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# A children and young people's consultation:

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Management committees  
for pupil referral units

## Understanding the background

There are 22 local authorities in Wales, which are responsible for organising education in their areas. For example, local authorities have to make sure they have the right number of schools in their area so that all the children and young people who live there can have an education.

A pupil referral unit (PRU) is a place where a child or young person can receive an education if they can't go to school. For example, a child or young person may need to go to a PRU if they have been excluded from school.

The person in charge of a school is a headteacher. The person in charge of a PRU is called a 'teacher in charge'.

Under the law, schools have to have a governing body, a group of people who help the headteacher in running the school by giving advice, dealing with complaints and helping the headteacher in making some decisions. Instead of a governing body most PRUs have a management committee to do the same work, but there is no law to make all PRUs have a management committee.

When there is no management committee to help run the PRU, or when the management committee doesn't work properly, this can cause problems. We want to change the law so that all PRUs have to have a management committee, with rules about how management committees should work and what they are expected to do.

## Who will be members of the management committee?

The new law will say that management committees have to have these people as members:

- **parents/carers**
- **people who work in PRUs, including the teacher in charge**
- **people who work at the local authority**
- **community members, usually teachers from other schools**
- **people who help the PRU, for example by giving their advice or time, or by giving money.**

Children and young people who attend PRUs won't be members of the management committee. This is because a lot of them might not be in the PRU for very long before they go back to school, which wouldn't give them enough time to get used to being on the committee. We suggest that a management committee asks the children and young people what they think when making decisions that affect them.

## What work will management committees do?

At the moment, local authorities do some of the work of running a PRU. The new law will say that local authorities must give the management committee these jobs:

- **running the PRU**
- **dealing with any complaints about what is taught at the PRU**
- **being responsible for dealing with bad behaviour**
- **measuring how well the teachers in the PRU are teaching.**

Not all of the jobs that the local authority does at the moment will be given to the management committee. For example, the local authority will still be responsible for managing how money is spent at the PRU and for hiring new teachers or other staff.



How does this affect me?

By changing the law, the Welsh Government wants all PRUs in Wales to have management committees, in the same way that all schools have governing bodies. If you are a learner in a PRU, you may find that some of the new rules affect you directly. This is why children and young people are being asked what they think about some of the new rules that will be made.

## Questions

1. Do you think that parents/carers should be members of the management committee?

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## Questions

2. Do you agree that the management committee should be responsible for dealing with bad behaviour?

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## Questions

3. Do you agree that the management committee should deal with any complaints about what is taught at the PRU?

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4. Do you think there's anything else we need to think about when making these rules?

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