

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE | Y PWYLLGOR IECHYD A GOFAL CYMDEITHASOL

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What do Committees do?

- **Check and challenge work of government**, by undertaking inquiries that examine the actions and spending of the Welsh Government and other public bodies.
- **Scrutinise laws** before and after they are passed, and propose changes to them if they think they need improving.
- **Hear from citizens, organisations, and experts** to gather their valuable perspectives and personal experiences on topics important to them.



...to examine legislation and hold the Welsh Government to account by scrutinising its expenditure, administration and policy matters, encompassing (but not restricted to): the physical, mental and public health and well-being of the people of Wales, including the social care system.

Remit of the Health and Social Care Committee

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Health and Social Care Committee: Sixth Senedd Strategy

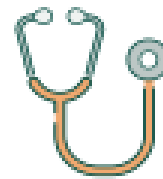
Our vision

A post-COVID reset in which people live longer and healthier lives, know how to access the right health and social care services, and have more positive experiences in a health and social care system that works more effectively than before the pandemic.



What we'll do

- Drive change and influence Welsh Government and the health and social care sector
- Act with a common cross-party purpose
- Set the agenda, and keep the focus on our key priorities
- Identify barriers and how they can be addressed
- Plan ahead, but maintain flexibility
- Reflect on progress



Cross-cutting issues

- Putting people at the heart of health and social care
- Innovating for improvement
- The health and social care workforce
- Health inequalities and inequities
- Delivering a post-pandemic reset



How we'll work

- Build relationships to facilitate constructive collaboration and influence
- Listen to lived experience, including visiting people and services once the public health situation allows
- Be alert to our meetings and flexible in our meeting times
- Hold hybrid meetings by default

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Our priorities for year 1

- COVID-19: the pandemic and post-COVID reset
- Health and social care workforce
- Impact of the waiting times backlog
- Impact of hospital discharge on patient flow
- Mental health
- Winter planning for health and social care
- Welsh Government's draft budget



Potential priorities for years 2 to 5

Health

- Primary care
- Promotion of healthy lifestyles
- Women's health
- Rehabilitation services
- Access to services for long-term chronic conditions
- Tackling health inequalities

Social care

- Integration and funding
- Support and services for unpaid carers

COVID-19

- The pandemic and post-COVID reset

Current work

- Prevention of ill health – obesity
- Supporting people with chronic conditions
- Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Act 2016: post-legislative scrutiny
- Gynaecological cancers
- Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
- European models of health and social care

Recurring work:

- Budget scrutiny
- Ministerial scrutiny

What is an inquiry?

A Committee can choose to undertake work on a particular topic or policy area. This can vary from a short, one-day inquiry, to many months of work.

Stages of an inquiry:

- **Terms of reference:** the topic and scope of an inquiry is published by the Committee.
- **Public consultation:** individuals and organisations are asked to share their thoughts and experiences of the topic, usually in writing.
- **Evidence sessions:** evidence is gathered by inviting experts, key organisations and those with relevant lived experience to give in-person evidence to the Committee.
- **Final report:** the Committee publishes a final report of their findings, with recommendations to the Welsh Government and other organisations.

Why get involved with a Committee inquiry?

- To strengthen scrutiny by providing new, expert and research-informed perspectives on a topic
- To help shape public debate and understanding
- To have an impact and contribute to work to improve public services
- To support the work of Members of the Senedd

Areas of Research Interest (ARIs)

Areas of Research Interest (ARIs) are policy issues or questions that a Committee has expressed an interest in seeing research evidence about. A Committee might open an ARI to scope or inform future work, identify witnesses, and gather research evidence to support scrutiny.

ARIs aim to broaden, deepen, and diversify the evidence available to the Senedd to improve scrutiny and law-making work. They offer a new way for Committees to engage with the research community.

ARIs help to ensure that the evidence used by committees comes from a diverse range of people, communities, sectors, groups and organisations.

Academics at all career stages, research institutions, and experts are encouraged to register their interest in an ARI, add their existing research in the topic areas to the ARI repository, provide their insights, and suggest questions that the Committee could ask the Welsh Government.

ARI – Innovation for improvement in healthcare

HSC Committee is interested in learning how the NHS could harness the power of emerging technologies to improve patient diagnosis, treatment and care.

The Committee would like to hear from researchers working to develop new therapeutic approaches and the use of new technologies that could help to drive innovation in healthcare Wales.



Keep in touch

There are lots of ways we could keep in touch with you.



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