



23 July 2013

Dear Colleague,

The National Assembly for Wales's Health and Social Care Committee reported on its [stroke risk reduction inquiry](#) in December 2011. The focus of the inquiry was to examine the current provision of stroke risk reduction services, specifically to scrutinise the implementation of the Welsh Government's *Stroke Risk Reduction Action Plan*.

At the time of the report's publication, the Committee noted its intention to return to the subject within two years in order to follow-up on its initial conclusions and recommendations. This follow-up inquiry will be used to consider how effective the Welsh Government has been in addressing the weaknesses in services identified by the Committee in its report, with a specific focus on the implementation of the Committee's recommendations.

Invitation to contribute to the inquiry

To inform its work, the Committee is contacting those who submitted evidence to the original inquiry in advance of the oral evidence session which is provisionally scheduled for **Wednesday 23 October 2013**. It would be helpful if you could indicate in your submission whether you would be prepared to give oral evidence, if invited.

The Committee would like to hear about **any evidence of progress in relation to the recommendations made in the 2011 Report, and where progress is**

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still required. Written submissions need not be long and there is no need to repeat evidence submitted to the previous inquiry. It would be helpful if submissions submitted electronically are Word documents, not pdf files. Submissions should arrive by **Friday 20 September 2013.**

The Committee welcomes evidence from both individuals and organisations. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.

Generally, we ask for submissions to be made in writing, because it is normal practice for the National Assembly to publish evidence provided to a Committee on our internet site so that it becomes part of the public record. However, we are also able to accept evidence in audio or video format. The Committee welcomes contributions in English or Welsh, and we ask organisations with Welsh Language policies / schemes to provide bilingual responses, where applicable, in line with their public information policies.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to HSCCommittee@wales.gov.uk.

Alternatively, you can write to: Committee Clerk, Health and Social Care Committee, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Disclosure of Information

It is normal practice for the National Assembly to publish evidence provided to a Committee. Consequently your response may appear in a report or in supplementary evidence to a report. The National Assembly will not publish information which it considers to be personal data.

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The National Assembly will take this into account when publishing information or responding to requests for information.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David F. Rees." The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

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Chair