

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 12 October 2022

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Senedd Chamber and others joining by video-conference.

#### 1 Questions to the Minister for Education and Welsh Language

(45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Minister after Question 2.

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#### 2 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Topical Questions

(0 mins)

No Topical Questions were accepted

#### 4 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)



## **5 Debate on the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report – Review of the Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021**

(60 mins)

**NDM8090** [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the report of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee on its Inquiry: Review of The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021, which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 8 June 2022.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 5 October 2022.

## **6 Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee report – Hospital discharge and its impact on patient flow through hospitals**

(60 mins)

**NDM8089** [Russell George \(Montgomeryshire\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

Notes the Health and Social Care Committee report ‘Hospital discharge and its impact on patient flow through hospitals’, [laid](#) on 15 June 2022.

Note: The response of the Welsh Government to the report was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 29 July 2022.

## **7 Plaid Cymru Debate – The private rental sector**

(60 mins)

**NDM8091** [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes that rising rents are adding to pressures on households across Wales as the cost-of-living crisis escalates further.

2. Notes that Wales’s average rental values have increased to £926 per month in June 2022, up by 15.1 per cent compared to June 2021.

3. Notes the increased numbers on social housing waiting lists, and the lack of social housing stock.

4. Notes that in the event of an eviction there is a lack of appropriate housing provision and people face homelessness.

5. Believes that tenants must be protected as a matter of urgency this winter.

6. Calls on the Welsh Government to implement emergency measures to:

a) freeze rents in the private rental sector;

b) place a moratorium on evictions.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)**

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Believes that the UK Government is failing to grasp their responsibilities to tackle the cost-of-living crisis and calls for the UK Government to honour its commitment to uplift benefits in line with inflation, including an immediate unfreezing and increase to local housing allowance rates in Wales.

Recognises that:

a) social tenants in Wales are protected from rent rises this winter;

b) from 1 December the Renting Homes Act will offer tenants greater protection from eviction;

c) more than 25,200 people, presenting as homeless, have been supported into temporary accommodation since the start of the pandemic.

Welcomes:

a) the additional £6m to local authorities that can be used to support payment of rent arrears or providing a rent guarantee;

b) the £65m investment in transitional accommodation capital programme to increase the amount of social housing, ensuring more people have a place to call home.

**If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected.**

**Amendment 2 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

Delete point 6 and replace with:

Notes the spiralling cost of temporary accommodation spend for local authorities.

**Amendment 3 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

Add new points at end of motion:

Notes the increasing number of section 21 eviction notices being issued by private landlords.

Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) work with local authorities to better promote the empty home loan scheme returning more empty houses into homes;
- b) review and speed up the planning application process to enable developers to meet house-building targets;
- c) review what steps can be taken to convert empty space above retail units into affordable, centrally located housing.

## **8 Voting Time**

## **9 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM8092 [Luke Fletcher \(South Wales West\)](#)**

Education maintenance allowance: a lifeline in the current crisis

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 18 October 2022

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Questions tabled on 05/10/2022 for answer on 12/10/2022

The Presiding Officer will call party spokespeople to ask questions without notice after Question 2.

### MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE

**Sarah Murphy** *Bridgend*

**1** OQ58521 (e)

How is the Minister working with local authorities to ensure enough school places are available for pupils across Bridgend?

**Cefin Campbell** *Mid and West Wales*

**2** OQ58543 (w)

What support is the Government providing to university students across Mid and West Wales as the cost-of-living crisis intensifies?

**Natasha Asghar** *South Wales East*

**3** OQ58514 (e)

How is the Minister ensuring that the education system provides young people with essential life skills?

**Heledd Fychan** *South Wales Central*

**4** OQ58540 (w)

What are the Welsh Government's expectations regarding the language category of the two new innovative schools under its sustainable schools challenge?

**Sian Gwenllian** *Arfon*

**5** OQ58513 (w)

What support is the Government providing to schools in Arfon and the local authority as they introduce the new Relationships and Sexuality Education Code?

**Joel James** *South Wales Central*

**6** OQ58538 (e)

Will the Minister provide an update on the improvement works at St. Monica's Church In Wales Primary School, Cardiff?

**Mike Hedges** *Swansea East*

**7** OQ58512 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the summer 2022 GCSE and A-level results?

**Alun Davies** *Blaenau Gwent*

**8** OQ58537 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on specific Welsh Government initiatives to narrow the poverty gap in student attainment following the pandemic?

**Tom Giffard** *South Wales West*

**9** OQ58539 (e)

How does the Welsh Government ensure the integrity of GCSE and A-level results?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

**10** OQ58546 (e)

What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on the number of school leavers continuing their education in further and higher education?

**Sam Rowlands** *North Wales*

**11** OQ58534 (e)

What action is the Minister taking to ensure that those with additional learning needs receive the best possible education?

**Ken Skates** *Clwyd South*

**12** OQ58515 (e)

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to support teaching assistants in schools?

## MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

**Jane Dodds** *Mid and West Wales*

**1** OQ58536 (e)

Will the Minister make a statement on the future of community dental services?

**James Evans** *Brecon and Radnorshire*

**2** OQ58529 (e)

What is the Welsh Government doing to enhance acute emergency care in hospitals in Brecon and Radnorshire?

**Sam Rowlands** *North Wales*

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**OQ58531 (e)**

What assessment has the Minister made of the Royal College of Nursing's 2022: Nursing in Numbers report in relation to North Wales?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

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**OQ58519 (e)**

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to improve communication with patients within the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board area?

**Llyr Gruffydd** *North Wales*

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**OQ58528 (e)**

What action is the Government taking to ensure that the capacity of the NHS in North Wales is sufficient to meet demand?

**Vikki Howells** *Cynon Valley*

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**OQ58530 (e)**

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to tackle bowel cancer?

**Laura Anne Jones** *South Wales East*

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**OQ58526 (e)**

What steps is the Welsh Government taking to promote e-cigarettes to smokers?

**Ken Skates** *Clwyd South*

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**OQ58516 (e)**

Will the Minister provide an update on the delivery of the COVID-19 vaccination programme?

**Cefin Campbell** *Mid and West Wales*

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**OQ58544 (w)**

What assessment has the Welsh Government undertaken of NHS staffing levels in Mid and West Wales?

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

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**OQ58542 (e)**

What is the Welsh Government's latest assessment of the impact of its policies on asthma care services?

**Joel James** *South Wales Central*

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**OQ58523 (e)**

Will the Minister provide an update on the roll-out of enhanced services at community pharmacies?

**Samuel Kurtz** *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

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**OQ58541 (e)**

Will the Minister provide an update on staffing levels in Hywel Dda University Health Board?