

Cafodd yr ymateb hwn ei gyflwyno i ymgynghoriad y [Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol](#) ar [Flaenoriaethau'r Chwched Senedd](#)

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Blaenoriaethau cychwynnol a nodwyd gan y Pwyllgor Initial priorities identified by the Committee

Mae'r Pwyllgor wedi nodi nifer o flaenoriaethau posibl ar gyfer ei waith yn ystod y Chwched Senedd, gan gynnwys: iechyd y cyhoedd a gwaith ataliol; y gweithlu iechyd a gofal cymdeithasol, gan gynnwys diwylliant sefydliadol a lles staff; mynediad at wasanaethau iechyd meddwl; arloesi ar sail tystiolaeth ym maes iechyd a gofal cymdeithasol; cymorth a gwasanaethau i ofalwyr di-dâl; mynediad at wasanaethau adsefydlu i'r rhai sydd wedi cael COVID ac i eraill; a mynediad at wasanaethau ar gyfer cyflyrau cronig tymor hir, gan gynnwys cyflyrau cyhyrysgerbydol.

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.

C1. Pa rai o'r materion uchod ydych chi'n credu y dylai'r Pwyllgor roi blaenoriaeth iddynt, a pham?

Q1. Which of the issues listed above do you think should be a priority, and why?

Public Health and Prevention.

In 2020, a 149 individuals died in Wales from Drug Related Deaths, which is a public health crisis by anyone's definition. This figure is down from 169 in 2019 but no room for complacency but plenty of room for improvements. Proper scrutiny and an understanding by MS's of what harm reduction processes are available to reduce this avoidable number of deaths.

Impact or Outcomes – Reduce drug related deaths in Wales by making recommendations on harm reduction measures that could be introduced. They could also scrutinise how the 7 Area Planning Boards and Health Boards spend the £55 million substance misuse monies allocated every year.



The Committee can address the issue by Scrutinising how Substance Misuse Monies is spent and making recommendations to Government around innovative harm reduction measures.

When Committee work should take place – Immediately if the priority of the committee is to save lives.

Stakeholders that Committee should hear from – Yes, Commissioned services like Kaleidoscope, We Are Barod, Adferiad, Transform Drugs, as well as front line workers and service users themselves.

Blaenoriaethau allweddol ar gyfer y Chweched Senedd

Key priorities for the Sixth Senedd

C2. Yn eich barn chi, pa flaenoriaethau allweddol eraill y dylai'r Pwyllgor eu hystyried yn ystod y Chweched Senedd mewn perthynas â:

- a) **gwasanaethau iechyd;**
- b) **gofal cymdeithasol a gofalwyr;**
- c) **adfer yn dilyn COVID?**

Q2. In your view, what other key priorities should the Committee consider during the Sixth Senedd in relation to:

- a) **health services;**
 - b) **social care and carers;**
 - c) **COVID recovery?**
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Gwasanaethau iechyd

Health services

Backlog of Cancer Care patients.

Gofal Cymdeithasol a gofalwyr

Social care and carers

Sustainability of the Care System