

**Y Pwyllgor Iechyd a
Gofal Cymdeithasol**

**Health and Social Care
Committee**

Alex Howells
Chief Executive
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Dear Alex

The Health and Social Care Committee has been undertaking an inquiry into supporting people with chronic conditions. The vision of person-centred care is widely shared, so we have been looking at how to progress its implementation into practice to better support people with chronic conditions. We have also been considering whether the Welsh Government and NHS Wales are doing enough to address the challenges of the growing number of people living with multiple conditions and how to treat them holistically.

We have heard that workforce pressures are affecting many areas of health and social care, including staff in specialist mental health services, domiciliary care workers, and social workers. It has also been suggested that better workforce planning is needed to meet the needs of future populations. We would therefore be grateful if you could provide information on:

- What HEIW is doing to support health and social care to meet the needs of those living with chronic conditions; and
- Given that the number of people living with chronic conditions is predicted to rise, putting additional pressure on health and social care, what work HEIW is doing to identify and respond to projected population trends.

It would be helpful if we could receive your response by **Friday 2 August 2024**.

Yours sincerely



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

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