

**Y Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol  
Health and Social Care Committee**

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1 August 2011

Dear Colleague

The National Assembly for Wales' [Health and Social Care Committee](#) is undertaking an inquiry into stroke risk reduction.

To assist with its inquiry, the Committee would welcome your views on any or all of the following points:

- what is the current provision of stroke risk reduction services and how effective are the Welsh Government's policies in addressing any weaknesses in these services?
- what are your views on the implementation of the Welsh Government's Stroke Risk Reduction Action Plan and whether action to raise public awareness of the risk factors for stroke has succeeded?
- what are the particular problems in the implementation and delivery of stroke risk reduction actions?
- what evidence exists in favour of an atrial fibrillation screening programme being launched in Wales?

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## Invitation to contribute to the inquiry

The Committee welcomes responses 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.

The Committee welcomes contributions in English or Welsh and will consider responses to the inquiry and hold oral evidence sessions during the autumn term.

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 16 September 2011**. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

For your information, the Committee has invited submissions from those on the attached distribution list. They 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.

The Committee also welcomes suggestions on its ways of working and possible future inquiry topics on an on-going basis.

## 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.

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Yours faithfully



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**Chair**

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### **Health Boards**

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board  
Aneurin Bevan Health Board  
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board  
Cardiff & Vale University Health Board  
Cwm Taf Health Board  
Hywel Dda Health Board  
Powys Teaching Health Board

### **Health Trusts**

Public Health Wales NHS Trust  
Velindre NHS Trust  
Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust

### **Healthcare providers**

Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry Cymru Wales  
British Association of Social Workers Cymru  
British Dietetic Association  
British Medical Association  
British Society of Audiology  
British Society for Disability and Oral Health  
Centre for Independent Living  
Chartered Society of Physiotherapists  
College of Occupational Therapists  
Community Pharmacy Wales  
General Medical Council  
General Pharmaceutical Council  
National Pharmacy Association  
Primary Care Pharmacists Association  
Public Health Service Wales  
Royal College of General Practitioners  
Royal College of Nursing  
Optometry Wales  
Welsh Hospitals and Health Services  
The Welsh NHS Confederation

### **Community Health Councils**

Board of Community Health Councils in Wales  
Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Community Health Council  
Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council  
Betsi Cadwaladr Community Health Council  
Brecknock and Radnor Community Health Council  
Cardiff & The Vale Community Health Council  
Cwm Taff Community Health Council  
Hywel Dda Community Health Council  
Montgomery Community Health Council

## **Councils**

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council  
Bridgend County Borough Council  
Caerphilly County Borough Council  
Cardiff County Council  
Carmarthenshire County Borough Council  
Ceredigion County Council  
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Conwy County Borough Council  
Denbighshire County Borough Council  
Flintshire County Borough Council  
Gwynedd Council  
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Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council  
Monmouthshire County Borough Council  
Neath Port Talbot County Council  
Newport City Council  
Pembrokeshire County Council  
Powys County Council  
Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council  
Torfaen County Borough Council  
Vale of Glamorgan Council  
Wrexham County Borough Council

## **Official Agencies**

Association of Directors of Social Services  
Care Council for Wales  
Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales  
Children's Commissioner for Wales  
Equality and Human Rights Commission  
Health and Safety Executive  
Healthcare Inspectorate Wales  
Health Challenge Wales  
Health Commission Wales  
Health Communication Research Centre  
Health Inspectorate Wales  
Health Protection Agency  
Health Solutions Wales  
Institute of Rural Health  
National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence  
National Leadership and Innovation Agency for Healthcare  
Older People's Commissioner for Wales  
Social Services Improvement Agency  
Wales Audit Office  
Welsh Language Board  
Welsh Local Government Association

## **Councils for Voluntary Action**

Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations  
Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services  
Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Services  
Conwy Voluntary Services Council  
Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council

Flintshire Local Voluntary Council  
Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations  
Interlink  
Mantell Gwynedd  
Medrwn Mon  
Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service  
Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services  
Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations  
Swansea Council for Voluntary Service  
Torfaen Voluntary Alliance  
Voluntary Action Cardiff  
Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil  
Vale Centre for Voluntary Services  
Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham  
Wales Council for Voluntary Action

### **Voluntary Sector**

Age Cymru  
All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers  
Alzheimers' Society  
ASH Wales  
Barnardo's Cymru  
British Heart Foundation Cymru  
British Orthopaedic Association  
Carers Wales  
Centre for Help & Advice for the Disabled  
Changing Faces  
Children in Wales  
Chwarae Teg  
Citizens Advice Cymru  
Communities First Information Team  
CONNECT Disability Rights Advice  
Crossroads Caring for Carers  
Cruse Bereavement Care Cymru  
Deaf Association Wales  
Diabetes UK  
Disability Advice Project  
Disabled Living Foundation  
Disability Wales  
Gofal Cymru  
Hafal  
Joseph Rowntree Foundation  
Learning Disability Wales  
Macmillan Cancer Support  
Mencap Cymru  
Mental Health Foundation  
Mental Health Wales  
Merched y Wawr  
Mind Cymru  
Mothers' Union in Wales  
Motor Neurone Disease Association  
MS Society Wales  
Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin

National Federation of Women's Institutes  
Older People's Advocacy Alliance  
1000 Lives Plus  
Parkinson's Disease Society  
Patients Association  
Platform 51  
Renal Association  
RNIB Cymru  
RNID Cymru  
Royal British Legion  
Scope Cymru  
Sense Cymru  
SNAP Cymru  
Stonewall Cymru  
The Children's Society  
UK Disabled People's Council  
Wales Carers Alliance  
Wales Council for the Blind  
Wales Council for Deaf People  
Wales Pensioners  
Wales Women's National Coalition  
Young Disabled Persons Network

### **Stroke organisations**

All Wales Podiatrists Stroke Group  
Arrhythmia Alliance  
Atrial Fibrillation Association  
Blood Pressure Association  
British Association of Stroke Physicians  
British Hypertension Society  
Cardiac Networks of Wales  
Changing Faces  
OPAN Stroke Research Interest Group  
Primary Care Cardiovascular Society  
Stroke Association Wales  
Stroke Research Network  
The Arni Trust  
UK Stroke Forum  
Wellcome Trust  
Welsh Stroke Nurses Alliance  
World Stroke Organisation

### **Academia**

Centre for Health Informatics  
Welsh Institute for Health and Social Care (WIHSC)