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I was pleased to co-host a surgery event for Tata Steel employees and Union Representatives. It was a very successful event where there was close collaboration with the Unions to help those affected by the closure announcements.



Proud to welcome Popham Kidney Support to the Senedd to update MS' and their staff on the importance of kidney health and the services offered across Wales. The drop-in was very well attended and lots of great conversation ahead of World Kidney Day.



£10 MILLION ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR NHS DIGITAL SERVICES

The NHS will benefit from £10 million of additional funds to upgrade a variety of digital equipment, infrastructure and services.

The funding will include: £5 million for digital services to modernise and boost the efficiency of IT, £1 million to upgrade MRI scanners and £1.3 million dedicated to ultrasound scanning equipment.

The Welsh Government and the Welsh NHS are facing the toughest financial pressures in recent history and incredibly difficult decisions are being made.

Against this backdrop, I welcome this funding which will improve the experiences of many patients across the country.



'A STRONGER, FAIRER AND GREENER WALES' SAYS FIRST MINISTER, MARK DRAKEFORD

In his last Saint David's Day message as First Minister, Mark Drakeford took the opportunity to praise Wales as a home to global businesses, where innovators, creators and brilliant ideas can thrive.

He also paid tribute to the close-knit communities of our country, which have a strong sense of social justice- places where everyone is welcome and no one is left behind.

Articles

Nation Cymru- <https://nation.cymru/opinion/why-the-treasury-should-give-more-flexibility-to-welsh-government-reserves/>

Calling for the same flexibility over capital borrowing and reserves for the Welsh government as local councils have. It also calls for an appeals mechanism against treasury decisions such as HS2 being an England and Wales project.

South Wales Evening Post

The article discusses online purchasing, the decline in the physical retail offer and the decline in the use of cash. The effect that is having on town and city centres and small businesses.

Nation Cymru- <https://nation.cymru/opinion/what-can-be-done-to-tackle-wales-housing-problem/>

The need for more council housing, increasing support for Co-operative housing and the need to address the problems of homelessness and empty housing.

Welsh Fabians https://medium.com/@mikehedges_93307

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VIEWS WANTED ON 14-16 LEARNING

Parents and carers have unique and crucial insights into how the young adults they support are adapting to the world around them, and what support and skills would be helpful for them to learn as they approach adulthood.

The Welsh Government will listen to those opinions in a new consultation, asking for views on 14-16 learning under the Curriculum for Wales.

The Curriculum is already being rolled out for younger learners in Wales. Once it reaches 14-16 year olds, it is vital that skills are being learnt which are helpful and transferable to the outside world.

Views are welcome until May 8th 2024.

Visits

Swansea Bay SBU Senedd Member update
Met steelworkers and Steel unions in Blancos Port Talbot
Met Heol Emrys residents Disabled Supporters Association Swansea.com stadium
Swansea City Football Club-meet chairman
Glyn Vivian Art Gallery Swansea open exhibition
St Davids Day events in the quadrant
Evan Roberts Foundation
St David Day prayer breakfast
Popham Kidney Support charity

Schools visited

Ynystawe Primary School
Glyncollen Primary School
Plasmarl Primary School
Pentrechwyth Primary School

Sport

Swansea City FC vs Blackburn Rovers
Cwm Albion FC celebration
Birchgrove Football
Morrison Town



Mike hosting BHF event at the Senedd where MS's were offered CPR lessons

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MONTHLY ADVICE SURGERIES

1st Friday – Brynhyfryd Library 3-4pm
2nd Friday – Morrison Library 3-4pm
3rd Friday – Penlan Library 2-3 pm
4th Thursday – St Thomas Library 3-3.30pm
4th Friday – Llansamlet Library 3-4pm