



Ein cyf/Our ref WQ100166, WQ100167, WQ100168 and WQ100169

Darren Millar MS
Clwyd

3 September 2026

Dear Darren

I am replying to your written questions:

What consideration has the Welsh Government given to the establishment of an NHS brain injury rehabilitation unit in north Wales?

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the capacity, quality and accessibility of brain injury rehabilitation services for patients in north Wales?

What support is available for brain injury patients and their carers in north Wales?

Will the Welsh Government outline the patient pathway for people with brain injury in each local health board area?

The Welsh Government's aim is to ensure that people of all ages living with or affected by a neurological condition, including brain injury, have timely and equitable access to high-quality services to enable them to live their best lives. We set out our aims in the [Quality Statement for Neurological Conditions](#).

The Welsh Government's approach to rehabilitation is set out in the [All Wales Rehabilitation Framework](#). It promotes person-centred, needs-based support as close to home as possible for people with neurological conditions, including brain injury. The Framework sets out a stepped-care model to ensure different levels of need are met accordingly and supports the use of service planning and evaluation tools to help identify and address gaps in provision. The Framework recognises the importance of supporting family and carers.

Health boards and NHS trusts are expected to use Quality Statements and all-Wales clinical frameworks to plan and deliver high-quality services and pathways that meet local needs in line with relevant clinical and quality standards. In North Wales, this is the responsibility of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

Canolfan Cyswllt Cyntaf / First Point of Contact Centre:
0300 0604400

Bae Caerdydd • Cardiff Bay
Caerdydd • Cardiff
CF99 1SN

Gohebiaeth.Mabon.apGwynfor@llyw.cymru
Correspondence.Mabon.apGwynfor@gov.wales

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn yr iaith honno ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

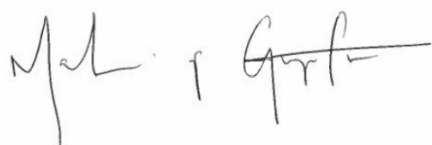
We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

National support is provided by [NHS Wales Performance and Improvement](#), working through the National Strategic Clinical Network for Neurological Conditions, including its All-Wales Community of Practice for community neurological rehabilitation services and Neurorehabilitation Clinical Advisory Group.

Under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, local authorities must assess both people with care and support needs and carers who may need support, including advice or information to help maintain their wellbeing. Unpaid carers should be identified and involved early during hospital admission and discharge, so they are informed and supported. Hospital carer support services can provide information, advice and practical help.

The Welsh Government-funded CALL helpline is also available 24/7, offering confidential emotional support and advice to individuals, families and carers', including help to find local support. CALL can be contacted free on 0800 132 737, with further information on the [CALL helpline](#) website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mabon ap Gwynfor'.

Mabon ap Gwynfor AS/MS

Gweinidog Cabinet dros Iechyd a Gofal
Cabinet Minister for Health and Care