



Programme for Government

What we will do from 2026 to 2030



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About our Programme for Government



Our **Programme for Government** is our official action plan.

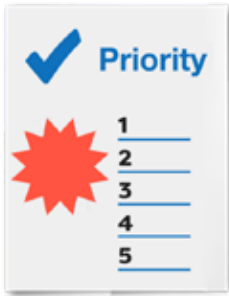


It sets out our main goals and says how we will achieve them.



This plan says what we will do from 2026 to 2030.

It tells you about:



- Our **priorities** - things we want to focus on to fix problems.



- What we want to do to improve services.



Our priorities



These are the main things we want to improve in Wales.

1. Improving health and social care

What we will do

We will:



- Lower waiting times for tests, treatment and operations.



- We will make sure care is closer to people's homes to reduce any delays in treatment and care.



- Open new surgical hubs across Wales.



- Make sure people get good care that meets their needs.



- Improve care for people with:
 - Mental health needs.
 - Cancer.
 - Dementia.
 - Heart problems.
 - Diabetes.
 - Eye problems.



- Improve health and care for women and girls.



- Improve care for people who are dying.



- Have more GPs to make it easier to get care.



- Improve access to mental health support.



- Make it easier to get dental care. Make sure there are enough dentists in local areas.



- Improve how health services are managed and organised.



- Work on making a National Care Service for Wales. This would be like the NHS, but for social care.



- Make health and social care services work better together.



- Make sure people who may need extra support, get the right support to keep them safe. Make sure different organisations work together to keep people safe.

2. Helping families with cost of living

What we will do

We will:



- We will fund childcare for children aged 9 months to 4 years old. This will be done slowly, over time. Families will be able to get up to 20 hours of childcare each week.



- Have more childcare places where children can learn and be cared for in Welsh.



- We will make the **Welsh Benefits System** easier to use. This will help people get the money and support they should get.



The **Welsh Benefits System** is different types of help and support from the Welsh Government and local councils. This can help people with everyday costs. For example, it can include:

- Free school meals.
- Free prescriptions.
- Help with council tax.
- Help with childcare.



- Give people who rent homes stronger rights and protection. We will work to make rent fair and more affordable.



- Provide at least 20 thousand more social homes by 2030. Social homes are homes provided by councils or housing associations. They are usually rented at a lower cost than private homes.



- Make homes safer and energy efficient. This means homes that use less energy and help lower energy bills.



- Look at making Council Tax fairer.



- Use the taxes in Wales to help pay for important **public services**.



Public services are services paid for by Government. For example, local councils, the NHS and fire and rescue.



3. Business and jobs

What we will do

We will:



- We will find ways to help businesses do well with the resources they have.



- We want businesses in Wales to grow and create more jobs. We want Wales to catch up with other parts of the UK over the next 10 years.



- Set up a new organisation to help Welsh businesses grow.



- Make it easier for businesses to grow.



- Encourage **public services** to buy more from Welsh businesses.



- Support high street businesses. This includes shops, restaurants and other businesses.



- Look at ways to improve our town centres. Like finding ways to use empty buildings.



- Make a new skills plan for Wales. Help people get the skills they need for good jobs.



- Work to make sure young people in Wales can live, study and work in Europe.



- Create a new plan to help businesses use digital technology.



- Make sure **AI** is used safely and responsibly. AI is also called Artificial Intelligence. It is an online technology. You can ask AI to give you information or help you with online tasks by chatting to it.



- Make it easier for people to travel around Wales. People should be able to travel safely and easily.



- Help Cardiff Airport and Welsh ports grow and support the Welsh economy.



- Support the communities that depend on farming and fishing.



- Make sure government plans meet the needs of countryside communities.



- Create a national energy plan. This will look at how much energy Wales needs now and in the future.



- Support clean and **renewable energy** and how people can benefit from new projects.



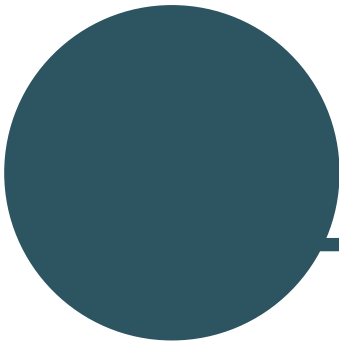
Renewable energy means energy made from things like the wind and sun.



- Create a national energy company.



- Promote Wales as a great place to visit. Celebrate Welsh culture and language.



4. Improving schools and helping children do well

What we will do

We will:



- Publish a new plan to improve reading, writing, and maths.



- Set goals to help improve schools.



- Check how the curriculum and assessments work. Make them easier for schools to understand.



- Help schools support children and young people with their wellbeing.



- Bring schools and other services together. To improve support for learners who need extra help.



- Help more young people do well and move between education, training and work.



- Create more chances to study and work in Welsh. Including more Welsh speaking teachers and more courses in Welsh.



- Support teachers by lowering their workload and giving more training.



- Encourage more people to become teachers. Especially in subjects where there are not enough teachers.



- Make sure schools teachers and children know how to stay safe. Like knowing about online safety.



5. Giving every child the best future in Wales

What we will do

We will:



- Work with other partners to make a new plan to reduce child **poverty**.



Poverty is when someone does not have enough money to pay for basic things like food or heating.



- Ask the UK Government to make changes to housing support and benefits. To help families living in poverty.



- We will work towards testing a new payment called Cynnal.



- This is a new Welsh Child Payment to help tackle child poverty. Families with young children who get benefits will get money each week.



- Provide free school meals to secondary school students whose families get Universal Credit.



- Work to stop violence and **abuse**. **Abuse** is when someone says or does something to hurt you or make you feel bad.



- Support people who have experienced violence or abuse.



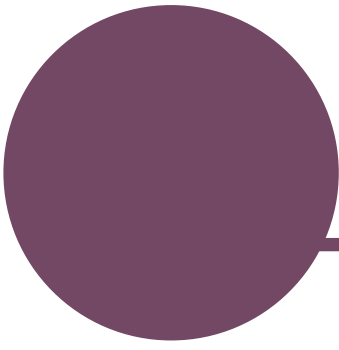
- Work to make Wales fair and equal for everyone.



- Support people who come to Wales for safety.



- Make sure **veterans** and their families get the support they need. **Veterans** are people who have served in the Armed Forces.



6. Standing up for Wales

What we will do

We will:



- Ask the UK Government for fairer funding for Wales. And more control over taxes in Wales.



- Ask for more money and more control over Welsh rail services.



- Make old coal tips safe. Coal tips are piles of unused bits of coal and stone from mining. Make sure the UK Government pays for this work.



- Ask for more power to make important decisions in some areas. This will help us to make plans to help people.



- Make a plan to help people enjoy culture, arts, and sport. Make sure everyone can take part.



- Build stronger links with other countries.



- Support international events in Wales. Including the Tour de France and Euro 2028 football.



- Help **public services** work together to stop crime and keep people safe.



7. How we will work on our priorities

Health and wellbeing

We will:



- Focus on stopping people from getting ill. And helping people stay healthy.



- Improve health and wellbeing across Wales.



- Put keeping people in good health into all government plans.



- Make plans to stop the spread of diseases. We want to stop some diseases from spreading in Wales by 2030. For example, HIV.



- Improve housing and help people have safe homes.



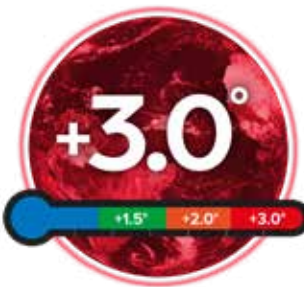
- Deliver a national swimming and water safety programme for schools. This will help children stay safe in and around water.

Climate change

We will:



- Take action to tackle **climate change**.



Climate change is big changes in the weather. For example, places getting warmer, wetter, or drier. These changes cause things like storms to get worse, flooding and wildfires.



- Create a plan to help protect our climate and nature.



- Take steps to help Wales reach **net zero** by 2040.



Net zero means the amount of harmful gas we put into the air, is no more than the amount we can take out of it.

We do this by:

- Lowering the amount of harmful gases we put into the air.
- Finding ways to clean harmful gas from the air.



- Set up an organisation to check that services are protecting the environment.

Welsh language

We will:



- Make a new plan to support the Welsh language. Help more people speak Welsh and use it every day. We want 1 million or more people to speak Welsh by 2050.



- Support Welsh in communities and workplaces.



- Make sure Welsh is used in **public services** and organisations. Such as health, housing, education and transport.

Productivity



Help businesses in Wales grow by improving transport, planning and skills.

New laws

We will:



- Make new laws when needed to improve people's lives.



- Keep the Senedd up to date about new laws.



- Sometimes, the UK Government may need to make the law. We will work with them when this happens.

Keeping Wales safe

We will:



- Work to keep people in Wales safe. We will make sure people can get support from **public services** in an emergency.



- Prepare for emergencies such as wildfires and flooding.



- Learn from emergencies and other events. For example, lessons learnt from what happened during Covid.



- Bring organisations together to work on flooding. This includes local councils, Natural Resources Wales, emergency services and community groups.

Working together

We will:



- Work more closely with local councils to improve **public services**.



- Look at how councils get fair funding to provide these services.

What happens next



This is a **big plan for the next 4 years.**



We will check if our plans are making a difference to people's lives.



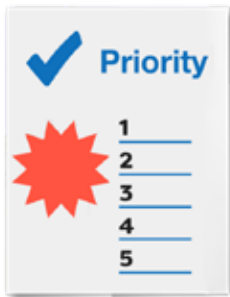
We will work across the Welsh Government.



We will also work with other organisations to make these changes happen.



We will make sure that money is spent in ways that help people in Wales.



We will focus on the most important things to make changes quickly.

Hard words

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