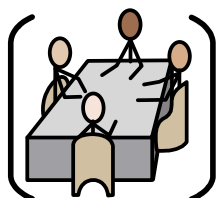


# Education in healthcare settings in Wales: What we found out



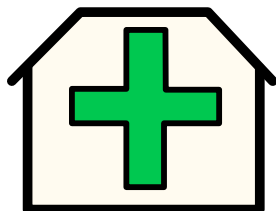
**Comisiynydd  
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Children's  
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## Word List



Councils

Your council looks after lots of different things in your local area. One of the things they do is make sure that children in their local area have an education.



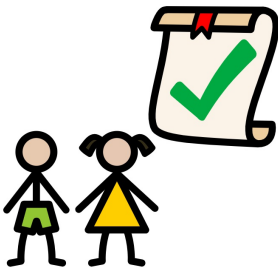
healthcare setting

When we talk about healthcare settings we are talking about places like hospitals, hospices and mental health units.

# The Children's Commissioner for Wales



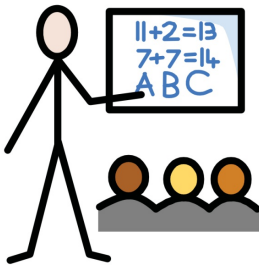
The Children's Commissioner for Wales is called Rocio Cifuentes.



Her job is to make sure that all children and young people in Wales get their children's rights.

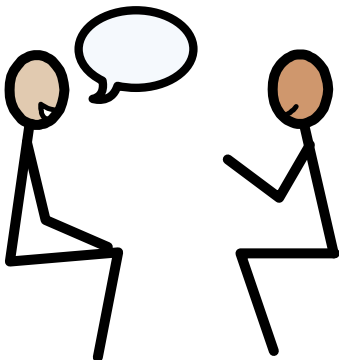


Children's rights are the things you need to grow up feeling happy, healthy and safe.



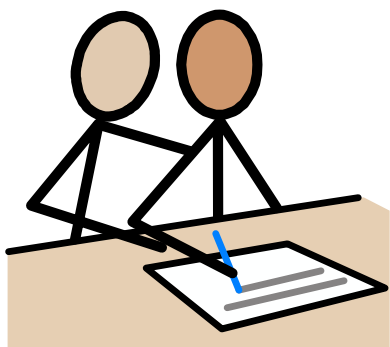
All children have the right to education.

Rocio and her team wanted to find out if children were getting their right to education when they needed to be in a healthcare setting.

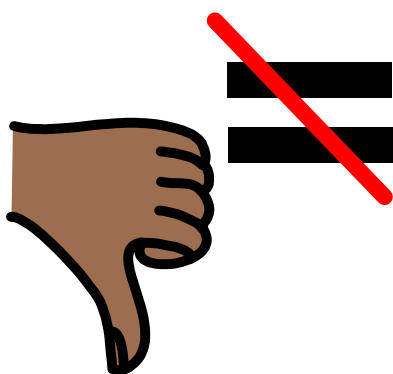


Rocio and her team have been speaking to children and young people, their trusted adults and professionals about their education in healthcare settings.

## What we found out



Children told us that learning when they're in a healthcare setting helps them. They enjoy learning and said it can help them to forget about their illness.



But we found out that some children have lots of learning opportunities and some children don't have much.

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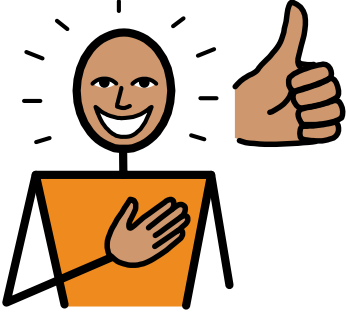
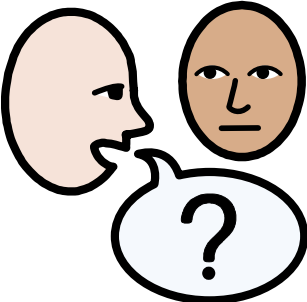
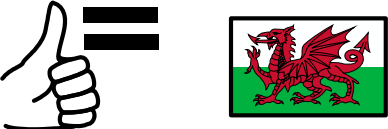

We found out that some children can miss out on learning more than others. Sometimes children older than 16, children who have additional learning needs, and children who learn in Welsh have less support to learn.



We also found out that opportunities children have to learn can depend on where they live in Wales. This is because councils across Wales can do things differently to each other.

## Things we want to change

This is what we want Welsh Government to do to make learning in health settings better.

	<p>If children are having treatment for a health need, Welsh Government should make sure they get a full time education, it that's in their best interest.</p>
	<p>Children should be asked their opinion on the education they are having. This should be done by a lead person in each council and should be done often.</p>
	<p>Welsh Government should make sure that children in different parts of Wales all have the same opportunities to learn when they're in healthcare settings.</p>
	<p>Welsh Government should make sure that children who are most likely to miss out on education in a healthcare setting get the learning they need.</p>