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Ymchwiliad i Effaith Deddf Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Llesiant (Cymru) 2014 mewn perthynas â Gofalwyr
Inquiry into Impact of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 in relation to Carers
Ymateb gan Y Gymdeithas Genedlaethol i Blant Byddar
Response from The National Deaf Children's Society

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am responding from the National Deaf Children's Society Cymru to the consultation on the Impact of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 in relation to Carers.

If you are able to send me confirmation of receipt of this response, that will be appreciated.

Our Response

Parents/ Carers of deaf children and young people in Wales should be provided access to a broad range of freely available and readily accessible British Sign Language (BSL) learning opportunities to allow them to communicate with, and fully support their deaf child's social, emotional and mental health and development.

Courses are hard to find and learning BSL can be expensive. Furthermore, the Children's Commissioner for Wales' highlights the difficulties parents have accessing BSL which include "prohibitive costs, a lack of childcare, and a lack of support or suitable informal BSL learning opportunities such as support groups as key barriers to access to BSL." (2017, p20) and continues to make recommendations for "accessible and affordable BSL learning opportunities at a range of levels" (2017, p20).

Reference List:

The Children's Commissioner for Wales (2017) A Year of Change 2016-17: Annual Report & Accounts. Available at: https://www.childcomwales.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/A-Year-of-Change-CCFW-Annual-Report.pdf (Accessed: 6th August 2018).

About us

The National Deaf Children's Society Cymru is the national charity dedicated to creating a world without barriers for deaf children and young people. We represent the interests and campaign for the rights of all deaf children and young people from birth until they reach independence. In referring to deaf, we refer to all levels of hearing loss including mild to profound, unilateral and temporary.

Thank you/ Diolch yn fawr

Regards/ Cofion

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