

# Research Service

## A Guide

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Research  
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**The National Assembly for Wales is the democratically elected body that represents the interests of Wales and its people, makes laws for Wales and holds the Welsh Government to account.**

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## What is the Research Service?

The Research Service is part of the National Assembly for Wales based in Tŷ Hywel, Cardiff Bay. We are completely independent of the Welsh Government.

We provide expert and impartial research and information to support Assembly Members and the committees in fulfilling the scrutiny, legislative and representative functions of the Assembly. We are policy and information specialists from a variety of professional backgrounds with substantial experience in both the policy areas we work in and the operation of the Assembly.

The Research Service works within the Assembly Business Directorate, which provides specialist parliamentary support to all 60 Assembly Members to ensure the efficient and effective conduct of business.

The Research Service consists of:

- four research teams providing specialist advice on specific areas of policy
- a research team providing finance and statistical information
- a research team providing advice on the Assembly, the constitution, UK and EU legislation, elections and referendums
- a Library providing a full range of reference and information services

We also work with the Assembly's EU Office in Brussels which provides Assembly Members with advice, information and assistance on EU issues including support with visit programmes.

## How do we support Assembly Members?

- We provide research briefings and expertise to support Assembly Members in the scrutiny of legislation and policy
- We provide briefings to support Assembly Members in committee
- We answer enquiries connected with Plenary or committee business and with constituency work as part of our confidential and impartial enquiry service
- We provide research support to Assembly Members in developing and bringing forward proposals for legislation
- We produce a range of proactive research outputs to help contribute to open and well informed debate.



## What do we publish?

Our research publications are compiled principally for the benefit of Assembly Members, but we make these publicly available wherever possible via our **website** in Welsh and English. We provide alternative formats on request.

**Research papers** analyse current issues relevant to the Assembly providing a balanced overview to aid scrutiny or debate.

**Research notes** cover topics of current interest in a concise and accessible way.

**Quick guides** provide a short introduction to complex or technical topics often as part of a series of guides to a subject.

**Constituent factsheets** outline and signpost sources of funding and information available to organisations and individual constituents.

You can also follow us on

 [@NAWResearch](https://twitter.com/NAWResearch).



## What monitoring services do we provide?

We publish a range of monitoring services on our website.

**Progress of Assembly Bills** provides a continually updated summary of the progress of Assembly legislation with links to the relevant documents and further explanatory information including Bill Summary papers.

**Legislative Consent Motions** follows the progress of motions through which the Assembly can give or refuse permission for the UK Parliament to legislate on matters that are devolved.

**Consent Motions** follows the progress of motions through which the consent of the Assembly is sought by UK Government Ministers exercising order-making powers in devolved areas which are provided for by existing primary legislation.

**Key Events in the Development of the National Assembly for Wales** provides a timeline to key events in the development of the Assembly.

**The National Assembly for Wales and Devolution in Wales: A Bibliography** gathers together some of the most important works charting the evolution of the Assembly and devolution in Wales.

## Library

The Library delivers high quality information, reference and monitoring services to Assembly Members, their staff and Assembly staff. It has a comfortable modern reading room and provides access to official publications, reference books, newspapers, periodicals and electronic resources.

## EU Office

The EU Office is based in Wales House, Brussels in the heart of the EU quarter, alongside the Welsh Government and other Welsh representations. It provides specialist advice and information on EU issues; supports the Assembly representatives on the Committee of the Regions (and the Council of Europe); promotes the work and interests of the Assembly among EU decision makers and facilitates programmes for Assembly Members and staff delegations to Brussels.

## How you can help us

We do not deal with enquiries from the public. However, we do welcome receipt or notification of publications in both printed and electronic format which may be of interest to Assembly Members and research staff.

We welcome comments about our publications and would be particularly interested to hear from researchers working in related fields of interest. We would also like to hear about conferences, seminars or other networking events which might be of interest to our researchers.

You can post or email your publications to us at the addresses listed on the inside cover of this booklet.

# Directory of Research Service specialists

## Head of Research Service

**Kathryn Potter**

Maternity Leave

## Acting Head of Service

**Graham.Winter** @wales.gov.uk

029 2089 **8166**

## Assembly and Constitution Team

Providing specialist advice on the Assembly; devolution; the UK constitution; Welsh, UK and EU legislation (in conjunction with Gregg Jones, EU Office); governance; subordinate legislation; elections; and referendums.

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## Economy, Communities and Local Government

Providing specialist advice on the economy; European Union; social justice; welfare; equal opportunities; voluntary sector; community safety; culture; sport and recreation; museums and libraries; Welsh language; local government, public services, regeneration and housing.

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**Research Team Leader**

Business; economic development; structural funds

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Housing policy; poverty; communities

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Local government; culture; sport; Welsh language

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Equalities; welfare; voluntary sector

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European Union; tourism; procurement

## Education and Lifelong Learning Team

Providing specialist advice on children and young people, education and lifelong learning.

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**Research Team Leader**

Further and higher education; lifelong learning; skills training

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Education; children and young people

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Education

## Environment and Transport Team

Providing specialist advice on transport; energy; environment; planning; agriculture; fisheries; rural development; sustainable development; forestry; marine and inland waters.

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Planning; environment

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Climate change; sustainable development; energy; water and flooding

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Research support; enquiries administration

## Finance and Statistics Team

Providing specialist advice on Assembly finance and budgets; local government finance and general statistics including methods and sources.

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### **Research Team Leader**

Finance; statistics; policy costing; local government finance

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Financial scrutiny; budgets; Barnett formula

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Finance and policy costing

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Labour market; economy, statistics

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General statistics; social statistics; general finance

## Health and Social Policy Team

Providing specialist advice on health; drug and alcohol misuse; social care and social services; children and young people; older people; community safety.

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**Research Team Leader** - Maternity Leave

Community safety; children's health and wellbeing

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Social care; mental health; adult social services

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Health policy - secondary and tertiary care

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Health policy - primary and community care

## Library Team

Providing a reference and information service including official publications; newspapers; periodicals, e-resources and monitoring services.

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### Head of Library

Library management; induction; training

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Reader services; Justis Parliament; AdviserNet

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Book orders; GRANTfinder; Newsstand

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E-resources; newspapers; periodicals; inter-library loans

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Book loans; renewals

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Library catalogue; monitoring services – legislation tracking  
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## **Library Team – continued**

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Research publishing

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Research publishing; enquiries administration

## **EU Office**

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