

20 October 2016

Dear Colleague

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee's consultation on its priorities for the Fifth Assembly.

We received 76 responses, all of which can be viewed on our website. We have now had an opportunity to consider all the responses and have agreed the inquiries that we plan to prioritise over the coming 12–18 months. These are:

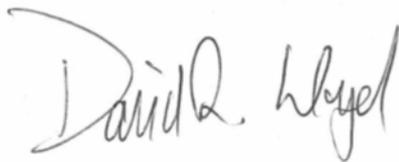
- Dementia;
- Primary care;
- Loneliness and isolation;
- Use of anti-psychotic medication;
- Public health and sport.

This does not, however, restrict our ability to undertake other topical work as and when it arises.

In addition, we have agreed a number of high level objectives that will form an overarching framework for our inquiry work in the Fifth Assembly. These are attached at Annexe 1.

Once again, on behalf of the members of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee, may I thank you for your contribution and invite your continued interest in our work.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Dai Lloyd AM

Chair, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee



Annexe 1

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

Strategic objectives for the Fifth Assembly

Over the course of the Fifth Assembly, we will examine the policies and services affecting the physical, mental and public health and well-being of the people of Wales, including the social care system.

In conducting our inquiry work, we will consider each initiative in the context of the following:

- Its impact on **health inequalities**;
- The extent to which a **preventative approach** has been pursued to health and well-being;
- The evidence of **effective and efficient spending commitments**;
- Its effect on matters relating to the health and social care **workforce**;
- The implications of the UK's **withdrawal from the EU**.

In taking this approach, we will focus our attention on outcomes, examining the value added by each initiative. As part of this, we will rigorously and routinely follow-up our completed policy and legislation work to assess the progress of implementation.

We will strive to be a trusted and authoritative voice in our subject area, driving change and influencing policy.

We will be a forum for public debate and the sharing of knowledge and experience. We will look nationally and internationally for examples of best practice, and encourage the effective sharing of these.

We recognise the important role that stakeholders, civic society and the wider Welsh public have in the work that we do, and we will engage meaningfully and regularly with them so that they can inform our work.

