

Response 108. Cardiff University.

Youth work statutory framework consultation.

I am contacting you regarding the youth work consultation. I appreciate this consultation is now closed but I wondered whether there was still scope to submit a Youth Charter for possible inclusion in the national participation standards and two pieces of research which may be of interest.

First, the evidence-informed, co-produced Youth Charter consists of 19 statements about how young people want professionals to engage with them. We co-produced the charter based on findings from my research about child criminal exploitation in Wales and with peer researchers from the Peer Action Collective, a group of young people based in Media Academy Cymru. We believe the Charter could be added to the CYP's national participation standards.

Second, findings from an evaluation of Action for Children's Serious Organised Crime Early Intervention Service which highlighted how experienced youth workers were able to establish relationships with young people who had previously been described as 'perennial non-engagers'. I've attached the executive summary and full report for your perusal.

Finally, I've attached the CCE interim report because it speaks to the value of youth workers for children who have been criminally exploited (page 48, section 7.5.2)

Apologies for missing the deadline. I would be happy to summarise these findings into a response to your questions if this is still possible.

- Executive Summary <https://cascadewales.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/02/Executive-summary.-Final-1.pdf>
- <https://cascadewales.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/02/Executive-summary.-Final-en-cy-R-C-1.pdf>
- Youth Charter <https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/complex-safeguarding-wales/information-for-practitioners/youth-charter>
- <https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/cy/complex-safeguarding-wales/information-for-practitioners/youth-charter>
- SOCEIS Evaluation 2023 <https://cascadewales.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/06/SOCEIS-Evaluation-2023.pdf>
- CCE Interim Report <https://cascadewales.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/03/Child-Criminal-Exploitation-in-Wales-2021.pdf>
- <https://cascadewales.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/03/Camfanteisio-Troseddol-ar-Blant-yng-Nghymru-2021.pdf>