

**Children and Young People  
Committee**

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To consultees on the attached list

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Dear Colleague

**Children and Young People Committee**

The National Assembly for Wales' Children and Young People Committee is calling for evidence for its short inquiry into the Welsh Assembly Government's Parenting Action Plan.

The Parenting Action Plan was published in December 2005. The Plan sought to ensure that parents (mothers, fathers and carers) in Wales got the advice and support they need, by setting out what the Welsh Assembly Government intended to do for parents up to March 2008. Further information can be found on the Welsh Assembly Government's Website at: [Parenting Action Plan: Supporting mothers, fathers and carers with raising children in Wales](#)

The terms of reference for this inquiry are to:

1. Scrutinise the delivery of the Parenting Action Plan (Dec 2005-March 2008);
2. Scrutinise what the Welsh Assembly Government is doing to continue, and develop, its work on parenting and the resources available to do so;
3. Take evidence on what works and what doesn't and on what action needs be taken to move the agenda forward.

**Invitation to contribute to the inquiry**

Interested parties are invited to submit written evidence to the Clerk of the Committee at the above address, to arrive no later than Friday 20 June 2008.

If possible, please supply an electronic version in MS Word or Rich Text format, either by e mail to [equality.comm@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:equality.comm@wales.gsi.gov.uk) or on a disk.

Please begin your submission by providing some information about your organisation before setting out your views and experiences in relation to some or all of the following areas.

### 1. Delivery of the Parenting Action Plan

- How effective do you consider the implementation of the Parenting Action Plan to have been?
- Has the amount of support available to parents increased?
- Is support accessible for all parents?
- Is support getting through to the parents who need it most?
- Do parents receive more information, and is positive parenting effectively promoted?
- Do parents participate more in planning services and in schools?
- Are you aware of barriers experienced by parents in accessing support services and information sources? What are the key reasons for these barriers?
- Can you provide any examples of innovative practice in ensuring that services and information is accessible, and barriers can be overcome?

### 2. Continued work on parenting

- What do you consider to be the key parenting issues still needing to be addressed by the Welsh Assembly Government?

### 3. What has worked, and what hasn't?

- Are you aware of any examples of good practice in supporting parents? Can you detail these, and explain why these examples have been successful?
- Can you identify any areas of the Parenting Action Plan which you consider to have been successfully implemented, and any that have not? Why have these areas been successfully implemented, or not?

The Committee has invited submissions from those on the attached distribution list. However, **we would be grateful if you could forward a copy of the letter to any individuals or organisations that are not included but might like to contribute to the review.** A copy of this letter has been placed on the National Assembly's web-site with an open invitation to submit views.

### Disclosure of Information

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Further information about the Committee and its inquiry can be found at:  
<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third-assem/bus-committees-third-cyp-home.htm>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Mary Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H'.

**Helen Mary Jones**  
**Chair, Children and Young People Committee**

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Inquiry into Parenting Action Plan**

**Consultees**

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Chairs, Community Health Councils

Children are Unbeatable

Chief Executives of Local Authorities

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Children and Young People's Partnerships

Children's Commissioner for Wales

Children's Rights Officers

Diocesan Education Directors

Directors of Education

Directors of Social Services

Equality and Human Rights Commission

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Heads of Children's Services

Mother's Union in Wales

National Childbirth Trust

National Day Nurseries Association

Royal College of Midwives

Royal College of Nurses

School Governing Bodies

Teaching Unions

Voluntary Organisations, including:

Age Concern Cymru

Antenatal Results and Choice (ARC)

All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers

Barnardos Cymru

Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales

Carers Wales

Carmarthenshire Youth & Children's Association (CYCA)

Cartref Bontnewydd Trust

Children in Wales  
Citizens Advice Cymru  
Community Support for Autism in Wales  
Contact a Family  
Daycare Trust  
Fathers Direct  
The Grandparents Association  
Help the Aged  
Home-Start  
Mencap Cymru  
National Federation of Women's Institutes  
National Childbirth Trust  
NCH Cymru  
NSPCC Cymru  
One Parent Families/ Gingerbread Wales  
Merched y Wawr  
Mudiad Ysgolion Methrin  
NAS Cymru  
Parentline Plus  
Play Wales  
Save the Children Cymru  
Shelter Cymru  
Sketty Youth Project  
SNAP Cymru  
Tiny Tickers  
The National Childminding Association (Wales)  
The Fostering Network Wales  
Voices from Care (Cymru)  
Wales Pre-School Playgroups Association  
Wales YFC  
Welsh Women's Aid  
Youthlink Wales)  
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