

## **National Assembly For Wales**

### **Report by The Health and Social Services Committee on the Placement of Children and the Children's Homes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2007**

1. The Committee had identified these regulations for scrutiny and they were submitted to the Committee for the meeting on 13 Dec. 06. They were handled in accordance with the protocol for dealing with secondary legislation agreed by the Committee on 11 June 2003, whereby Members notify in advance any queries or amendments they wish to make to the Regulations.
2. Members did not propose any amendments, but Helen Mary Jones raised 3 points of clarification. She asked for detail on the additional funding to accompany the measures, any planned uplift for CAMHS as a consequence of the measures, and how the Regulations address differing commissioning arrangements across authorities.
3. In response the Minister said £6.1 million would be allocated for the implementation of this range of services, which would hopefully be in addition to money already in the system, and that £2 million would be allocated to further reduce waiting times for CAMHS. The Minister also said that in relation to commissioning arrangements, a panel made up of all stakeholders would be set up to make decisions on taking a child out of county, and that for secondary services, the authority where the child originated would be responsible for the payment of services.
4. The Committee was content with the regulations as drafted.

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Chair

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