

Cafodd yr ymateb hwn ei gyflwyno i ymgynghoriad y [Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol](#) ar [Flaenoriaethau'r Chweched Senedd](#)

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Blaenoriaethau cychwynnol a nodwyd gan y Pwyllgor **Initial priorities identified by the Committee**

Mae'r Pwyllgor wedi nodi nifer o flaenoriaethau posibl ar gyfer ei waith yn ystod y Chweched Senedd, gan gynnwys: iechyd y cyhoedd a gwaith ataliol; y gweithlu iechyd a gofal cymdeithasol, gan gynnwys diwylliant sefydliadol a lles staff; mynediad at wasanaethau iechyd meddwl; arloesi ar sail tystiolaeth ym maes iechyd a gofal cymdeithasol; cymorth a gwasanaethau i ofalwyr di-dâl; mynediad at wasanaethau adsefydlu i'r rhai sydd wedi cael COVID ac i eraill; a mynediad at wasanaethau ar gyfer cyflyrau cronig tymor hir, gan gynnwys cyflyrau cyhyrysgerbydol.

The Committee has identified several potential priorities for work during the Sixth Senedd, including: public health and prevention; the health and social care workforce, including organisational culture and staff wellbeing; access to mental health services; evidence-based innovation in health and social care; support and services for unpaid carers; access to COVID and non-COVID rehabilitation services; and access to services for long-term chronic conditions, including musculoskeletal conditions.

C1. Pa rai o'r materion uchod ydych chi'n credu y dylai'r Pwyllgor roi blaenoriaeth iddynt, a pham?

Q1. Which of the issues listed above do you think should be a priority, and why?

One Voice Wales welcomes the opportunity to respond to the suggested topics to be investigated by the Committee. Health and Social Care is an area of legitimate interest to Town and Community Councils as many councils have within their boundaries, health facilities ranging from GP practices to major hospitals. They also contain nursing homes and other social care facilities. Many residents and indeed many councillors are employed in these sectors. In addition, Councils strive to improve the wellbeing of residents in a variety of ways.

One Voice Wales sees merit in all of the areas suggested by the committee. We particularly welcome the emphasis on Access to services but would suggest that Access needs to be to adequate and expert services; access to inadequate services is not a desirable outcome.



- access to mental health services; - reword to "access to quality mental health services "
- access to COVID and non-COVID rehabilitation services; reword to "access to quality rehabilitation services (including COVID)"
- access to services for long-term chronic conditions, including musculoskeletal conditions – reword to "access to quality services for long-term chronic conditions"

How is it intended to ensure quality is adequate or better?

Given the complexity of the issue and the fact that Councils are aware of the considerable problems faced by many residents in moving from Health facilities to Social Care One Voice Wales would suggest that the Committee also take evidence on this interface which is widely recognised as being dysfunctional. This is a fundamental issue which needs addressing and resolving.

The list also includes "evidence-based innovation in health and social care"; Why evidence-based innovation? Why not evidence-based practice?

Blaenoriaethau allweddol ar gyfer y Chweched Senedd

Key priorities for the Sixth Senedd

C2. Yn eich barn chi, pa flaenoriaethau allweddol eraill y dylai'r Pwyllgor eu hystyried yn ystod y Chweched Senedd mewn perthynas â:

- a) **gwasanaethau iechyd;**
- b) **gofal cymdeithasol a gofalwyr;**
- c) **adfer yn dilyn COVID?**

Q2. In your view, what other key priorities should the Committee consider during the Sixth Senedd in relation to:

- a) **health services;**
 - b) **social care and carers;**
 - c) **COVID recovery?**
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Gofal Cymdeithasol a gofalwyr

Social care and carers

There is a fundamental issue which the committee should focus on, namely the dysfunctional interface between the Health Service and Social Care and how this can be improved – it is not included on the list.

Unrhyw faterion eraill

Any other issues

C3. A oes unrhyw faterion eraill yr hoffech dynnu sylw'r Pwyllgor atynt?

Q3. Are there any other issues you wish to draw to the Committee's attention?
