

## **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?**

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The Health and Social Care sector has been impacted greatly through a number of measures and circumstances in recent history, including austerity, Brexit and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Each of these has contributed to the need for Health and Social Care to adapt to the changing – and often rising – demands, expectations and pressures put on it. A remodelling of the current Primary Care system is, as such, required, with COVID-19 illustrating how the current system is susceptible to high levels of sustained pressure and how dependent it has been on the hard work of its staff to function.

Both innovation and the use of best practice from leading national and international sources is needed to help bring services to the wider community.



The Committee may wish to consider access to Wellbeing hubs and mental health facilities as well, with a potential focus on preventative measures, early diagnosis and the wider de-stigmatisation of conditions such as mental health concerns, particularly within the wider working world. The access to training and national pay scales for Approved Mental Health Practitioners needs to be urgently addressed, with many of these only being found within the guise of Social Workers within Local Authorities.

Localised training facilities that various sectors can tap into to help address mental health in the workplace and other similar matters would be welcomed. In addition to this, access to therapies and reablement, notably Occupational Therapy, needs to be community based via Local Authorities and linked in with increased resources, especially equipment and adaptations.

Liberty Protection Safeguards should be both adequately enshrined in legislation as well as financially supported so that those with mental capacity needs can be supported to have decisions made in their best interest.

The Committee should also look to the grassroots of the public sector in the form of Town and Community Councils with regards to the effective distribution of information to the community and to local community organisations.

## **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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#### **Gwasanaethau iechyd**

##### **Health services**

- To develop a new Primary Care Model that provides access to GPs from Health and Wellbeing hubs. This should be separate to Social Services due to the complexity and range of the care required.
- To stop any further reduction in UK hospital beds. The UK already has 25% lower per 1000 population beds than the rest of Europe.
- To create a plan that focuses on the most vulnerable and aims to give them a wider range of support.

#### **Gofal Cymdeithasol a gofalwyr**

##### **Social care and carers**

- Consider Wales 'franchise' models for Social Care commissioned Services such as domiciliary care, with guaranteed terms and conditions. A similar regional footprint should also be considered for Children's Services provision.
- The Committee should also liaise regularly with representatives from the Social Care sector to develop an ongoing understanding of the issues faces and of its growing needs.

#### **Adfer yn dilyn COVID**

##### **COVID recovery**

The Committee should work to fully learn how COVID-19 has impacted on individuals and communities in Wales, and support them through increasing accessibility to services, increasing the workforce within the sector and increasing retention rates of current staff as it highest priorities.

Supporting appropriate recompense for key workers who have helped the country throughout the pandemic should be seriously considered.