



UPDATE FOR PROFESSIONALS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL APPROACH TO STATUTORY ADVOCACY.

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Welsh Government's Advocacy Task & Finish Group.

Welsh Government have re-established the Advocacy Task and Finish Group in order to monitor implementation of the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy and to identify and discuss any potential amendments.

Members of the group are representatives from each of the six advocacy regions, advocacy providers and Welsh Government officials.

The group has met several times to date and the main topics of discussion have been the:

- National Reporting Template
- Active Offer eligibility criteria.



Training Events

Our training continues to be rolled out across Wales. The aim of the training is to promote understanding of:

- the role of an advocate and the different types of advocacy available
- the history of the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy
- the overarching principles of the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy
- each element of the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy and how they link
- the implications of the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy for your area of responsibility.

Training is 90 minutes long and available FREE of charge to Local Authorities, Foster Carers, Health Boards, or anyone else who would like training and works in this area! We can also tailor the training to suit your needs.

**Last year we trained over
380 professionals and 300 students.
Please get in touch to organise training
in your area next!**

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and have their views taken seriously. UNCRC, Article 12.*

Young People Take Part

TGP Cymru ensure the voice of young people is heard in the implementation of the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy (NASA) through the facilitation of a Young People's Advisory Group. The group has an All-Wales reach and any young person who has had or is having advocacy and is of secondary school age can join the group.

In November Half Term the group attended a Pizza, Participation and Circus Day at No Fit State Circus in Cardiff. Young people from across Wales spent the day together, discussing recent developments in the world of advocacy for children and young people in Wales. Everyone enjoyed the chance to take part in activities that allowed them to express their views on the NASA. They talked about what advocacy means to them and how service delivery can be improved in the future.

The group then took part in a circus skills workshop where they enjoyed activities including juggling, plate spinning, trapeze and silks.

Please get in touch to find out more about the day!

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Active Offer of Advocacy

The Active Offer is a key element of the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy.

Recommended by Keith Towler, former Children's Commissioner, in Missing Voices 2012, the Active Offer is a designated meeting between a child or young person and an advocate.

The purpose of the meeting is to advise the child or young person about advocacy – what it is and how it can help, as well as to explore the different types of advocacy support available.

Eligibility criteria for an Active Offer is defined below:

"Children and young people are automatically entitled to a statutory Independent Professional Advocate (IPA) when they become looked after or become subject of child protection enquiries leading to an Initial Child Protection Conference (Children Act 1989 section 47)"

Contact Us

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A young person friendly version of this leaflet is available. If you would like to request some hard copies to share with your young people, please use the contact details above.