



JAYNE BRYANT MS CONSTITUENCY UPDATE



IF NOT NOW WHEN? RADICAL REFORM FOR CARE EXPERIENCED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Children, Young People and Education Committee released our report into Children in Care in Wales. As Chair of the committee, I've heard too often of people feeling ignored and powerless, with no say in the decisions that affected their lives. While there is no doubt of the Welsh Government ambition on this, including the personal commitment of the First Minister and Deputy Minister, now is the time for action. <https://bit.ly/3WRaRye>

IN THE SENEDD

DEMENTIA DIAGNOSIS

Dementia awareness is something that's close to my heart. There are estimated to be around 50,000 people living with dementia in Wales, and this figure could be close to 100,000 people by 2050. A diagnosis is instrumental in facilitating access to care and medication.

I asked what more can the Welsh Government and others do to ensure that emphasising diagnosis early plays a key part in the Welsh Government's dementia action plan, and also, in its plans for social care reform.

TECH COMPANIES AND THE SEMICONDUCTOR CHALLENGE

In response to a statement made by Minister for the Economy Vaughan Gething MS on Tech and Cyber Sectors in Wales, I was able to raise both the positive work happening in Newport West in terms of Airbus, KLA and their collaboration with schools in our city, but also the frustration held by the semiconductor industry at the lack of engagement and ambition coming from the Westminster Government.

For Wales and the UK to lead in these fields, we must ensure that everyone is working off the same page. Resources must be utilised as effectively as possible. All efforts must be made to ensure that industry and all levels of government are working collaboratively towards the same goal.

In response the Minister praised the "genuine hotbed of



activity" that is happening around Newport and started that Welsh Ministers "continue to look to have more deep and meaningful conversations with UK Ministers in both the departments for science and innovation as well as business and trade, because, actually, this is an area where both Governments could do more by having a more fruitful and

constructive relationship with each other. That would mean that UK Ministers would need to respond to us and make sure that we're genuinely engaged in the work to develop a real plan for the future."

You can also watch my questions, contributions and responses on my YouTube channel: [@JayneBryantMS](https://www.youtube.com/@JayneBryantMS)

FUTURE OF BUS SERVICES ACROSS WALES

Deputy Minister for Climate Change, Lee Waters MS, recently offered an update on the future of bus services across Wales, confirming that Welsh Government have agreed to extend the existing Bus Emergency Scheme until the end of the school year in July.

Read the Minister's statement here: <https://bit.ly/3IXMObp>



FURTHER EDUCATION MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUPPORT RECEIVES £4M BOOST

Shares of the £4million will increase the capacity of welfare teams in all further education Colleges in Wales; including recruitment of wellbeing support officers and will build on the success of previous Welsh Government funded mental health and wellbeing initiatives. <https://bit.ly/3MO1YkB>



A very big congratulations to Councillor Trevor Watkins. Trevor has become the 391st Mayor of Newport alongside his daughter as Mayoress.

CYPE CONSULTATION

As Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee our latest work is looking at whether disabled children and young people have equal access to childcare and education. It is incredibly important that we hear from anyone with lived experience. You can respond to the consultation here: <https://bit.ly/3MViglx>



In honour of Polish Heritage Day in Newport, The Place hosted the Hear Our Voice event, bringing all communities together and celebrating the diversity within our city.

UK GOVERNMENT SEMICONDUCTOR STRATEGY RISKS "FALLING SHORT" SAYS WALES ECONOMY MINISTER

Economy Minister, Vaughan Gething MS, has criticised the UK Government's semiconductor strategy warning that it risks "falling short" of the international challenge facing the UK.

The UK Government unveiled its long-awaited national semiconductor strategy in May offering chip companies up to £1bn over the next decade in a bid to boost the domestic industry. "Our ambition must now match that opportunity to create more good jobs in a more balanced UK economy."

You can find the UK government strategy here: <https://bit.ly/43IEqEr>



On a recent visit to Newport's Animal Centre, I was grateful for the chance to meet with the RSPCA to discuss animal welfare and greyhound racing - topics close to my heart.



At the latest meeting of the of the Cross-Party Group on Suicide Prevention we received powerful presentations from the Samaritans on the importance of the 'Online Safety Bill' and from of Co-Alc Alliance, who provided some harrowing insight into coca ethylene related tragedies and what more we can do to raise awareness. As Chair of the Cross-Party Group, it is always a humbling experience to work alongside such committed organisations.

BE 'WATER AWARE' FOR SUMMER

Minister for Climate Change, Julie James MS, is appealing to everyone in Wales to be conscious of their water use as the hotter months approach, and asks us to be 'water aware' as Drought Liaison Group prepares for summer.

Weather is difficult to predict and climate change places significant pressures on water infrastructure and supply, wildlife and habitats, and the agriculture sector.

Advice like taking a shower instead of a bath, and turning the tap off when brushing your teeth all make a difference.

Dŵr Cymru
Welsh Water:
<https://bit.ly/3qsjNhs>



Incredible afternoon with Newport Women's Forum for the Afternoon Tea bursary fundraiser, Surrounded by amazing, inspiring women. Applications for the bursary are open: <https://bit.ly/3WNNM1b>

NEW INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE GP SERVICES FOR VETERANS

The programme enables GP practices to sign up voluntarily to undertake specialist training on veterans' health and wellbeing to promote fair treatment and respect for people who have served with the armed forces, and their families.



SOCIAL PARTNERSHIP AND PUBLIC PROCUREMENT (WALES) ACT GAINS ROYAL ASSENT

Social Partnership and Public Procurement Act is the first law in Wales to be given Royal Assent by King Charles III. Workers, businesses and public services will have a greater opportunity to shape policies, activities and strategic priorities at a national government level.



Thoroughly enjoyed The Women's Archive, Women's History event at the University of South Wales. It was such a pleasure to be part of the panel to discuss women in politics with Suzy Davies, Jocelyn Davies and compered by Dr Chris Career.