

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Zoom

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 10 March 2021

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting will be held by video-conference.

Having consulted with the Business Committee, the Llywydd has determined that, in accordance with Standing Order 34.14A–D, Members would be able to vote from any location by electronic means.

The Llywydd will also give notice, in accordance with Standing Order 34.15, that the public are excluded from attending this Plenary meeting, as is required to protect public health. The meeting will continue to be broadcast live and the record of proceedings would be published as usual.

1 Questions to the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call party spokespeople to ask questions without notice after Question 2.

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2 Questions to the Minister for Housing and Local Government

(45 mins)

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3 Topical Questions

(0 mins)

No Topical Questions were accepted.

4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

5 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Type 2 diabetes

(30 mins)

NDM7552 [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes:

a) that Wales has the highest rates of type 2 diabetes anywhere in western Europe, with over 200,000 diagnosed, an estimated 65,000 with undiagnosed type 2, and a further 500,000 at risk of contracting diabetes;

b) that caring for people with diabetes already consumes 10 per cent of the NHS budget;

c) the heightened risks of catching COVID-19 for citizens who have diabetes as a pre-existing condition; and

d) the success and cost effectiveness of the award-winning Nutrition Skills for Life programme piloted in the Afan Valley.

2. Urges the Welsh Government to mainstream the Nutrition Skills for Life programme throughout Wales as a central element of a Welsh diabetes prevention plan.

Co-submitters

[Dai Lloyd](#)

[Jack Sargeant](#)

Supporters

[Andrew RT Davies](#)

[Darren Millar](#)

[Helen Mary Jones](#)

[Jayne Bryant](#)

6 Debate on the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee report on long term recovery from COVID-19

(60 mins)

NDM7623 [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee on its inquiry, Long-term recovery from COVID-19, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 3 March 2021.

7 Debate on petition P-05-1078 Increase funding for mental health services and improve waiting times for people needing help in crisis

(30 mins)

NDM7624 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the petition 'P-05-1078 Increase funding for mental health services and improve waiting times for people needing help in crisis' which received 5,159 signatures.

[P-05-1078 Increase funding for mental health services and improve waiting times for people needing help in crisis](#)

8 Welsh Conservatives debate – NHS waiting times

(30 mins)

NDM7626 [Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that 1 in 5 patients are on a waiting list and over 2,000 people have waited longer than two years for treatment.

2. Recognises that over the last five years 5 out of 7 health boards have been in special measures or targeted intervention.
3. Believes the Welsh Government has held back the Welsh NHS.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to urgently publish a recovery plan for the Welsh NHS which will:
 - a) clear the backlog in treatment and ensure that no-one has to wait more than one year for treatment;
 - b) recruit at least 1,200 doctors and 2,000 nurses to reduce waiting times; and
 - c) transform mental health by treating it with the same urgency as physical health.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1. [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Recognises:

- a) that despite this challenging time, through additional support, and dedicated NHS staff, four health boards have reduced their escalation status, and we now have one health board in special measures and one in targeted intervention;
- b) the impact the pandemic has had on the health service in Wales and across the world;
- c) and acknowledges the outstanding contribution of all health and care staff during the pandemic; and
- d) the need for a clear recovery plan to include all areas of health services such as mental health, to ensure parity between physical and mental health.

[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2 and 3 will be de-selected]

Amendment 2. [Mark Reckless \(South Wales East\)](#)

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Believes that devolution has held back healthcare provision and outcomes in Wales.

Calls for an integrated UK-wide approach to healthcare with one National Health Service.

Co-submitter

[Gareth Bennett \(South Wales Central\)](#)

[If amendment 2 is agreed, amendment 3 will be de-selected]

Amendment 3. [Caroline Jones \(South Wales West\)](#)

Delete all after point 2 and replace with:

Regrets the fact that more than 23,000 UK-domiciled applicants failed to gain nurse training places last year and that, since 2010, more than 54 per cent of UK-domiciled applicants to nursing courses have been rejected.

Believes the Welsh NHS has been held back by both the UK and Welsh Governments due to a complete lack of workforce planning over many decades.

Calls upon the Welsh Government to:

- a) work with UK higher education providers to provide more medical training places to UK-domiciled students;
- b) work with the royal colleges and professional bodies to assess the true staffing needs of the Welsh NHS;
- c) recruit sufficient doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals to address the massive backlogs in treatment waiting times as well as diagnostic waits;
- d) ensure that no one will wait more than 12 months for treatment; and
- e) transform mental health by ensuring it has equal footing with physical health.

Amendment 4. [Siân Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes transformation of health and care can only be secured through:

- a) a new focus on preventative measures; and
- b) seamless integration of health and social care through a new integrated national health and care service.

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM7625 [Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#)

Putting things right? Shortcomings in the case of Kelly Wilson and exploring the extent to which the culture and processes within the NHS have changed.

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 16 March 2021