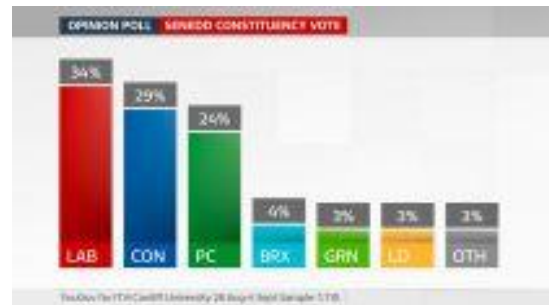


This is a CSP Wales Board briefing on policy and public affairs

1. Senedd Cymru and Welsh Government

a. Political outlook

The [exclusive Welsh Barometer poll for ITV](#) Cymru Wales suggests that at least two parties will be needed to achieve a stable government in Cardiff Bay after next May's Senedd election. How people say they will vote is largely split between Labour, the Conservatives and Plaid Cymru, with the Brexit Party and Liberal Democrats facing electoral disaster.



b. Party manifestos

We have responded to all the formal manifesto consultations by the political parties in Wales. Our focus was the right to rehab, however we did include FCP, and wider workforce issues such as support workers and pre-reg training. Calum Higgins has met with each Health spokesperson for the parties and directly lobbied for more rehab and FCP funding.

c. Written questions submitted to the Senedd:

Another rehab question has been submitted to the Minister. Due to the backlog of questions we don't expect an answer soon, however it is positive to see questions being raised at a high level:

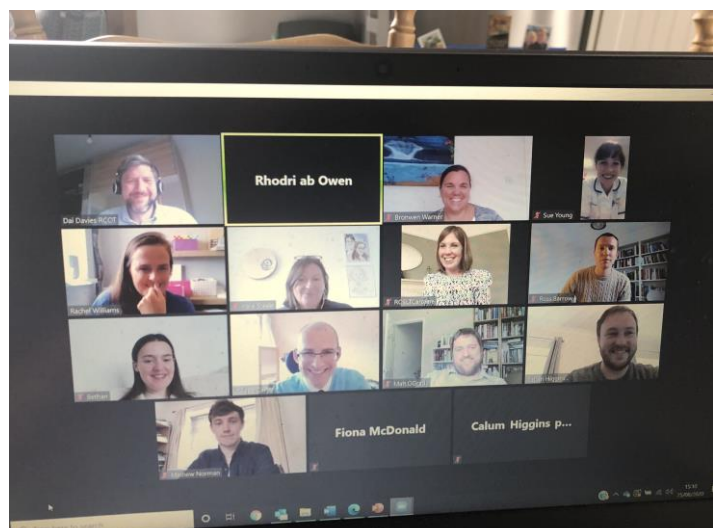
Questions to Written Questions tabled on 19/08/2020 for answer on 26/08/2020

Laura Anne Jones MS: Will the Minister make a statement on the availability of Covid-19 rehabilitation programmes across Wales?

d. Right to Rehab campaign

The campaign has seen some successes so far, and Covid-19 has highlighted the need for access to rehab services. We took stock of progress at an interorganisational zoom call. Rehab has risen up the agenda in political and governmental circles. In the last 3 months we have :

- Spoken to party spokespeople and inputted to manifesto consultations
- secured media coverage on all main broadcasters
- Written evidence for the Health committee – Right to rehab in AHP responses, also a joint AHP response
- Given evidence at the health committee inquiry, and persuaded



- the committee to run a rehab specific inquiry
 - NHS confederation policy document- Rehab section included
 - PACE audit by CSP – other orgs doing snapshot evidence collection
 - written Q's to the Minister.
 - Rehab modelling tool development by Welsh Gov
- e. Health and social care committee inquiry**
[Inquiry into the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak, and its management, on health and social care in Wales.](#) The CSP Wales team responded to this consultation back in May, with a focus on rehab being key to the recovery of Covid patients. We also raised our concerns about the need for rehab services across other patient groups. Adam Morgan gave oral evidence to the committee on behalf of the CSP in June. The Welsh Government has now responded to this consultation here: <https://senedd.wales/laid%20documents/cr-ld13444/cr-ld13444%20-e.pdf>

2. COVID-19 and Welsh Government

- a. Overall picture- from the Welsh Government Technical Advisory cell**
 The pattern of increasing cases is similar to the situation in February. Action should be taken to prevent significant harm arising from Covid-19 or another full lockdown.
- While the R number for Wales is estimated by SAGE to be between 0.7 and 1.0, we believe the current R number is higher than this suggests.
 - Results from the Office for National Statistics infection study show that for the week 30th August to 5th September, an estimated 0.04% of the community population in Wales had COVID-19. This equates to approximately 1 person in every 2,600, or a total of 1,200 people during this time. Care should be taken when interpreting these figures due to low sample sizes. More information can be found at the Welsh Government technical advisory cell paper: <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-09/advice-summary-11-september-2020.pdf>
- b. Covid animation**
 The CSP created an animation for patients which explains the little and often approach of rehab for covid-19 recovery. It's available in English and Welsh:
<https://youtu.be/3sURTAaxmc8> and
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37V9JCEM29w&feature=youtu.be> respectively.
- c. Welsh Gov modelling tool**
 This is the last element in the rehabilitation task and finish group work plan. It offers a tool to help services identify the potential demand for rehabilitation and the capacity required to meet that demand in order to maximise people's recovery.
<https://gov.wales/covid-19-rehabilitation-service-modelling>
<https://llyw.cymru/modelu-gwasanaethau-adsefydlu-covid-19>
- d. NHS Capacity**
 The latest capacity figures can be viewed here: <https://gov.wales/nhs-activity-and-capacity-during-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-10-september-2020>
- e. Transformation funding and evaluation**

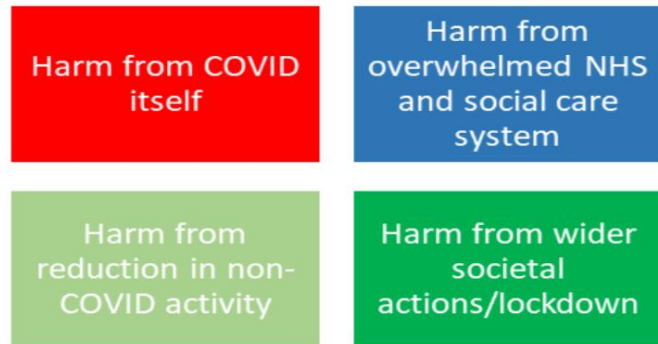
Please note the publication of the mid-point evaluation of the A Healthier Wales' Transformation Fund. [See here](#).

An accompanying written statement by the Welsh Government is available to [read here](#).

f. Winter plan:

The Welsh Government Published its winter plan on the 15th of September, <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-09/winter-protection-plan-2020-2021.pdf>

The Winter Protection Plan is Welsh Government's overarching plan which describes the broad context and priorities for health and social care until March 2021. It sets out for stakeholders the range of actions and contingencies that are expected to be put in place across the health and care system, and with wider partners, to manage the public health



emergency and provide services over the coming challenging winter period. It provides assurance to the public that we are working together across the country to keep Wales safe.

Since the first COVID-19 peak earlier in the year, the NHS in Wales has been developing and implementing plans which focus on preventing four harms:

- remaining ready to provide the full range of services needed to prevent, diagnose, isolate and treat COVID-19 patients and
- ensuring that we can continue to provide services that are essential at all times. This includes services that are urgent and life threatening or life impacting as well as services that without timely intervention could result in harm over the longer term such as maintaining vaccination programmes
- reinstating routine services where it is operationally possible and safe to do so, with strict adherence to infection prevention and hygiene procedures and maximising the use of virtual consultations
- clinicians working tirelessly to review referrals of those waiting and ensure people have been prioritised according to clinical need.

g. Rehab guidance

Ruth crowder has published this guidance on rehab during covid, splitting the rehab population into 4 groups: https://gov.wales/rehabilitation-framework-continuity-and-recovery-2020-2021?_ga=2.27357948.1739028518.1590761437-1146602808.1579696276. We have shared this to members several times.

Further guidance on the different patient groups has been published on June 17 and is available here: <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-06/rehabilitation-needs-of-people-affected-by-the-impact-of-covid-19.pdf>

The current NHS operating framework (Q2) is here: https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-07/nhs-wales-covid-19-operating-framework-quarter-2-2020-2021_0.pdf

h. CSP launches Covid-19 rehab standards

The CSP has [developed standards to guide](#) members working in the rehabilitation of adults, this was sent to Welsh Government to be included in their guidance.

4. News stories

- **NHS services for Black people:** According to a [study](#) commissioned by Parliament's Joint Committee on Human Rights, almost two-thirds (64%) of black Britons think the NHS does less to protect their health than that of white people. When asked if they thought their health is as protected by the NHS compared with white people's, 34.3% disagreed and another 29.6% disagreed strongly, while just 19.9% agreed and a further 2.4% agreed strongly. The negative view of the health service is shared by a majority of black people of almost all ages, and is held especially strongly by black women, according to the study. [The Guardian](#) has summarised the study's findings.

- **Channel 4 follow up in Cardiff**

Please find below a link to the Channel 4 news item about the work of AHP's and especially physiotherapy about how rehabilitation is and will be vital to helping people recover and get back their lives. This was broadcast on Monday 27th July.

<https://www.channel4.com/news/new-service-launched-in-newport-to-help-covid-patients-recover>

- **Public perceptions**

A Welsh Government survey has measured perceptions of the public of coronavirus. The main findings were that perceptions of the threats posed by coronavirus are stable following some previous decline. It continues to be seen to pose a greater threat to the country than to individuals. Under half believe that someone close to them will be infected. A large majority in Wales continue to try to keep two metres away from others when out, but less than half are now only leaving home for essential journeys. The Welsh Government and the NHS are generally seen to be doing a good job. The Welsh public continue to think the coronavirus pandemic will have a personal financial impact on them. Around a quarter are concerned they will not be able to pay their bills one month from now. More information is available here: <https://gov.wales/survey-public-views-coronavirus-covid-19-28-31-august-2020>

5. Consultations

- a. HEIW Compassionate leadership: *consultation on the draft 'Compassionate Leadership Principles for Health and Social Care in Wales'. Responses to HEIW.Leadership.Programme@Wales.NHS.UK by 27th of September 2020*
- b. [Digital health and care Wales](#) will be a new special health authority to deliver national digital, data and technology services for health and care in Wales. This consultation seeks views on: the proposed governance structure of the new organisation, the proposed functions of the new organisation. Closes 30th of November 2020

6. Forward Work Programme –June to September 2020

Events

WTAC- annual WTAC symposium. Instead of the traditional one day conference style event, WTAC will hold a three day online event. It is scheduled from Wednesday 14th October (National AHP Day) to Friday 16th October (Advancing Healthcare UK award ceremony). It will provide an opportunity for both AHPs and HCS to engage with a range of online live and pre-recorded events seminars and plenary sessions, including resources that can be downloaded anytime to suit, on a range of topics including leadership and innovation as well as professionally specific items. It will culminate in the Advancing Healthcare Awards on the final afternoon. This will be a joint celebration of both professions that will be hosted by Chamberlain Dunn. This event will be held virtually – further details and diary invitation to follow.

Community rehab webinar

CSP Cymru/Wales is hosting the Welsh Community Rehabilitation Webinar - a free digital event for CSP members to share excellent practice, with representation from all seven Health Boards in Wales.

Ruth Crowder, Chief Therapies Adviser for Wales, will open the webinar as the keynote Speaker, and each Health Board will have the opportunity to speak about specific services, from concept to fruition.

There will be speakers from a variety of different specialties and members will also be discussing how Covid-19 has affected their services. Tickets are available here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/csp-cymruwales-board-virtual-community-rehabilitation-webinar-2020-tickets-118141198505>

Most of our regular meetings with Welsh Government and stakeholders are continuing virtually, and we are awaiting further information on events we were planning to attend later in the year. We will keep you up to date with our work and plans as soon as we are in a position to do so.

The next major area of work seems to be the restarting of services across the NHS. It's going to be vital that members influence local decision makers to ensure their views are heard in the decisions to restart services. As well as challenges, this will present opportunities for AHPs to lead and change services going forward.

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