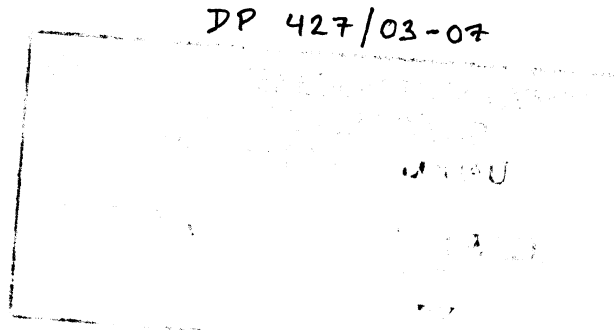


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I refer to the commitment given in Plenary on 16 July by the Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services for me to provide information on young people representation on young people's partnerships (YPPs) in Wales.

At present there are six YPPs who have direct representation from young people on their partnerships. This relatively low number is a result of the conscious decision initially to not make young people representation compulsory to avoid tokenism. This number will increase as YPPs consider young people representation to be a goal to be achieved in the future. Some partnerships are in fact currently in the process of arranging representation. All of the partnerships also have mechanisms in place to actively involve young people through other methods such as Youth Forums, the emerging School Councils and in some cases members of the YPPs attending children and young people's forums

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