**The Children, Young People and Education Committee**

Mental Health support in Higher Education

Use this proforma to record your views. Please make sure that you have answered all of the questions that are relevant to you. When you have completed the proforma, please email it to [SeneddChildren@senedd.wales](mailto:SeneddChildren@senedd.wales).

We are keen to hear from as many people as possible. If you would like to submit your views but do not want/are not able to complete this proforma, please call the Committee’s clerks, who can arrange with you a different way for your voice to be heard.

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| **0300 200 6565**  **SeneddChildren@senedd.wales** |

Information about you

**1. Name:**

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**2. Email address:**

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**3. In what language(s) will you be completing this survey?**

*To submit a bilingual response please submit a Welsh and English version of the survey.*

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| I am submitting in Welsh only. |  |
| I am submitting in English only. |  |
| I am submitting in both Welsh and English. |  |

**4. Would you like to be added to the Children, Young People and Education Committee’s contacts list in order to receive updates about our work?**

*You can unsubscribe at any time by emailing SeneddChildren@senedd.wales*

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| Yes |  |
| No |  |

**5. In what capacity you are responding to this consultation?**

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| In a personal capacity (go to question 6) |  |
| In a professional capacity (go to question 9) |  |

Personal capacity

If you are submitting a response in a personal capacity, we ask that you provide your name and postcode.  
  
Before accepting material from those aged 13 or under, we require authorisation from the young person’s parent or guardian, provided in the form of an email to [SeneddChildren@senedd.wales](mailto:SeneddChildren@senedd.wales) from the young person’s parent or guardian.

**6. What is your full postcode?**

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**7. Are you under 13 years old?**

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| I am under 13 years old |  |
| I am 13 or over |  |

**8. Please choose one of the following options to confirm whether you would prefer that your name is published alongside your evidence.**

We will not publish the names of people under the age of 18.

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| I am aged 18 or over and I am content for you to publish my name alongside my evidence |  |
| I am aged 18 or over and I would prefer that you did not publish my name alongside my evidence. |  |
| I am under the age of 18 |  |

Professional capacity

If you are submitting a response on behalf of an organisation please enter your details here.

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, we will publish the name of the organisation but will not publish your name or contact details.

If you are responding in another professional capacity, we will publish your job title/role, if relevant. We will also publish your name if you give us permission to do so. Your contact details will not be published.

**9. Your role:**

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**10. Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?**

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| Yes (go to question 11) |  |
| No (go to question 12) |  |

**11. Organisation name:**

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**12. Please choose one of the following options to confirm whether you would prefer that your name is published alongside your evidence.**

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| I am content for you to publish my name alongside my evidence |  |
| I would prefer that you did not publish my name alongside my evidence. |  |

Your views

Please keep your response to no more than 2,000 words in total.

**13. Extent of need**

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| * The current situation with regard to the mental health of students in higher education, and any particular challenges they face with their mental health and ability to access support. * Whether there are different challenges with regard to mental health for different groups of students, and if there are any groups of students in higher education who are disproportionately affected by poor mental health. * The effect, if any, that Covid-19 had generally on students’ mental health and well-being and the pandemic’s impact on the levels and type of support provided by the higher education sector. |
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| Write your views here… |

**14. Identification and provision**

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| * How effectively higher education providers promote an ethos of universal good mental health and well-being to all students, and whether this an integral part of the learning experience and interactions with staff. * How effectively the sector ensures early identification of students who need individual and targeted support. * How effectively the higher education sector and the NHS work together to deliver the right mental health support for individual students when and where they need it. * Whether there are specific issues with access to NHS mental health support, for example the impact of changing GPs more frequently; that many students are at an age where they are transitioning from CAMHS to adult mental health services; any issues with data sharing. * How well the wider post-16 education sector works to promote good mental health, particularly with regard to transitions. |
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| Write your views here… |

**15. Welsh Government policy, legislation and funding**

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| * How effectively the Welsh Government’s policy, funding and regulatory arrangements for the sector support the mental health of students in higher education, and whether there is more that the Welsh Government could do. * In the context of the Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Bill, what a whole-system approach to mental health and well-being in post-16 education may look like, and what the role of higher education and healthcare providers would be. * How the new Commission for Tertiary Education and Research should approach mental health and wellbeing for students in higher education, and in the wider tertiary education sector |
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| Write your views here… |

**16. Recommendations for change**

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| * Whether there are any recommendations that the Committee should make. |
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| Write your views here… |

**17. Other**

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| Please submit any views that don’t correspond to the terms of reference. |

Information about third parties

**18. Please choose one of the following options to confirm whether you have agreement from any third parties\* referred to in your evidence that you can share information that may be used to identify them and that they understand that it may be published.**

\* Third parties means any person, other than you, who can be identified in the evidence that you share with us.

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| I confirm that any third party I have referred to in my evidence has agreed that I can share information that may be used to identify them, and that they understand that it may be published. |  |
| I do not have the agreement of one or more of the third parties I have referred to in my evidence. |  |
| I have not referred to any third parties in my evidence. |  |