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# **Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Act 2020 Strategic Implementation Group meeting: 14 July 2022**

Minutes from the meeting held 14 July 2022.

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# **1. Welcome and introductions**

Welsh Government (WG) welcomed attendees to the final meeting of the Strategic Implementation Group.

## **2. Minutes and actions of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 27 April 2022 were agreed.

## **3. Implementation status update**

The group were informed of the closure of the Parenting Expert Action Group, the Training Operations Guidance and Diversion Group, and the Data Collection and Monitoring Group, following completion of their specified tasks.

## **4. Lessons learned**

A discussion was held regarding the lessons learned from the project up to and including its commencement. The co-production and partnership working with stakeholders were seen as key in achieving the critical milestones.

## **5. Future of the Strategic Implementation Group and Task and Finish Groups**

As the Children Wales Act has come into force the Strategic Implementation Group agreed that the group, including the task and finish groups, had achieved its original aims. It was agreed that while the Strategic Implementation Group did

not need to continue in its current form, simplified arrangements would be put in place to ensure stakeholders continue to have an active role in monitoring and overseeing the progress of implementation of the Act.

## **6. Data collection and monitoring update**

It was explained that the task of the Data Collection and Monitoring Group to identify which public bodies were most likely to be impacted by the change in the law and determine the best method for collecting data to monitor the impact had been achieved. Therefore, as with the other task and finish groups, this group had closed.

## **7. Any other business**