to courses aimed at those providing a Designated Person role. Other popular courses are Cultural Awareness, Children's Rights and Participation, Building Resilience in Young People, and E-Safety. We also develop more bespoke training if the topic required is not on our standard programme. We provided 82 commissioned training courses during 2016-17.

Child protection training for dental practitioners

Children in Wales continues the successful programme to deliver child protection training to all staff within dental practices and at Post-graduate Centres in Wales. We are contracted to provide Level 2 Child Protection training for the Wales Deanery for Post-graduate Education for Dentists. We delivered 55 child protection training sessions to dental practitioners across Wales between April 2016 and March 2017.

Child and Family Delivery Grant - Welsh Government

Under this Welsh Government grant the training team delivered 8 free sessions across Wales to increase awareness and skills in participative techniques when working with children and young people.

In addition, we delivered four free sessions called The Bigger Picture exploring child and family policy and legislation. These multi-agency workshops were aimed at supporting a range of organisations to have greater understanding of how their work fits into the wider policy context evolving in Wales.

*"Really useful information for working with refugee and asylum seeking families and children."
-Delegate, What matters to children and young people conversations training*

Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act

Children in Wales delivered five training sessions for local authorities on the social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act, along with two sessions for Family Information Services.

Soft Outcomes and Distance Measured

Children in Wales delivered three sessions of training on soft outcomes and distance measured for the Welsh Council for Voluntary Action between October-December 2016.



Governance

Trustee Board

The Trustee Board deals with the finance and governance of the organisation and consists of up to 12 members. Nine of these members are elected and a further three are appointees.

Trustees serve a minimum of two terms of three years and can be either re-elected at the end of their first term of office.

The members of the Trustee Board during 2016-17 were:

- Dr Dave Williams, Aneurin Bevan Health Board (Chair since October 16)
- Ann Shabbaz, Hafan Saff Cyf
- Hannah Williams, Ty Hafan Family Hospice
- Jane Newby, University of South Wales
- Kara Williams (Treasurer)
- Mike Greenaway (until October 16)
- Emeritus Professor Jo Sibert (until March 17)
- Professor David Egan, University of Wales Trinity Saint David
- Professor Jonathan Scourfield, Cardiff School of Social Sciences
- Sarah Jones, Public Health Wales
- Sarah Crawley, Barnardo's Cymru
- Mike Shooter, (from October 16)
- Diane Daniels, Tros Gynnal Plant (from October 16)
- Nia John, Cardiff and Vale UHB (from March 17)

Policy Council

Children in Wales has a Policy Council which makes recommendations about children and young people's policy issues to the Trustee Board and help to shape the priorities and work of the organisation. Trustees of Children in Wales also automatically become members of the Policy Council.

Representative Body (appointed, up to 10 members)

- ACPO
- ADEW (represented by Pierre Bernhard Grout, WLGA)
- ADSS (represented by Leighton Rees, Denbighshire County Borough Council)
- NHS Confederation
- Public Health Wales (represented by Rachel Shaw)

- Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health in Wales (represented by Dr Nia John)
- WLGA (represented by Stewart Blythe, Joanna Davies & Catherine Davies, WLGA)

Elected Members

- Brigitte Gater, Action for Children Gweithredus Blant
- Cherrie Bija, Swansea & Brecon Diocesan Board for Social Responsibility
- Deborah Jones, Voices from Care (Cymru)
- Des Mannion, NSPCC Cymru
- Diane Daniel, Tros Gynnal Plant
- Dr Elspeth Webb
- Dr Susan Evans, Bangor University & Powys Teaching Health Board
- Gwilym Roberts, Relate Cymru
- John Gallanders, AVOW
- Carl Cooper, PAVO
- Mary Powell-Chandler, Save the Children
- Paul Glaze, CWVYS
- Uzo Iwobi, Race Council Cymru
- Helen Mary Jones, Youth Cymru
- Lynne Osborne, YMCA Wales Community College

Trustee Board members

- Dr Dave Williams, Aneurin Bevan Health Board (Chair)
- Kara Williams (Treasurer)
- Ann Shabbaz, Hafan Saff Cyf
- Emeritus Professor Jo Sibert
- Hannah Williams, Ty Hafan Family Hospice
- Jane Newby, University of South Wales (from Oct 2015)
- Mike Greenaway, Play Wales
- Professor David Egan, University of Wales Trinity Saint David
- Professor Jonathan Scourfield, Cardiff School of Social Sciences
- Sarah Jones, Public Health Wales
- Yvonne Rodgers, Barnardo's Cymru

Observers

- CAFcass Cymru
- Welsh Government
- Children's Commissioner for Wales
- Big Lottery
- Youth Justice Board

Membership

Children in Wales' runs a membership scheme for individuals and organisations who are interested in improving the lives of children, young people and families in Wales.

Our members come from the third, statutory and private sectors and include local authorities, health boards, third sector organisations, university departments, schools, nurseries, family centres and individuals.

During 2016-17, Children in Wales had 276 members, which included 196 organisations and 80 individual members.

An additional 16 individuals from organisations who are already our members signed up for supplementary membership.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our members for your ongoing support.

Organisational Members 2016/17

- Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board
- Aberystwyth University
- Action for Children
- Actus Education Cymru
- AFASIC Cymru
- Amelia Trust Farm
- Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales
- Aneurin Bevan Health Board
- Anglesey Council - Flying Start
- Arad Consulting
- Arthritis Care Wales
- ASH Wales (Action on Smoking & Health in Wales)
- Association of Voluntary Organisation in Wrexham
- Atal y Fro
- Bangor & District Women's Aid
- Barnardo's Cymru
- BBC Children in Need
- Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board - Wrexham
- Bettws Lifehouse
- Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council - FIS
- Bobath Children's Therapy Centre
- Booktrust Cymru
- Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO)
- Buttle UK
- Caerphilly County Borough Council
- Caerphilly Parent Network
- CAFCASS Cymru
- Calan DVS
- Campfire Cymru
 - Canal & River Trust



- Canolfan Plant Jig-So Children's Centre
- CAPIC (Collaboration for Accident Prevention Injury Control)
- Cardiff & Vale University Health Board - Cardiff
- Cardiff Council
- Cardiff Metropolitan University
- Cardiff Third Sector Council (C3SC)
- Cardiff University - Disability Service
- Cardiff Women's Aid
- Cardiff YMCA
- Carmarthen Domestic Abuse Service (CDAS)
- Carmarthenshire County Council
- Carmarthenshire Youth and Children's Association (CYCA)
- CaST Cymru
- CCPAS
- Ceredigion County Council
- Changing Faces
- Children's Early Intervention Trust
- Citizens Advice Cymru
- City & County of Swansea - Prevention & Early Intervention
- City & County of Swansea - Staff Development & Training Unit
- Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs
- Coleg Cambria
- Coleg y Cymoedd
- Compass Children's Homes
- Contact a Family Cymru
- Conwy County Borough Council - Youth Service
- Conwy County Borough Council - Rural Families First
- Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services (CWVYS)

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- Cruse Bereavement Care Cymru
 - Cylch Meithrin Clydach
 - Dangerpoint
 - Denbighshire County Council - Flying Start
 - Denbighshire County Council - The Oaktree Centre
 - Denbighshire County Council FIS
 - DEWIS Ltd
 - Digartref
 - Discovery Student Volunteering Swansea
 - Duffryn Community Link
 - Dyfodol Powys Futures
 - Dynamix Ltd
 - Elevate
 - Family Fund
 - Family Matters Mediation Ltd
 - Family Psychology Solutions CIC
 - First Campus (Reaching Wider Partnership)
 - Flintshire County Council - Creche Service
 - FNF Both Parents Matter Cymru
 - Foster Care Associates
 - Fostering Network Wales
 - Fostering Outcomes
 - FPA
 - Full Circle Education Solutions CIC
 - Genus Care Ltd
 - Gower College Swansea
 - GroBrain
 - Grwp Cynefin
 - Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations (GAVO)
 - Gwysrodd Primary School
 - Hafal
 - Hafan Cymru
 - Hafan Saff Cyf
 - Health Matters Education
 - Home Start
 - Iaith Cyf / TWF
 - Keys Fostering
 - Landsker Child Care
 - Learning Disability Wales
 - Literature Wales
 - Llamau Ltd
 - Llwynhendy Children's Centre
 - Lylac Ridge
 - MENCAP Cymru
 - Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
 - Mirus Wales
 - National Deaf Children's Society
 - Neath Port Talbot CBC - Play Development
 - Neath Port Talbot Children's Rights Unit
 - Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council - Training & Development (Children's Services)
 - Neath Port Talbot CVS
 - Newport City Council
 - Newport Mind
 - Newydd Housing Association
 - North Wales Deaf Association
 - NPTC Group
 - NSPCC
 - NYAS
 - Panel Diogelwch Cydenwadol / Interdenominational Protection
 - Pathway Care
 - Pembrokeshire County Council
 - Penygarn Community Primary School
 - People and Work Unit
 - Plant Dewi
 - Play Wales
 - Pontypridd Children's Contact Centre
 - Powys Carers Service
 - Powys County Council
 - Practice Solutions
 - Prifysgol Bangor University
 - ProMo-Cymru
 - Public Health Wales
 - Race Council Cymru
 - RAY Ceredigion
 - Reach
 - Relate Cymru
 - Right From The Start (Caerphilly)
 - RNIB Cymru
 - Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health
 - Rydal Penrhos Prep School
 - Safe Families for Children Wales
 - Save the Children
 - Schoolhouse Daycare Ltd
 - Scope Wales
 - SENSE Cymru
 - Skybound Therapies
 - SNAP Cymru
 - South Riverside Community Development Centre
 - South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
 - St David's Children Society
 - St David's College
 - St John Cymru Wales
 - St Thomas Sunflowers Flying Start
 - STAR Communities First
 - Sttaps
 - Supported Fostering Service
 - Swansea & Brecon Diocesan Board for Social Responsibility
 - TACT Cymru
 - Taff Housing Association
 - The Owl and Pussycat Nursery
 - The Place2Be
 - The Venture
 - The Windfall Centre
 - Toadhall Montessori Nursery and Creche
 - Torfaen County Borough Council
 - Trinity Fields School & Resource Centre
 - Tros Gynnal Plant
 - TSW Training Ltd
 - Ty Hafan
 - UCAC (Undeb Cenedlaethol Athrawon Cymru)
 - UNICEF UK
 - United Reformed Church, National Synod of Wales
 - University of Wales: Trinity Saint David
 - Vale of Glamorgan Council - Children's Partnership
 - Vale of Glamorgan Council - Flying Start

- Valleys Kids
- Voice
- Voices from Care (Cymru)
- Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil
- Volunteering Matters
- Wales Council for Deaf People
- Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)
- Welsh Refugee Council
- Welsh Women's Aid
- West Park Primary School
- Whizz Kidz
- Wise Kids
- Wrexham Citizens Advice Bureau
- Wrexham County Borough Council
- Wye Valley Mediation
- Y Bont
- Y Bont - Cartref Bontnewydd
- Youth Cymru
- Ysgol Gyfun Gwynllyw
- Ysgol Gymraeg Melin Gruffydd
- Ysgol Maesincla
- Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones
- Ysgol y Wern

Individual Members 2016/17

- Ms Ann Sherlock
- Ms Ann Bell
- Mr Andy Chick
- Dr Anne Crowley
- Prof Jonathan Scourfield
- Mrs Catherine Slade
- Ms Catherine Thomas
- Mr Paul Hopkins QC
- Ms Ann Williams
- Dr Mike Shooter CBE
- Mr Roger Bishop
- Cllr Christine Walby OBE
- Mrs Claire Mitchell
- Mrs Clare McDonald
- Mrs Diane Daniel
- Ms Donna Paton
- Dr Sarah Jones
- Ms Fiona MacLeod
- Ms Kerry Kane
- Mr Ian Sherwood
- Mrs Glenys Benford-Lewis
- Mrs Lindy Duncalf
- Mr Martin Price
- Mrs Jan Berry
- Mrs Jane Newby
- Ms Jan Owen
- Mr John Harris
- Mr John Valentine Williams OBE
- Ms Jude Hills
- Dr Julie Doughty
- Ms Kara Williams
- Mrs Kathryn Hemmings
- Ms Kathy Cook

- Miss Kelly Corcoran
- Ms Kristen Osmundsen
- Mrs Lauren Lincez
- Mrs Lesley Conran
- Ms Lisa Payne
- Ms Liz Raynor
- Ms Louise Hall
- Ms Margaret Hanney MBE
- Mr Matthew Underhill
- Mrs Megan Harvey
- Mr Merfyn Roberts
- Ms Mina McElwain
- Mr Neil Owen-Casey
- Ms Nell Warner
- Mrs Pauline Galluccio
- Prof Jo Sibert OBE
- Ms Rachael Freedman
- Dr Ruth Parry
- Ms Sara Reid
- Ms Sarah Morgan
- Ms Sian Williams
- Ms Felicity Fletcher
- Ms Sue Bidmead
- Mr Tom Davies
- Mr Trevor Evans
- Ms Trudi Harris
- Prof June Statham
- Prof Nigel Thomas
- Ms Vanessa Webb
- Miss Lucy Hodson
- Mr William Bond
- Ms Elaine Simpson
- Miss Avril Hooper
- Ms Billy Goodfellow
- Dr Sue Evans
- Mrs Diane Wilmott
- Mrs Rebecca Gibbs
- Ms Claire Cartwright
- Mrs Emma Morgan
- Ms Judith John
- Ms Sharon Morris
- Ms Pam Hoyle
- Mr Chris Lloyd
- Mr Simon Rushton
- Mr Roger Thurlbeck
- Ms Pat Westow
- Mrs Linda Roberts

Financial summary

| Expenditure | | |
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| Better connected Children, Young People, Families & Workforce | £411,333 | 26.5% |
| Influencing Practice,Policy Development & Research through Representation & Consultation | £444,730 | 28.7% |
| Better Informed Children, Young People, Families & Workforce | £566,576 | 36.5% |
| Membership Support Services | £63,674 | 4.1% |
| Governance | £64,321 | 4.1% |
| Total | £1,550,634 | 100% |
| Income | | |
| Better connected Children, Young People, Families & Workforce | £433,365 | 26.7% |
| Influencing Practice,Policy Development & Research through Representation & Consultation | £447,345 | 27.6% |
| Better Informed Children, Young People, Families & Workforce | £492,732 | 36.6% |
| Membership Support Services | £67,102 | 4.1% |
| Governance | £81,081 | 5% |
| Total | £1,621,625 | 100% |

