

**Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar:
Next steps for mental health provision in Wales**
Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 5th February 2025
Taking Place Online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 9.05 **The policy landscape and key issues for improving mental healthcare provision in Wales**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing the draft Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Wales - scope, funding and practicalities for implementation**
examining aims in the draft Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention Strategy | practical considerations for implementation | priorities for supporting older people and considerations for strategies and care provision | assessing progress and what can be learned from the All-Age Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy | balancing between the clinical need for mental health interventions and a long-term preventative approach | meeting the needs of neurodiverse people | developing leadership and coordination across services | assessing the effectiveness of the introduction of quality statements
Victoria Lloyd, CEO, Age Cymru
Senior representative, advocacy group
Senior representative, health board
Senior representative, CAMHS
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Key regulatory considerations for maintaining and improving mental health provision standards**
John Powell, Clinical Advisor for Mental Health, Healthcare Inspectorate
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
- 11.05 **Next steps for the mental health workforce - recruitment, retention, training and increasing collaboration between sectors**
priorities for workforce training and support | moving forward with the involvement and integration of the third and voluntary sectors | making better use of expertise and experience in the community and third sector | ensuring the mental healthcare workforce is equipped to support all ages | next steps for the Strategic Mental Health Workforce Plan For Health and Social Care | assessing progress and priorities for growing the workforce | forging better integration between physical and mental health services | building workforce digital skills
Gwen Goddard-Williams, Director, Mental Health First Aid Wales
Senior representative, local government
Senior representative, union
Senior representative, third sector
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Options and priorities for effective delivery of the new Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy**
improving multi-agency coordination | the future use of digital innovation and AI in mental health to improve service delivery | priorities for improving young people's mental health | supporting the wellbeing of young people in educational settings | pathways to improved collaboration between sectors | fair and effective funding allocation and use | addressing socioeconomic inequalities in mental health care and access | strategies and best practice for addressing stigma | tackling the impact on mental health of social media | improving mainstream media representations of mental health
Jemma Wray, Head, Wales, Mental Health Foundation
Speaker with lived experience
Senior representative, innovation
Senior representative, schools
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Implementation and improving provision - key priorities for mental health in Wales moving forward**
Ciara Rogers, National Director, Mental Health, NHS Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Senedd
Sean Cudmore, Policy Forum for Wales