

P-06-1454 Calling Welsh Government to provide urgent mental health support for New Dads - Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Committee, 06 September 2024

Thank you for the response and as a keynote speaker at the conference mentioned and part of the committee feel that an independent service like Fatherhood solutions who work on setting up informal pathways would be needed.

As someone who works in England and seeing improvements for fathers feel the urgency to screen and assess fathers for their mental health is not being met. With the research that a new father is up to 47% risk of suicide and how it may impact on child development and the relationship between parents.

I have had meeting with health ministers for Wales over the last 14 years and would be happy to discuss how we can be fathers-inclusive with knowledge I have obtained internationally and at local levels.

I thank you so much for taking the time and the work you do for Wales.