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Welsh Parliament

Health and Social Care Committee

**Priorities for the Sixth Senedd**

Share your views

## Background

The [Health and Social Care Committee](https://senedd.wales/committee/737) has been set up by the Senedd to look at policy and legislation, and to hold the Welsh Government to account on specific issues. This includes the physical, mental and public health and well-being of the people of Wales, including the social care system.

During autumn 2021, the Committee will be considering its strategic approach and forward work programme. To make sure that we can take account of what you think the most important issues are, we would like you to share your views on:

1. The initial priorities for the Sixth Senedd identified by the Committee (see below).
2. What other key priorities the Committee should consider during the Sixth Senedd in relation to: health services, social care and carers, and COVID recovery.

## How to share your views

To share your views, please complete this form and send it **by 16.00 on Friday 17 September** to [SeneddHealth@senedd.wales](mailto:SeneddHealth@senedd.wales), or by post to Health and Social Care Committee, Welsh Parliament, Cardiff, CF99 1SN.

You can find more information about how to share your views at the end of this document, including guidance on providing written evidence, information about the Senedd’s two official languages, and details about how we will use the information you provide.

## About you

This section of the form asks you some questions about yourself and the capacity in which you are responding to this consultation. This will help us to process and use your information in line with our [privacy policy](https://senedd.wales/en/help/privacy/Pages/help-inquiry-privacy.aspx).

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| Your details |  | | |
| 1. Name: |  | | |
| 1. Email address: |  | | |
| 1. Would you like to be added to the Health and Social Care Committee’s contacts list in order to receive updates about our work? | Yes | |  |
| No | |  |
| *You can unsubscribe at any time by emailing* [***SeneddHealth@senedd.wales***](mailto:SeneddHealth@senedd.wales)*.* | | | |
| 1. Please tell us in what capacity you are responding to this consultation. | | | |
| I am an individual responding in a personal capacity |  | | |
| I am an individual responding in a professional capacity (please tell us what your job title is) |  | | |
| I am responding on behalf of an organisation (please tell us which organisation and what your job title is) |  | | |
| If you are under 13 years old, we will only be able to accept your response if your parent or guardian has confirmed that you can participate. They can do this by sending us an email to [SeneddHealth@senedd.wales](mailto:SeneddHealth@senedd.wales).   1. Are you under 13 years old? | | | |
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| I do not have the agreement of one or more of the third parties I have referred to in my evidence. | |  | |
| I have not referred to any third parties in my evidence. | |  | |

## Question 1: Initial priorities identified by the Committee

The Committee has identified several potential priorities for work during the Sixth Senedd, including: public health and prevention; the health and social care workforce, including organisational culture and staff wellbeing; access to mental health services; evidence-based innovation in health and social care; support and services for unpaid carers; access to COVID and non-COVID rehabilitation services; and access to services for long-term chronic conditions, including musculoskeletal conditions.

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| Q1. Which of the issues listed above do you think should be a priority, and why? |
| You can comment on as many or few of the issues as you want.  In your answers, you might want to think about:   * What impact or outcomes could be achieved through any work by the Committee? * How the Committee might address the issue? * When any Committee work should take place? * Whether there are any specific groups, communities or stakeholders that the Committee should involve or hear from in any work? |
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## Question 2: Key priorities for the Sixth Senedd

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| Q2. In your view, what other key priorities should the Committee consider during the Sixth Senedd in relation to:   1. health services; 2. social care and carers; 3. COVID recovery? |
| You can comment on as many or few of the issues as you want.  In your answers, you might want to think about:   * What impact or outcomes could be achieved through any work by the Committee? * How the Committee might address the issue? * When any Committee work should take place? * Whether there are any specific groups, communities or stakeholders that the Committee should involve or hear from in any work? |
| a) Health services |
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| b) Social care and carers |
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| c) COVID recovery |
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## Question 3: Any other issues

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| Q3. Are there any other issues you wish to draw to the Committee’s attention? |
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## Submitting evidence

### Guidance on providing written evidence

If you have any questions about this consultation or providing written evidence, please contact us at [SeneddHealth@senedd.wales](mailto:SeneddHealth@senedd.wales) or on 0300 200 6565. You may also wish to read the advice on [“Getting involved with committees”](https://senedd.wales/senedd-business/committees/getting-involved-with-committees/), which explains how to prepare and submit evidence to Senedd committees.

### Official languages

The Senedd has two official languages, Welsh and English. In line with the [Senedd’s Official Languages Scheme](https://senedd.wales/Laid%20Documents/GEN-LD11101/GEN-LD11101-e.pdf), we request that you submit your response in both languages if you are able to do so. If your response is not submitted bilingually, we will publish in the language submitted, stating that it has been received in that language only. We expect other organisations to implement their own standards or schemes and to comply with their statutory obligation.

### How we will use your information

General information regarding consultations, which you should consider carefully before submitting a response to the Committee, is available in our [privacy notice](https://senedd.wales/en/help/privacy/Pages/help-inquiry-privacy.aspx).

### How to submit your response

We prefer to receive evidence digitally (for both practical and sustainability purposes). Please send an electronic copy of your form to [SeneddHealth@senedd.wales](mailto:SeneddHealth@senedd.wales).

If you cannot provide evidence digitally , you can send a copy to:

Health and Social Care Committee  
Welsh Parliament  
Cardiff  
CF99 1SN

Responses should be submitted no later than **16.00 on** **17 September 2021**.