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UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF DISABLED PEOPLE

Welsh Government 2015

UNCRPD

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BACKGROUND - UNCRDP

- Convention sets out the commitment of signatory countries to protect human rights for disabled people and to monitor progress.
- Purpose - to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights by disabled people.
- UK Government ratified both the Convention and the Optional Protocol in 2009.

UNCRPD

Rights include:

- Equality and non –discrimination
- Awareness raising
- Accessibility
- Freedom from exploitation, violence & abuse
- Education
- Health
- Employment
- Independent Living
- Respect for privacy
- Participation in political and public life
- Participation in cultural life

UN Conventions

- The UK Government has a legal responsibility to provide reports to the UN for the Conventions and Covenants that they have ratified.
- Scrutinised by a UN Committee and recommendations made.
- WG contributes to the UK state report

Purpose of Reporting

Ensures the State Party:

- can assure conformity with Convention
- regularly monitors the actual situation
- has a basis for developing policies to implement Convention
- has transparent policies
- encourages Involvement of Civil Society
- Evaluates progress against Convention obligations

PROCESS – UNCRPD Reporting

- First Report submitted 2011
- Next step - List of Issues to UK Government
- Written response from UK Government placed on UN website
- DPOs have opportunity to comment and suggest lines of questioning
- Oral Hearing
- Concluding observations sent to UK Government

CURRENT SITUATION

- UK Report was expected to be examined in 2013
- Large backlog – oral hearing not expected to be before Spring 2016
- 4-year reporting cycle means second report should be due this year (2015)

WELSH GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

- Submitted in early 2011 for inclusion in the UK response
- Restriction on length of document so not everything from Wales was included
- Some Articles cover non-devolved matters so UK Government responded on behalf of England and Wales

Conflicting Issues

- Welfare Reform
- Cuts to Public Services
- Less funding available for Third Sector

WELSH GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

- Welsh response related to progress on devolved matters such as
 - education
 - housing
 - health
 - transport
- Also included reference to Article 19 (the right to independent Living and being included in the community).

UPDATE

Developments in Wales

- Strategic Equality Plan 2012-2016
- Wales Specific Equality Duties
- Framework for Action on Independent Living

Key to Success Policy Development

➤ Engagement

➤ Consultation

➤ Co-Production

Key to Success - Delivery

- Wales Specific Equality Duties
- Equality Impact Assessments
- Awareness of UNCRDP