

# National Assembly for Wales

## Petitions Committee

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### Welcome to our first ever termly update – Autumn Term 2019

This update provides information on some of the work that the Committee has undertaken during this term and progress on some of the petitions before the Committee. It has been produced by the Clerking team which supports the Committee's work. The Committee's twitter feed [@SeneddPetitions](#) carries all our latest news, petitions and meetings.

### Petitions Considered: September–December 2019

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#### New petitions received on our website

We received 35 new admissible petitions.

#### New petitions considered by the Committee

We considered 30 petitions for the first time.

#### Updates on petitions

We revisited 78 petitions.

#### Evidence sessions

We held two evidence sessions on petition [P-05-886 Stop the Red Route \(A55/A494 corridor\)](#).

### Petition outcomes

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This term has seen a number of petitions make considerable progress, resulting in debates, reports and policy changes.

#### P-05-736 To Make Mental Health Services More Accessible

We published our [report](#) on the petition and made five recommendations to the Welsh Government.

#### P-05-797 Ensure access to the cystic fibrosis medicine, Orkambi®, as a matter of urgency

The [Welsh Government](#) has now agreed a deal to make Orkambi® and another cystic fibrosis drug available on the NHS in Wales.

#### P-05-854 Make learning disability training mandatory for hospital staff

We held a Plenary debate on the petition in November and, in response, the [Welsh Government](#) announced plans for all NHS staff to receive learning disability awareness training.

#### P-05-817 Specialist prosthetics for child amputees

The [Welsh Government](#) has announced the creation of a new fund to provide sports prosthetics for children and young people in Wales.

## **P-05-856 Ban the sale of puppies by pet shops and all commercial 3rd party dealers in Wales**

The **Welsh Government** has proposed to introduce a ban on the third party sales of puppies and kittens.

## **P-05-799 Change the National Curriculum and teach Welsh history, from a Welsh perspective, in our Primary, Secondary and Sixth form Schools**

The Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee published a **report** on Teaching of Welsh history, culture and heritage.

## **Procurement of a new petitions system**

We have recently completed a procurement exercise for a new online petitions system. The new system is intended to be more user friendly and accessible. We are hoping to launch the new system in summer 2020.

## **Committee meetings**

The Committee has met 6 times during this term:

- **17 September**
- **1 October**
- **15 October**
- **5 November**
- **19 November**
- **3 December**
- Information on each meeting is available at the above links.

## **Things to remember**

- Petitions must meet our **admissibility criteria**.
- Petitions that gain 50 signatures will be considered by the Committee.
- We may decide to refer petitions that gain 5,000 signatures for a Plenary debate.
- We cannot accept petitions from other petition websites.

## **Contact details**

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