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Legislation Committee No 5

Proposed Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure

Response from Evangelical Alliance Wales

Re: Consultation Proposed Rights of Children and Young Persons (Wales) Measure

While welcoming the many good proposals within the measure, Evangelical Alliance Wales would like to draw attention to the lack of emphasis on the role of parents in the body of the text.

Specifically, in 3(4), it does not mention parents as persons that Welsh Ministers must consult before making, remaking or revising the children's scheme. Many faith groups, including ourselves, would welcome the inclusion of 'parents' in some shape or form in this section.

Moreover, a lack of emphasis on parents would be disconcerting to many of Wales's refugee community groups – many of whom come from a culture where society is orthodox and traditional and where parents play an important role in the development of children and young people. If parents are not in some way included in the policy-making procedure for children and young people, there is the potential for some faith groups and refugee community groups to feel aggrieved and alienated, leading to a loss of will to engage in civil society.

Best wishes,

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