

In response to the recent guidance https://humanism.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/KW_0783_18-en.pdf offered by Kirsty Williams the Cabinet Secretary for Education in the Welsh Government, NASACRE would like to make the following statement:

NASACRE (The National Association of Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education) in England is pleased that the recent guidance from the Welsh Government reiterates that it is for the Local Authority to decide upon the relevant composition of a SACRE in order to represent the relevant traditions in the Local Authority's area. We note that this explicit guidance that Humanism may be considered 'analogous' with a religion clarifies the matter for Welsh SACREs, many of whom have experienced difficulty interpreting which, if any, non-religious belief systems should be included within Group A in Wales. We look forward to similar clarification from the DfE on how the composition of Committee A in English SACREs should reflect belief in the Local Authority's area.

Paul Smalley, Chair of NASACRE, May2018