

National Assembly for Wales

Health and Social Care Committee

Who are we?

The National Assembly for Wales' Health and Social Care Committee is a group of ten Assembly Members from across Wales who represent the four political parties who make up the Assembly. The Committee's job is to hold the Welsh Government to account on health and social care within Wales, including finance, administration, policy and legislation.

What are we doing?

We have recently been doing some work on new psychoactive substances which are sometimes called "legal highs" - our report will be out in 2015. We want to build on that work, and so we are now looking into issues of alcohol and substance misuse. As part of our inquiry, we want to know about the effect that alcohol and substance misuse has on people in Wales, how well these issues are currently being tackled, and whether the right local services are in place across Wales to help people and make sure that they know about the possible harms.

How have people told us what they think?

Between November 2014 and January 2015, we asked people to give us their views in three ways:

- by completing a consultation questionnaire;
- by filling in an anonymous survey; or
- writing to us by email or hard copy.

We also arranged reference group meetings with people who have direct experience of alcohol and substance misuse.



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What happens next?

We will consider all of the written responses that we receive, as well as taking oral evidence from key organisations, and from the Welsh Government.

We will then write and publish a report which makes recommendations to the Welsh Government.

How can you find out more?

More information and updates about the inquiry will be published on the Committee's webpage: **www.assembly.wales/seneddhealth**

You can also follow the Committee on Twitter at **@seneddhealth**, follow **#ASMinquiry** on Twitter, email us at **SeneddHealth@Assembly.Wales** or write to

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If you or somebody you know has been affected by alcohol or substance misuse, or if you would like more information, you can contact Dan 24/7 for advice. Dan 24/7 is a free and confidential helpline for anyone in Wales wanting further information or help relating to drugs and or alcohol.

Freephone: **0808 808 2234** or text **DAN** to: **81066**.
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