Executive summary

Over the past year Welsh Government asked Children in Wales, through its Young Wales initiative, to conduct a children and young people's consultation asking them to give their views on the Ministerial Play Review and associated recommendations. Young Wales included a section regarding COVID-19 and its impact on play alongside a focus on five policy and development key areas:

- Settings registration, regulation and exceptions
- Play Sufficiency Duty and funding
- The workforce and qualifications
- Working across policy areas
- Spatial justice and societal involvement

This consultation aimed to hear children and young people's voices and put forward their recommendations to further inform and support the development of the review; as part of Welsh Governments children and young people's participation agenda and commitment to making the UNCRC a reality for all children and young people in Wales.

Between December 2020 and February 2021, Young Wales, in partnership with a range of providers from across Wales conducted a series of online and face to face consultations to seek the views of children and young people in relation to the Ministerial Play Review and its associated recommendations.

We engaged with 201 children and young people from across Wales with 21 sessions delivered to the following age ranges:

- 0 to 5
- 6 to 11
- 12 to 18

The consultation questions were developed and underpinned by the five key areas above and structured age appropriately into 3 sections as follows:

- Time to Play
- Space to Play
- Permission to Play

Areas of enquiry with children and young people participating in this consultation resulted in a series of recommendations being proposed:

COVID-19 and Play

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on children and young people in Wales and understanding the impact of COVID-19 on play from the perspective of children and

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