

Senedd Cymru / Welsh Parliament

Pwyllgor Diwylliant, y Gymraeg a Chyfathrebu / Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee

Ymchwiliad i'r achosion o COVID-19 ac effaith y feirws ar ddiwylliant, y diwydiannau creadigol, treftadaeth, cyfathrebu a chwaraeon / Inquiry into the COVID-19 outbreak and its impact on culture, creative industries, heritage, communications and sport

CWLC COV15

Ymateb gan unigolyn / Response from an individual

I am writing to request that you reconsider the decision to keep all tennis facilities in Wales closed, even though every other country in the UK and virtually everywhere in Europe is now allowing some play, with safely restrictions.

This is unbelievably detrimental for dedicated juniors like my grandson, Oliver Page, currently ranked number one in the UK for boys aged 12 and under. He has worked so hard to attain this position, training and travelling and practising and competing, whilst also keeping up his school studies to a high level. Please don't take all that away from him.

His UK rivals were allowed to return to training many weeks ago and this is such an important time in their development that if Welsh players continue to be denied the opportunity to train then it may prove too late for them to catch up.

Wales recently won the Home Nations junior tennis championships for the first time ever. There will be no chance of repeating such an achievement if this level of disparity is allowed to continue.

Please support Welsh tennis. Outdoor singles is very safe and the two players can remain on opposite sides of the court without changing ends.

Thank you for listening.

Kind Regards

Penny Mann