

Equality, Local Government and Communities
Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
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Dear Colleague

Consultation on our inquiry, 'Benefits in Wales: options for better delivery'

The Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee is undertaking an inquiry into benefits in Wales: options for better delivery.

Terms of reference

The Committee's terms of reference for its inquiry are to consider:

- arguments for and against the devolution of welfare benefits;
- lessons learned from the devolution of some social security powers to Scotland;
 - options for different forms of devolution (i.e. Universal Credit flexibilities, the devolution of specific benefits, the ability to create new benefits etc.);
- practical considerations of devolution (i.e. the financial implications, integration of devolved and non-devolved systems, delivery infrastructure etc.); and
- the principles that could underpin the delivery of benefits in Wales.

Invitation to contribute to the inquiry



The Committee would like to invite you to submit written evidence to assist in its consideration of the inquiry. It would be helpful if you could use the above terms of reference to frame your response.

Submissions should arrive no later than **11 April 2019**.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to: SeneddCommunities@assembly.wales

Dialogue page

Online discussion board – Dialogue

Alternatively if you would prefer to respond to our online discussion board, ‘Dialogue’, which gives an opportunity to submit a less formal submission, please use the link below. It also allows you to comment on posts made by other contributors:

<https://senedd.dialogue-app.com/benefits-in-wales-options-for-better-delivery-budd-daliadau-yng-nghymru-opsiynau-i2019w-cyflawni2019n-well>

Guidance

Written submissions should be no longer than five sides of A4, with numbered paragraphs, and should focus on the terms of reference.

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.

Please see the [guidance for those providing evidence for committees](#).

Bilingual Policy

The Committee welcomes contributions in both or either of our official languages, English and Welsh. Information not submitted bilingually will not be translated and will be published in the language of submission only. We expect organisations to implement their own standards and schemes and to comply with their statutory obligations.



Disclosure of Information

You can find further details about how we will use your information at www.assembly.wales/InquiryPrivacy. Please ensure that you have considered these details carefully before submitting information to the Committee.

Contact details

If you wish to speak to someone regarding this consultation, please use the following contact details:

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Yours sincerely,



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