

Agenda – Equality and Social Justice Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 5 (Ty Hywel)

Meeting date: 6 October 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

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**** In addition to the breaks published on the agenda there will also be periodic comfort breaks, called by the Chair ****

Pre-meeting

(13:00–13:30)

Public meeting

(13:30 – 16:30)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

(13:30)

2 Stage one scrutiny of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill: evidence session seven

(13:30–15:00)

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Angela Hughes, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

Sarah Morley, Velindre University NHS Trust

Michelle Fowler, Velindre University NHS Trust

Break

(15:00–15:15)



**3 Stage one scrutiny of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill:
evidence session eight**

(15:15–16:30)

Rhidian Hurle, Digital Health Care Wales

Liam Williams, Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust

Kathryn Cobley, Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust

4 Papers to note

(16:30)

4.1 Correspondence from Dr Rob Jones to the Chair regarding Welsh Justice Data

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**5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to
exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and from
item one on the agenda for the Committee's meeting on 13
October 2025**

(16:30)

**6 Stage one scrutiny of the British Sign Language (Wales) Bill:
consideration of the evidence**

(16:30–16:45)

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29/09/25- Email from Dr Robert Jones (Prifysgol Cardiff/ Cardiff University) to the ESJ Committee

Annwyl Equality and Social Justice Committee,

After more than a decade of requesting Wales-only prison data through the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Ministry of Justice has (this morning) published the very first *Welsh Justice Data: Annual Release* (see link below). Although there remain many important sources of data excluded from the release, today's publication is a welcome development that will undoubtedly help to enhance transparency and scrutiny of the Welsh criminal justice system. This includes areas that the Equality and Social Justice Committee have previously examined and scrutinised.

Welsh Justice Data: Annual Release: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/welsh-justice-data-annual-release-2025>

Cofion gorau,

Dr Robert Jones