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Consultation - Proposed Additional Learning Needs LCO Committee - The National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) Order 2007

1. Would the terms of the proposed Order allow for the implementation of the policy agenda on additional learning needs by means of Measures? If not how would the proposed Order need to be re-drafted and why?

Having considered the policy agenda on additional learning needs SNAP Cymru agree the proposed Order will allow for implementation.

2. Is it appropriate for the proposed Order to cover all persons? If not, how should the proposed Order be re-drafted and why?

Yes

3. Is the definition of disability in the proposed Order appropriate? If not, how should the definition be re-drafted and why?

SNAP Cymru believe the definition of disability should follow the social model of disability rather than the narrow medical model of physical and mental. In applying the social model the Wales Assembly would make it clear that the Order covers emotional, sensory and specific needs.

4. Are the terms of the proposed Order drafted appropriately, too narrowly or too broadly? If necessary, how should the proposed Order be re-drafted and why?

The terms of the order are short, concise and appropriate

SNAP Cymru understand that the Transport issues are already covered and are not needed to be included in this Order. However transport arrangements are often an important factor in whether a child or young person needs are met appropriately, particularly where specialisms may only be achieved by travelling great distances. There are inconsistencies in Local Authorities approach relating to the provision of transport, creating further postcode lottery decisions. Further direction may be appropriate for consistency and equity to meet a child's needs holistically.