

# RUABON NEWS LETTER 524



## Bill introduced to remove private profit from the care of looked-after children

**A bill to remove private profit from the care of looked-after children, part of the wider and radical transformation of children's care in Wales, has been introduced today.**

Organisation:

[Removing profit from the care of looked after children](#)

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The Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill, which has been laid in the Senedd today, will also give people more say and control over their healthcare by enabling direct payments for continuing healthcare.

The Welsh Government's programme for government sets out commitments to remove private profit from the care of looked-after children.

Minister for Social Care: Dawn Bowden, heard from care-experienced young people about why they have been campaigning for an end to for-profit children's care placements in Wales, at an event hosted by the charity Voices from Care Cymru.

She said:

"The Welsh Government is committed to an ambitious reform of children's care services so they work better for children and their families.

We do not believe that private profit should be made from caring for children and young people whose circumstances require them to be in the care of a local authority.

This bill will eliminate private profit from the care of looked-after children and ensure public money is used to deliver improved services which meet children's needs and deliver better experiences and outcomes.

It will also enable direct payments for continuing healthcare so people can decide for themselves who provides the care they need.

Direct payments for continuing healthcare (CHC) will allow disabled people and those with long-term health needs to have more control and say about how their care is provided.

Currently, people in receipt of continuing healthcare in Wales have no say over this. Their care needs are arranged by the NHS. Enabling them to receive direct payments will allow them to choose the way their care needs are met. This is already an option for those in receipt of social care.

Brendan Roberts, a care-experienced young person and a member of the Voices from Care Cymru board of trustees, said:

"Whenever we have consulted care experienced children and young people about this, they are always clear that they think it is wrong for companies to make profit out of our need for care and support.

We think that public money which is being spent by our corporate parents to provide for our care, should all be spent on that.

In a declaration agreed between Welsh ministers and care experienced young ambassadors in December 2022, Ministers promised to remove profit from care. We are pleased to see them keeping their promise today.

Rhian Davies, chief executive of Disability Wales said:

“Voice, choice, and control are vital to ensuring the rights of disabled people including people with long term health conditions. The necessary changes to continuing healthcare reflecting these are very welcome. For too long, those on continuing healthcare have not been able to decide how and by whom their care is delivered.

This change will allow disabled people to have and enjoy the same rights as those on social care direct payments.”

- [Adoption, fostering and children looked after \(Sub-topic\) Transformation of children’s services programme](#)

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## Routes revealed for opening stages of 2024 Tour of Britain Women

### Stage 2: Wrexham – Wrexham (140.2km, 1,570m ascent)

The race’s second stage will start and finish on Chester Street in Wrexham’s city centre and will take in some of the breathtaking scenery in Denbighshire, West Cheshire and Chester, with a further one sprint and two Queen of the Mountains segments along the way.

The peloton will travel north out of Wrexham, crossing into West Cheshire after just 20km, where the route ramps up alongside the Peckforton Hill Range, part of the Mid-Cheshire Ridge.

The route will then cross back into Wrexham, taking in the villages of Bangor-on-Dee and Overton, before the sprint will be decided in Johnstown. The race will then continue along a scenic stretch of the Llangollen Canal. Riders will have less climbing to contend with on this stage, however big crowds will be expected on the iconic Horseshoe Pass, which arrives at a pivotal point of the stage with around 30km to go.

The ensuing descent will set up a fast run-in to Wrexham for the stage finish to conclude the race’s journey in Wales, passing through Minera and Rhostyllen, before a short hop back over the border to Warrington for stage three.

Stage two will start at 11:15, with riders expected to return to Wrexham for the stage finish at approximately 15:15.

Councillor Nigel Williams, Lead member for Economy and Regeneration, Wrexham said, “I’m once again really pleased to see a nationally important event such as the Tour of Britain Women being hosted in Wrexham, giving people the opportunity to see elite cyclists in a major competition.

“The race will give many the opportunity to witness and cheer on the cyclists, be that in the city centre for the start and end stages or as they pass through our communities. Please come to show your support and give them a warm Welsh welcome.”

Tour of Britain Race Director, Rod Ellingworth, said, “Working with our partners we’ve been able to plot out two really challenging and entertaining stages in Wales to open the race, with some iconic climbs and opportunities for the sprinters too.

“We wanted the Tour of Britain Women to show off the very best of Britain’s roads and scenery, and having spent a lot of time out driving the routes I’m absolutely certain that we’ve delivered.

“Finalising the routes in such a short timeframe has been a huge challenge, and only made possible thanks to the support of colleagues in Welsh Government, Conwy County Borough Council, Powys County Council and Wrexham County Borough Council, who deserve enormous credit for the commitment to the race and women’s cycling more broadly.”

## **Tour of Britain Women 2024**

**Stage 1** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024: Welshpool to Llandudno

**Stage 2** – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024: Wrexham

**Stage 3** – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024: Warrington

**Stage 4** – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024: Greater Manchester

## **20mph Zones in Wrexham**

Last updated: 03/05/2024. at 9:43 AM

As it stands, back in September of last year, 20mph speed restrictions were introduced on restricted roads throughout Wales.

The aims of this scheme were to:

- reduce the number of collisions and severe injuries on them
- encourage more people to walk and cycle in our communities
- help to improve our health and well-being
- make our streets safer

Between April and July of this year Welsh Government have announced that they will now be undertaking a programme of listening in relation to their 20mph policy.

### **How will any future changes impact on speed restrictions?**

We are not expecting wholesale changes to the current speed restrictions. Any future amendments will be of a target nature.

Any changes that we propose are unlikely come into force immediately. This is because we will need to follow statutory traffic orders and procedures. These changes can take from six months plus. There will also be a need to put in place tests against the guidance to ensure appropriateness of any changes.

We are inviting residents to contact us via our dedicated email address [20mphConsultation@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:20mphConsultation@wrexham.gov.uk) . Here you may put your case as to why you think a particular road is not suited to the 20mph restriction, this must be a reasoned application as general demands are unlikely to qualify against the guidance tests.

As an authority we will be relying on a dedicated funding stream to action any future changes.

**Deputy Leader with responsibilities for strategic transport Cllr David A Bithell said:** “The implementation of the 20mph scheme has proved to be somewhat divisive, so I welcome the Welsh Governments programme of listening.” I invite anyone with concerns over 20mph restrictions on roads in Wrexham to contact us via the dedicated email address, and to give reasons why you think the restrictions in a particular location should be amended.”

**Further report of Facebook Scam selling stalls for non-existent events**

Last updated: 2024/05/02 at 2:45 PM

We have received a further report of a Facebook user fraudulently selling stalls for non-existent events in Wrexham on a community Facebook page.

The report is similar to those previously reported in that it asks sellers to use “family and friends” rather than goods and services to make a £40 payment. The post has now been deleted.

This time the event was for craft and makers fayre at the Memorial Hall on 1 and 2 June. One person who was interested and asked further questions became suspicious when the responder seemed to be using Google Translate and they then reported it to our Trading Standards.

Trading Standards are advising everyone to be extremely careful when booking stalls for events and to check that the event actually exists before taking it any further.

**The Memorial Hall has confirmed that this event is NOT booked.**

Roger Mapleson, Trading Standards and Licensing Lead, said, “This is extremely worrying for genuine local event organisers.

With the popularity of Food Festivals, Artisan Markets and local fayres in Wrexham it’s important to check and double check that the event actually exists and the seller is legitimate.

“A quick email or phone call to the venue itself or to those whose land it is on, is a good way to check if it’s taking place and if so, who’s organising it.”

If you are suspicious about any similar posts please email [tradstand@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:tradstand@wrexham.gov.uk)

If you think you may have been the victim of a scam, you should report this to [Action Fraud via their website](#) or by calling **0300 123 2040**.

You might also like to read [“Useful Links”](#) to advise on dealing with rogue traders.

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FROM: **Brian Davies**



## **RUABON BOWLS RESULTS**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May - LLangollen B away - lost 7\_3

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May - George home won 9\_1

(rearranged from abandoned game on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> due to the weather).

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## **Welsh Government's**

### **School Summer Holidays Plan Confirmed**

More than 16,000 took part in a consultation on a move to cut the summer break, (a move opposed by every teaching union.)

## **Families flock to Anglesey's beaches in the summer holidays.**

The Welsh Government has mothballed plans to cut the school summer holidays and change the school year.

Education secretary Lynne Neagle admitted: "Opinion was hugely divided on this," confirming that no changes will be made this Senedd term as had initially been planned.

It's unlikely anything will change before 2028 as this would require a two-year lead time.

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## **Programme to boost attainment in schools, continued for a second phase**

**The Attainment Champions pilot, designed to help tackle the impact of poverty on learner's educational attainment, will be extended into a second phase to further boost standards in schools.**

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The pilot phase of the project showed the use of collaborative working, mentoring of partner schools and the sharing of innovative practices had a positive impact on improving the educational experiences for learners facing disadvantage.

Schools engaged in the pilot reported improvement through high quality leadership and development of Teaching and Learning, increased confidence within leadership teams and the strategies were addressing the impact of poverty on attainment.

Phase two will commence in September and will see additional partner schools recruited. During the second phase each Attainment Champion will be paired with additional partner schools to provide greater opportunity for learning and developing knowledge and best practice.



Providing peer-to-peer support to schools and helping to inform Welsh Government policy around educational attainment, the Attainment Champions were appointed based on their progress in addressing the impact of poverty on educational attainment in their schools.

The expansion of the work of the Attainment Champions will also contribute to the work of the School Improvement Partnership Programme, which will build upon peer networks and local collaboration to improve school standards.

Earlier this month the Cabinet Secretary for Education met with Attainment Champions to hear first-hand how the programme was helping improve educational attainment, what approaches were making the biggest difference and to discover what the main barriers to improving attainment were.

Cabinet Secretary for Education, Lynne Neagle said:

“Sustained improvements in educational attainment are a top priority for the Welsh Government and this is an excellent example of our commitment to tackling the impact of poverty on educational attainment. By bringing together leaders and schools across Wales we can collectively work in partnership to tackle the impact of poverty on our young people and improving outcomes for all children and young people in Wales.

We are focused on continuous improvement in our schools.

Attainment Champions, alongside a focus on the vital skills of literacy and numeracy, and the curriculum for Wales, will help raise standards and aspirations. I want to thank all our Champions for the contributions they have made so far, and I very much look forward to working together over the next year to build on the positive findings from the pilot programme. Innes Robinson, Attainment Champion, and Executive Head of Pencoedre and Whitmore said:

It was an invaluable opportunity to share evidenced based practice that has the potential reduce the attainment gap. Whitmore High School and Ysgol Bryn Alyn worked closely to implement a direct teaching approach and mixed ability teaching that has proven to have a positive effect on closing the gap. Both schools look forward to the opportunity to extend the programme.

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## **Today the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice visited a strength and balance session in Cardiff to see how Sport4All has benefited from Welsh Government funding.**

Women Connect First received £210,000 in multi-year funding through the Anti-racist Wales Culture Heritage and Sport Grant Scheme for the Local Sector.

This funding aims to support women and girls from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds to participate in active lifestyles; a key action in the Culture, Heritage and Sport section of the Welsh Government's Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan.

Women Connect First are helping to deliver these aims by offering free activity sessions through Sports4All, including yoga, swimming and cycling classes. They are aimed at Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic women and young girls, who often face extra barriers to participation.

Funding was provided as part of a £4.5million investment in local, national and regional culture, heritage and sport organisations across Wales. This funding was shared between

Amgueddfa Cymru National Museum Wales, Sport Wales, Arts Council of Wales and 22 other organisations, all of which put a focus on lived experience and co-produced their projects with people in their community.

The Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice said: Sport and culture helps bring us together, and I want to make sure everyone can participate and enjoy those activities. Sessions like those delivered by Sports4All can make a real difference to health and wellbeing, and help people get together.

Menaka Kodur, Interim CEO of Women Connect First, said: The Sports4All project aims to engage women, young girls and children from diverse backgrounds in sport, and other well-being activities. Seeing the women and their families in Sports4All sessions and hearing their stories of progress, their achievements, shows that with the right support ethnic minority women can overcome the barriers that often stand in the way of them improving their physical and mental health. For some of them the change has been life changing.

The Welsh Government's Anti-Racist Wales Culture Heritage and Sport Grant Scheme, together with the support of the project's partners in the community, has enabled us to provide culturally appropriate sport and fitness sessions for women whatever their situation.

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Dear all,

Hope you all had a lovely weekend.

Please find attached the agenda for our upcoming meeting. The meeting is taking place face to face at the University Campus.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Kind Regards Anna



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# Anna Kepinska

Swyddog Ymgysylltu / Engagement

Officer

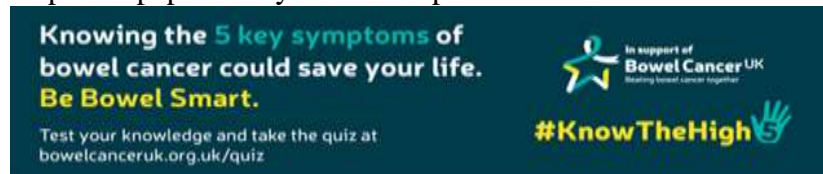


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10:00	Croeso a diweddaru / Welcome and update	<b>Anna Kepinska</b> Swyddog Ymgysylltu / Engagement Officer
10:15	Diweddariad gan y FLVC /FLVC update Diweddariad gan y AVOW /AVOW update	<b>Katherine Hussey &amp; Justine Hurst</b>  Third Sector Development Manager / Rheolwr Datblygu'r Trydydd Sector (FLVC & AVOW)
10:30	Prifysgol Wrecsam – trosolwg o gynlluniau'r dyfodol a'r rhaglen MSc Arweinyddiaeth ar gyfer Lles /Wrexham University – overview of the future plans and MSc Leadership for Wellbeing programme	<b>Dr Sharon Wheeler</b> Arweinydd Rhaglen MSc, Prifysgol Wrecsam/ MSc Programme Leader, Wrexham University
10:45	Gwasanaeth Therapi Galwedigaethol Newydd i fyny'r afon / New Upstream Occupational Therapy Service	<b>Abby Hewitt</b> Tîm Ymyrraeth Gynnar Therapi Galwedigaethol, Sir y Fflint a Wrecsam /Occupational Therapy Early Intervention Team, Flintshire

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**Fforwm Ymarferwyr Ymgysylltu Ardal y Dwyrain**

6 Mehefin 2024 10:00- 12:00

**East Area Engagement Practitioners Forum**

6<sup>th</sup> June 10:00- 12:00

B07, Campws Wrecsam Glyndwr Llaneurgain  
Ffordd Treffynnon, Llaneurgain CH7 6AA

and Wrexham B07,  
**Wrexham Glyndwr Northop Campus**  
Holywell Road, Northop CH7 6AA

**Egwyl / Break**

11:15

Y wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am y ddarpariaeth Gwasanaeth ar draws Gogledd a Dwyrain Cymru /Update on the Service provision across North – East Wales

**Nia Greer**  
Rheolwr Gwasanaethau Gogledd Cymru  
Cymorth gweledigaeth/ North Wales Services Manager, Vision Support

11:30

Trosolwg o brosiectau sy'n anelu at wella mynediad i fannau a chyfleoedd gweithgarwch corfforol i bawb / Overview of projects aiming to improve access to spaces and physical activity opportunities for all

**Emma Jones**  
Pride Cymru

11:45

Unrhyw ddiweddariadau eraill / Any other updates  
Dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf – Fforwm Ymarferwyr Ardal Dwyrain : 29 Awst 2024 drwy Teams/Date of next meeting – East Area Engagement Practitioner Forum : 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – via Teams

**Anna Kepinska**  
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# TEST IT TUESDAY

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Wrexham is set to welcome crew from [HMS Dragon](#) for the first time since the city became officially affiliated with the [Royal Navy Warship](#).

The ship is the [first since the Second World War to be affiliated with Wrexham](#), and the partnership was sealed at a ceremony in Portsmouth last month.

Now some of the crew are set to visit the city for the first time on 6<sup>th</sup> June, to mark the [eightieth anniversary of D-Day](#) – when Allied troops landed in Normandy and began the liberation of Western Europe.

The crew members will be given a reception at the Guildhall, before taking part in the D-Day service at St Giles and the parade through the city centre, as well as the wreath laying at Bodhyfryd.

Councillor Beverley Parry-Jones, Wrexham Council's Armed Forces Champion, said: "Our affiliation with HMS Dragon is a huge honour and we're so proud to be able to welcome some of the crew to the city for the first time.

"It's all the more poignant that they'll be visiting on 6<sup>th</sup> June when we mark the eightieth anniversary of D-Day, and I hope members of the public will turn out in force to witness the parade through the city centre.

"HMS Dragon is the first ship affiliated with Wrexham since the Second World War and I'm sure this will be the start of a wonderful partnership. We can't wait to welcome the crew to our wonderful county borough."

The ship is one of the Royal Navy's advanced Type 45 air defence destroyers, and is instantly recognisable with her roaring Welsh Dragons emblazoned across her bows.

HMS Dragon Commanding Officer, Cdr Iain Giffin, said: "I am delighted that HMS Dragon can support our newly affiliated city, Wrexham.

"It is a privilege to visit the city and an honour to have Dragon's sailors representing the Royal Navy at this 80th D-Day

anniversary memorial service to remember such an important event in our nation's maritime history.

“It is with great pride that we stand alongside the people of Wrexham, forging new bonds and reflecting on the camaraderie and bravery displayed on the beaches of Normandy 80 years ago.”

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## **Ruabon and District Field Club**

has planned an outing to:

**Capesthorpe Hall, Gardens and Parkland**  
**on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June**



**Cost of Travel and Visit by Coach is £25. per person.  
The Coach leaves Maes-y-Lan Lane, Ruabon, at  
11am.**

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

Contact members or 'phone Ann on 01978 822725



Or 'phone John on 01978 820640

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I hope all is going well with everyone.  
 Best wishes until the next Ruabon News Letter!!  
 Sybil (Bremner)