

Y Pwyllgor Deisebau

Petitions Committee

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CC: Peter Fox MS, Chair, Health and Social Care Committee

22 January 2026

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Petition P-06-1562 Improve breast screening uptake for women in Wales

The Petitions Committee met on 12 January and considered the above petition, submitted by Breast Cancer Now.

The Committee expressed concern about breast cancer screening uptake, noting the importance of ensuring women took up their first invitation, as this was more likely to ensure repeat attendance. Members agreed to write to you to seek further information on:

- The current utilisation of the 12 mobile screening centres in Wales and whether that could be increased;
- Data on differences in take-up relating to, for example, socio-economic or age factors;
- An explanation of the particularly low screening uptake in Ynys Môn;
- The measures being taken to resource Breast Test Wales and Public Health Wales to increase uptake, and to raise public awareness, including whether involving prominent Welsh women has been considered;
- What account is being taken of lessons learnt and best practice from NHS England's recent awareness raising work;

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- When will the new screening equity strategy be published and brought to the attention of Senedd Members and the public, and what is being done to involve women of screening age and under-served groups in developing that strategy?

The Committee noted that screening equity extends beyond breast cancer, and agreed to copy this correspondence to the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee. The petition will remain open pending your response. It was noted there was limited time remaining in the current Senedd term for Members to debate the issue in the Siambr, however individual Members could still highlight its importance.

The full details of the Committee's consideration of the petition, including the correspondence and the actions agreed by the Committee can be found here: [P-06-1562 Improve breast screening uptake for women in Wales](#)

I would be grateful if you could send your response by e-mail to the clerking team at petitions@senedd.wales.

Yours sincerely



Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

