

Children and Young People
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Advocacy Services & Legislative Competence

Thank you for your letter dated 9 June 2008.

Your comments that the Welsh Assembly Governments Competence in relation to advocacy services for children and young people will emanate from the National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Social Welfare and Other Fields) Order 2008 (the Vulnerable Children and Child Poverty LCO) are noted.

The Vulnerable Children and Child Poverty LCO appears to have a potentially broad coverage. Please can you confirm which of the specific matters contained in the LCO would provide the competence to bring forward future Measures to achieve the following?

- (1) the establishment of a nationally funded body responsible for commissioning local advocacy services; and
- (2) the removal of the Local Authorities statutory duty to provide advocacy services.

I look forward to your reply.

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