

**Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Act
Training, Operations, Guidance and Diversion (TOG&D)
Task and Finish Group Meeting**

Friday 4 March 2022

Summary of meeting

1. Welcome

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting.

2. Minutes and actions

The minutes of the last meeting of 17 January 2022 were agreed.

3. Update on guidance documents

The following update was provided:

- The **Practice Guide**, which complements existing safeguarding procedures, has been published, providing additional information about safeguarding responses in relation to the Act. [Social care Wales \(safeguarding.wales\)](https://www.gov.wales/social-care-wales/safeguarding-wales).
- The **Healthy Child Wales Programme** guidance has been updated to make sure the guidance suitably references the Children Wales Act and will be published before commencement.
- **Keeping Learners Safe guidance**, which contains guidance for local authorities and governing bodies on arrangements for safeguarding children in education, has been updated. It is anticipated the updated guidance will be published by the end of March.
- CPS reported that they are working to have the '**Offences against the Person incorporating the Charging Standard**' guidance updated and available by 21 March.

4. Update on out of court parenting support scheme

i. Leaflet for parents

In their last meeting, the TOG&D group considered the leaflet which provides information about what parents can expect from the out of court parenting support and what will be expected from them. Following agreement of the content, the leaflet is now being designed ahead of commencement.

It was confirmed that:

- arrangements for the referral pathway between police and local authorities had been worked through and agreed; and
- information sharing arrangements, compliant with data protection principles, between police and local authorities had been worked through and agreed.

5. Future of the group

- The group considered the future role of the TOG&D task and finish group following commencement of the Children Wales Act. It was agreed that there was an ongoing role for a group after the Act commences in relation to monitoring and governance around the out of court parenting support scheme.
- It was agreed that before making final decisions about the membership and terms of reference of a group monitoring the progress of the out of court parenting scheme, the SIG should be consulted.

6. Next steps

Next meeting 4 April.