

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 COV19

Ymateb gan unigolyn / Response from an individual

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to provide feedback on the impacts of covid-19 in general as well as the latest set of guidelines that have been issued today (29th May) by the Welsh Government.

I am writing to you as the father of an elite junior tennis player. My son, [REDACTED] is currently the number 1 ranked player in the United Kingdom at Under 12 age group. Although he is working remotely with his fitness and tennis coaches, he is being severely disadvantaged in comparison to players in England, Scotland and the rest of Europe at the moment because of the current guidelines on playing tennis, and the availability of public tennis facilities.

The English government allowed tennis to be played with 1 person 2 weeks ago, and Scotland has since followed suit. I find it very difficult to understand how the rest of Europe are now allowed to play in some form, whereas the Welsh are not.

I am all for safety and understand how breaches of the rules can lead to further health issues but our elite sportsmen and women are now at a severe disadvantage compare to others in the UK because of these guidelines. If I can sit in someone elses garden and chat to them from a safe distance, why wouldn't I be able to play a game of tennis with them whilst remaining at an even bigger distance? It makes no sense at all.

Thanks

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