



Children, Young People and Education Committee: *Welsh Government's progress in developing the new Curriculum for Wales*

Council of Deans of Health Wales response – December 2018

Cyngor Deoniaid Iechyd Cymru/The Council of Deans of Health Wales is grateful for the opportunity to contribute to this call for evidence. The Council of Deans of Health represents the 83 UK university faculties engaged in education and research for nursing, midwifery and the allied health professions. Our seven member institutions in Wales work together with policy makers to help shape the education and training of the future health and social care workforce in Wales.

Key messages

1. The Council of Deans of Health Wales recommends extensive engagement with the higher education sector in the design and development of the Curriculum for Wales. This engagement is vital to ensure young people in Wales can articulate effectively into healthcare higher education and employment.
2. The Health and Wellbeing Area of Learning and Experience will be critical for developing the physical and emotional wellbeing of Welsh pupils. It also provides an opportunity to give young people an understanding of the wide range of healthcare careers open to them, including nursing, midwifery, and the allied health professions. Healthcare education provides graduates with diverse and varied options for career development and progression within the healthcare sector. Effective engagement between healthcare professionals and healthcare higher education institutions will be fundamental to promoting healthcare careers and positive employment outcomes.
3. Ensuring that young people have access to healthcare careers information would complement other Welsh Government priorities. These include fulfilling the objectives of 'A Healthier Wales: Our Plan for Health and Social Care'¹ and developing a sustainable healthcare workforce for Wales' future.

¹ Welsh Government (2018) [A Healthier Wales: our Plan for Health and Social Care](#)

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