



10 February 2014

Dear Colleague,

The National Assembly for Wales' Health and Social Care Committee is undertaking an **inquiry into progress made to date on implementing the Welsh Government's Cancer Delivery Plan**

The terms of reference for the inquiry are to examine the progress made in implementing the Cancer Delivery Plan in Wales including:

- Whether Wales is on course to achieve the outcomes and performance measures, as set out in the Cancer Delivery Plan, by 2016;
- Progress made in reducing the inequalities gap in cancer incidence and mortality rates;
- The effectiveness of cancer screening services and the level of take-up across the population of Wales, particularly the harder to reach groups;
- Whether patients across Wales can access the care required (for example, access to diagnostic testing or out-of-hours care) in an appropriate setting and in a timely manner;
- The level of collaborative working across sectors, especially between the NHS and third sector, to ensure patients receive effective person-centred care from multi-disciplinary teams.
- Whether the current level of funding for cancer services is appropriate, used effectively and provides value for money.

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## Invitation to contribute to the inquiry

The Committee welcomes evidence from both individuals and organisations. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.

Generally, we ask for submissions to be made in writing, because it is normal practice for the National Assembly to publish evidence provided to a Committee on our internet site so that it becomes part of the public record. However, we are also able to accept evidence in audio or video format. The Committee welcomes contributions in English or Welsh, and we ask organisations with Welsh Language policies / schemes to provide bilingual responses, where applicable, in line with their public information policies.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to [HSCCommittee@wales.gov.uk](mailto:HSCCommittee@wales.gov.uk).

Alternatively, you can write to: Committee Clerk, Health and Social Care Committee, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Submissions should arrive by **Friday 4 April 2014**. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

Submissions should:

- be no longer than five sides of A4;
- contain numbered paragraphs;
- (if submitted electronically) should preferably be Word documents, not pdf files; and
- should focus on the terms of reference outlined above.

For your information, the Committee has invited submissions from those on the attached distribution list. We would be grateful if you could forward a copy of the letter to any individuals or organisations that are not included on this list, but might like to contribute to the inquiry. A copy of this letter has been placed on the National Assembly's website with an open invitation to

submit views. We will be holding two oral evidence sessions in May and June 2014.

### **Disclosure of Information**

It is normal practice for the National Assembly to publish evidence provided to a Committee. Consequently your response may appear in a report or in supplementary evidence to a report. The National Assembly will not publish information which it considers to be personal data.

In the event of a request for information submitted under UK legislation, it may be necessary to disclose the information that you provide. This may include information which has previously been removed by the National Assembly for publication purposes.

If you are providing any information, other than personal data, which you feel is not suitable for public disclosure, it is up to you to stipulate which parts should not be published and to provide a reasoned argument to support this. The National Assembly will take this into account when publishing information or responding to requests for information.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David F. Rees." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and 'R'.

**David Rees AM**

**Chair**

## **Annex: Distribution list**

Age Cymru  
All Wales Medicines Strategy Group  
Anthony Nolan Trust  
ASH Wales  
Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry  
Bowel Screening Wales  
Breakthrough Breast Cancer  
Breast Cancer Care Wales  
Breast Test Wales  
British Association and College of Occupational  
Therapists  
British Lung Foundation  
British Red Cross  
Cancer Genetics Service for Wales  
Cancer Information & Support Services (CISS)  
Cancer Information System Cymru (CaNISC)  
Cancer NSAG  
Cancer Research UK  
Cancer Research Wales  
Cardiff University – Institute of Cancer and Genetics  
Carers Trust Wales  
Cervical Screening Wales  
Chartered Society of Physiotherapy in Wales  
CLIC Sargent  
Community Health Councils  
Cross Party Group for Cancer  
Genetic Alliance UK  
GlaxoSmithKline  
Hospices Cymru  
Institute of Cancer Research  
Kidney Cancer UK  
Local Health Boards  
Macmillan Cancer Support  
Maggie's Centres  
Marie Curie  
Myeloma UK  
NHS Trusts

NHS Wales Informatics Service  
NICE  
NISCHR  
North Wales Cancer Network  
Pancreatic Cancer UK  
Patients Association  
Prostate Cancer UK  
Public Health Wales  
Rarer Cancers Foundation  
Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation  
Royal College of Anaesthetists  
Royal College of General Practitioners  
Royal College of Nursing  
Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists  
Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health  
Royal College of Pathologists  
Royal College of Physicians  
Royal College of Psychiatrists  
Royal College of Radiologists  
Royal College of Surgeons  
South Wales Cancer Network  
Teenage Cancer Trust  
Tenovus  
Velindre Cancer Centre  
Wales Cancer Alliance  
Wales Cancer Bank  
Wales Cancer Trials Unit  
Wales Gene Park  
Welsh Cancer Intelligence and Surveillance Unit  
Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee