

Chairs of Health and Social Care Committee;
Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee;
Equality and Social Justice Committee; Children,
Education and Young People Committee; Wales
Covid-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee

07 March 2025

Dear Chair,

Petition P-06-1488 Establish a 'Care Society' to Tackle the Long COVID Crisis in Wales

The Committee considered the above petition during its meeting on 17 February, alongside correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care and the petitioner.

During the discussion, I noted key points raised in my prior meeting with the petitioners. Members acknowledged the wide scope of the issues raised, which extend beyond the remit of the Petitions Committee. It was clear that addressing these concerns would require a cross-governmental strategy from the Welsh Government.

As a result the Committee agreed to write to the First Minister, with relevant Cabinet Secretaries copied in for awareness, to inquire about the Government's cross-portfolio strategy for addressing long COVID, particularly in relation to individuals who are either unemployed or facing difficulties returning to work due to potentially undiagnosed long COVID.

Additionally, the Committee agreed to write to relevant Senedd subject committees to seek more information on your ongoing or planned inquiry work regarding the Welsh Government's strategic approach to Long COVID.

The full details of the Committee's consideration of the petition, including the correspondence and the actions agreed by the Committee can be found here: [P-06-1488 Establish a 'Care Society' to Tackle the Long COVID Crisis in Wales](#).

I would be grateful if you could send your response by e-mail to the clerking team at petitions@senedd.wales.

Yours sincerely

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Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

