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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

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Ymateb gan unigolyn / Response from an individual

To whom it may concern

Further to this afternoon's very limited announcement from the First Minister, I would like to raise my concern at the lack of consideration given to mental wellbeing and physical benefit that sport gives to people.

Within the lockdown of 10 weeks, the only exercise that has been made possible is that of walking, running and cycling. This is only feasible for those living near open spaces. Practically, most people will not want to drive everyday just to go on a walk for an hour especially if this isn't to someone's liking.

There are sports that naturally lend themselves to social distancing including tennis, golf, fishing to name a few. There has been hardly any recognition of these in the briefings from the Welsh government.

Today, we are one of the only countries in Europe not to allow tennis to be played whilst it's now possible to visit someone else's garden where 2 metres may be more of a challenge than that of a tennis court!

I'd like the Welsh government to consider tennis (as well as a number of other sports) to be opened up with clear guidelines on how to be COVID compliant.

The positive impact on wellbeing that these sports give to people of all ages certainly justifies at least a mention from the first minister.

Yours sincerely
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