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Dear colleague

Request for written evidence: Welsh Government's plan for transforming and modernising planned care and reducing waiting lists

The Welsh Government published its [plan for transforming and modernising planned care and reducing waiting lists](#) on 26 April 2022, following which the Minister for Health and Social Services made a [statement on the plan in Plenary](#).

The impact of the waiting times backlog is a key priority for the Health and Social Care Committee, and we would welcome your views on the matters set out in Annex 1.

It would be helpful to receive your response **by Friday 10 June 2022**.

Yours sincerely



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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

Annex 1 Request for written evidence: Welsh Government's plan for transforming and modernising planned care and reducing waiting lists

To inform the Health and Social Care Committee's consideration of the Welsh Government's plan for transforming and modernising planned care and reducing waiting lists, we would welcome your views on the matters listed below. Please keep your answers concise where possible. You do not need to address all of the issues unless you wish to do so.

It would be helpful to receive your response **by Friday 10 June 2022**.

Overall views

1. Whether the plan will be sufficient to address the backlogs in routine care that have built up during the pandemic, and reduce long waits.
2. Whether the plan strikes the right balance between tackling the current backlog, and building a more resilient and sustainable health and social care system for the long term?

Meeting people's needs

3. Whether the plan includes sufficient focus on:
 - a. Ensuring that people who have health needs come forward;
 - b. Supporting people who are waiting a long time for treatment, managing their expectations, and preparing them for receiving the care for which they are waiting, including supported self-management;
 - c. Meeting the needs of those with the greatest clinical needs, and those who have been waiting a long time;
 - d. Improving patient outcomes and their experience of NHS services?

Leadership and national direction

4. Whether the plan provides sufficient leadership and national direction to drive collective effort, collaboration and innovation-sharing at local, regional and national levels across the entire health and social care system (including mental health, primary care and community care)?
5. Whether the plan provides sufficient clarity about who is responsible for driving transformation, especially in the development of new and/or regional treatment and diagnostic services and modernising planned care services?

Targets and timescales

6. Are the targets and timescales in the plan sufficiently detailed, measurable, realistic and achievable?
7. Is it sufficiently clear which specialties will be prioritised/included in the targets?
8. Do you anticipate any variation across health boards in the achievement of the targets by specialty?

Financial resources

9. Is there sufficient revenue and capital funding in place to deliver the plan, including investing in and expanding infrastructure and estates where needed to ensure that service capacity meets demand?
10. Is the plan sufficiently clear on how additional funding for the transformation of planned care should be used to greatest effect, and how its use and impact will be tracked and reported on?

Workforce

11. Does the plan adequately address health and social care workforce pressures, including retention, recruitment, and supporting staff to work flexibly, develop their skills and recover from the trauma of the pandemic?

Digital tools and data

12. Is there sufficient clarity about how digital tools and data will be developed and used to drive service delivery and more efficient management of waiting times?

How to share your views

Please email your response to seneddhealth@senedd.wales by **Friday 10 June 2022**.

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