

Serving Children in the Digital Future

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Questions

1. Do you agree with our view that a dedicated service for Children will enhance the public service offering in the Welsh language for Children?

Yes. There is no similar service currently available and the proposed plans will make better use of S4C2.

2. Do you believe that a third party provider would be willing to provide a Welsh language television service for Children of a similar nature to that outlined above on a commercial basis?

No. I don't believe that any third party will be interested in offering a service as proposed by S4C.

3. Can you identify any other stakeholders we should be contacting not included at Annex A?

No.

4. Do you have any comments / what are your views about the proposed hours of broadcast and our target audiences?

Although I fully support what S4C are proposing for children under 16, I also strongly believe that S4C needs to improve provision for young people aged 16 - 25. Channel 4 provides a much better service for this age group with the T4 'Channel'. A similar provision for young Welsh speakers is overdue.

5. What would you consider to be the most important key characteristics for television services for Children provided by S4C?

New, original programmes are needed. New ideas, from young people. Programmes created in Wales, with opportunities for involving young people in the process of producing the programmes.

6. Do you have any comments on the options set out at paragraph 4 and in particular the option 1 and 2? Do you have any other comments you would like us to consider on this issue?

In my opinion, it is more important to provide a Welsh language service for young people than to broadcast Assembly meetings. Information about Assembly discussions is available elsewhere. Welsh language programmes for children are not available elsewhere.

Have you considered recording Assembly proceedings and broadcasting them at night?

7. Do you have any other comments you would like us to consider in relation to this Consultation on a new Welsh language television channel for Children?

No