

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 4 December 2024

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Senedd Chamber and others joining by video-conference.

#### 1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government

(45 mins)

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

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#### 2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Education

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Topical Questions

(20 mins)

**To ask the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs**

[Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#): How is the Welsh Government supporting local authorities and residents impacted by the sinkhole in Merthyr Tydfil, particularly



in addressing the immediate safety concerns and long-term implications for affected homes?

**To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language**

[Peter Fox \(Monmouth\)](#): Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the recent funding allocated for the delivery of the Government's priorities?

**4 90 Second Statements**

(5 mins)

**5 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Care settings for autism and learning disability**

(60 mins)

**NDM8659** [Hefin David \(Caerphilly\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that it is over 40 years since the publication of the All-Wales Strategy, which aimed to remove autistic people and/or people with a learning disability from long-term hospital placements and support them to live in their local communities.

2. Regrets that in Wales, some autistic people and/or people with a learning disability are still being sectioned under the MHA or detained under the Mental Capacity Act 2005 in secure hospital settings, which is inappropriate to their wellbeing and causes considerable longer-term trauma, as well as distress to themselves and their loved ones.

3. Believes that this continues to happen to autistic people and/or people with a learning disability because of a lack of support being available in their local areas, with sectioning in some circumstances being used as a default option by relevant authorities.

4. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) set out in detail how it will respond to the concerns and objectives of the Stolen Lives' 'Homes Not Hospitals' campaign;

b) collect and publish accurate and up-to-date data on:

- i) the number of autistic people and/or people with a learning disability in Wales who are placed in hospital settings;
  - ii) the type of such hospital placements e.g. mental health hospitals or assessment and treatment units;
  - iii) the providers of such hospital placements e.g. private, public or voluntary sector; and
  - iv) the number and nature of supported living or residential placement breakdowns resulting in hospital detention e.g. name of provider and type of provider;
- c) provide a progress update on the establishment of a dedicated Task and Finish Group to work with stakeholders to help address the issues and concerns that Stolen Lives have raised, and which fall within its devolved responsibilities; and
- d) implement the recommendations of its 2020 National Care Review, which stated clearly that people should only stay in hospitals if there are no other ways to treat them safely.

### **Co-submitters**

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

[Sioned Williams \(South Wales West\)](#)

### **Supporters**

[Cefin Campbell \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#)

[Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)

[Peredur Owen Griffiths \(South Wales East\)](#)

[Rhys ab Owen \(South Wales Central\)](#)

## **6 Debate on the Equality and Social Justice Committee report – Their Future: Our Priority? Follow up inquiry into childcare provision in Wales**

(60 mins)

**NDM8750** [Jenny Rathbone \(Cardiff Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Equality and Social Justice Committee report, 'Their Future: Our Priority? Follow up inquiry into childcare provision in Wales', [laid](#) on 24 July 2024.

Note: The response from the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 27 November 2024.

## **7 Plaid Cymru Debate – Dementia diagnosis**

(60 mins)

**NDM8752** [Heledd Fychan \(South Wales Central\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes only 56 per cent of people living with dementia have a diagnosis.
2. Regrets that Wales has the lowest published diagnosis rate in the UK.
3. Believes a focus on early and accurate diagnosis can improve treatment options, reduce the cost of dementia to the NHS and make a cost saving of up to £45,000 per person by delaying admission to care homes.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to include new dementia diagnosis targets in the new dementia action plan.

**The following amendments were tabled:**

**Amendment 1** [Jane Hutt \(Vale of Glamorgan\)](#)

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Notes Wales has the lowest published diagnosis rate in the UK.

Believes a focus on early and accurate diagnosis can improve treatment options and potentially reduce the cost of dementia to the NHS.

Welcomes the Welsh Government's intention to refresh the Dementia Action Plan.

Calls on the Welsh Government to include new dementia diagnosis targets in the new plan.

**Amendment 2** [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to ensure the new dementia action plan puts patients and their loved ones first, whilst promoting research into the disease.

## **8 Voting Time**

## **9 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM8751** [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

Mining copper in Wales: is it reasonable to rely on imported copper?

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 10 December 2024

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 27/11/2024 for answer on 04/12/2024

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

### CABINET SECRETARY FOR HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Julie Morgan** *Cardiff North*

**1** OQ61982 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to support tenants in the private rental sector?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

**2** OQ61960 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the building of co-operative housing in Swansea?

**Altaf Hussain** *South Wales West*

**3** OQ61994 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to protect local authorities in South Wales West from funding cuts?

**Mabon ap Gwynfor** *Dwyfor Meirionnydd*

**4** OQ61981 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the provision of Government funding for housing associations?

**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

**5** OQ61963 (e)

How is the Welsh Government ensuring the financial stability of local authorities?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

**6** OQ61996 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to ensure that swift bricks are installed on all tall buildings?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

**7** OQ61964 (e)

What is the Cabinet Secretary doing to reduce the number of empty homes in Aberconwy?

**Samuel Kurtz** *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

**8** OQ61990 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting local authorities to deliver services?

**Peter Fox** *Monmouth*

**9** OQ61993 (e)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the financial resilience of local authorities?

**Joel James** *South Wales Central*

**10** OQ61998 (e)

What is the Cabinet Secretary doing to encourage local authorities to actively take part in the disability confident employer scheme?

**James Evans** *Brecon and Radnorshire*

**11** OQ62001 (e)

What action is the Welsh Government taking to protect Powys County Council from funding cuts?

## CABINET SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION

**Mark Isherwood** *North Wales*

**1** OQ61962 (e)

How is the Welsh Government working with the further education sector to increase the skill set in Wales?

**Lee Waters** *Llanelli*

**2** OQ61967 (e)

What changes to citizenship and political education have been made since votes for 16 year-olds were introduced?

**Joyce Watson** *Mid and West Wales*

**3** OQ61984 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on what the Welsh Government is doing to help families with school costs?

**Rhun ap Iorwerth** *Ynys Môn*

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**OQ61999 (w)**

How is the Welsh Government supporting local authorities to provide additional learning needs services?

**Heledd Fychan** *South Wales Central*

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**OQ61980 (w)**

How is the Welsh Government addressing the fall in the number of learners who study a modern language in schools?

**Sioned Williams** *South Wales West*

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**OQ61978 (w)**

How is the Government supporting the higher education sector in Wales?

**Mick Antoniw** *Pontypridd*

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**OQ61968 (e)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on Welsh Government investment in Pontypridd schools as part of the 21st century schools programme?

**Adam Price** *Carmarthen East and Dinefwr*

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**OQ61987 (w)**

Does the Government support the goal of continuing further education in Ammanford?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

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**OQ61995 (e)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the provision of classroom support staff in the North Wales region?

**Samuel Kurtz** *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

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**OQ61989 (e)**

How is the Welsh Government improving education standards in Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

11

**OQ61959 (e)**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the teaching of enterprise in schools?

**Sam Rowlands** *North Wales*

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**OQ61991 (e)**

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the adequacy of funding for schools in North Wales?