

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

**Zoom**

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 10 March 2021

Meeting time: 13.30

### **329(v3)**

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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

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 03/03/2021 for answer on 10/03/2021

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

### MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND RURAL AFFAIRS

**Jayne Bryant** *Newport West*

**1** OQ56410 (e)

What plans does the Welsh Government have to combat fly-tipping in Newport West?

**Hefin David** *Caerphilly*

**2** OQ56386 (e)

What support is the Welsh Government offering to farmers who are likely to be affected by the Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021?

**Angela Burns** *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

**3** OQ56390 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to support the farming industry in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

**Mandy Jones** *North Wales*

**4** OQ56392 (e)

How does the Minister use evidence to inform the Welsh Government's policy decisions relating to the environment?

**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

**5** OQ56391 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the use of greener fuels in Wales?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

**6** OQ56379 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to improve animal welfare?

**Suzy Davies** *South Wales West*

**7** OQ56402 (e) *Withdrawn*

What new powers are available to local authorities and Natural Resources Wales to enable them to deal with waste wood storage, in light of the woodchip fires of 2016 in Heol-y-Cyw?

**Alun Davies** *Blaenau Gwent*

**8** OQ56407 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on Welsh Government regulations to outlaw third-party puppy sales, otherwise known as Lucy's law?

**Bethan Sayed** *South Wales West*

**9** OQ56404 (e) *Withdrawn*

What discussions has the Minister had with the Coal Authority regarding recent flooding in the Neath Port Talbot area?

**Sian Gwenllian** *Arfon*

**10** OQ56387 (w)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Arbed scheme in Arfon?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

**11** OQ56382 (e)

What support is the Welsh Government providing to farmers in Preseli Pembrokeshire?

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

**12** OQ56411 (e)

What further steps will the Welsh Government take to increase the number of green areas in cities and towns across Wales?

## MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Rhun ap Iorwerth** *Ynys Môn*

**1** OQ56408 (w)

Will the Minister make a statement on the importance of home adaptations as a way of helping older people to live more healthily and independently?

**Nick Ramsay** *Monmouth*

**2** OQ56399 (e)



What progress has been made in delivering home adaptations for people with disabilities?

**Alun Davies** *Blaenau Gwent*

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**OQ56406 (e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on the financial support provided by the Welsh Government to Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council?

**Vikki Howells** *Cynon Valley*

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**OQ56395 (e)**

What action is the Welsh Government taking to increase the supply of social housing during this Senedd term?

**Jack Sargeant** *Alyn and Deeside*

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**OQ56389 (e)**

How is the Welsh Government making the planning process in north-east Wales more responsive to residents?

**Paul Davies** *Preseli Pembrokeshire*

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**OQ56383 (e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's priorities for the housing sector in Preseli Pembrokeshire?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

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**OQ56384 (e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's intention to revise planning policy in Wales?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

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**OQ56412 (e)**

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales on efforts to encourage local authorities to support local economies in north Wales?

**Angela Burns** *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

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**OQ56415 (e)**

What plans are in place to ensure that local authorities will not be adversely affected financially as a result of the coronavirus pandemic?

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**Bethan Sayed** *South Wales West*

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**OQ56409 (e)** Withdrawn

What action has the Welsh Government taken regarding housing assistance for students in the private rented sector?

**Mark Reckless** *South Wales East*

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**OQ56398 (e)**

What discussions has the Minister had with the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd on the impact that the tax paid when buying residential properties is having on the Welsh housing stock?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

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**OQ56380 (e)**

Will the Minister make a statement on the building of council houses in Wales?