

**Y Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol  
Health and Social Care Committee**

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Assembly for  
Wales



**William Powell AM**  
**Chair of the Petitions Committee**

25 February 2015

Dear William,

**P-04-501 Day centres for the elderly in Wales to be made statutory**

Thank you for your letter of February 2015, received on 12 February 2015, about the above petition.

In the light of the Health and Social Care Committee's existing policy and legislative scrutiny commitments, it is unlikely that it will have capacity to undertake an inquiry into day centres for the elderly in Wales.

The petitioners may be interested to note that the Health and Social Care Committee undertook Stage 1 and Stage 2 scrutiny of the then Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill in 2013. Section 14 of the [Social Services and Well-being \(Wales\) Act 2014](#), which received Royal Assent in May 2014, places a duty on local authorities and the relevant local health boards to jointly assess the needs of the people living in their areas for care and support, and the services which will be required to meet those needs.

The Health and Social Care Committee received a briefing from Welsh Government officials on 20 November 2014 on the implementation of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. Officials indicated during that briefing that the Welsh Government's intention is that the Act will be implemented by April 2016. You may wish to draw the petitioners' attention

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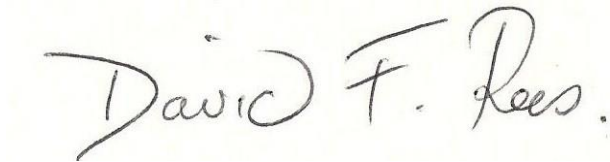
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to the [papers provided by the Welsh Government](#), and the [transcript of the briefing](#).

I hope that this information is of interest to you and the petitioners.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature reads "David F. Rees." with a period at the end. The letters are cursive and fluid.

**David Rees AM**

Chair, Health and Social Care Committee