

Cabinet portfolios



The Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AM
First Minister

Responsibilities include:

- The Legislative Programme
- International affairs, including strategic direction on EU policy matters, international relations and Welsh Government presence abroad
- Welsh Language
- Civil contingencies, including chairing the Wales Resilience Forum



Leighton Andrews AM
Minister for Public Services

Responsibilities include:

- Public sector reform and delivery, including delivering the Williams recommendations
- The oversight and direction of local authorities in Wales and liaison with police authorities
- Capital financing and accounting issues relating to local authorities including residual Private Finance Initiative approvals (responsibility for a police authority rests with the Home Office);
- The Local Government Partnership Council and relations between the Welsh Government and Local Government generally
- Local strategic planning by local authorities and their local partners (NB not land use planning)
- Justice policy, including youth justice
- Community safety, relations with the Police and other Criminal Justice Agencies, including counter-terrorism issues
- Domestic violence



Mark Drakeford AM
Minister for Health and Social Services

Responsibilities include:

- All aspects of the NHS in Wales, including contracts with the primary care contractor professionals, other than (i) oversight of the medical professions; (ii) policy on surrogacy, xenotransplantation, embryology and human genetics; and (iii) licensing of medicines (these matters are not devolved)
- Charges for NHS services, including prescription, dental and ophthalmic and optical charges
- Mental health services
- All aspects of public health and health protection in Wales
- The Food Standards Agency in Wales
- Substance misuse
- Receiving, responding to and directing reports from, the Health Care Inspectorate for Wales
- Responsibility for the prison service health service, other than private contracts
- Policy and oversight of the provision of all social services activities of local authorities in Wales, including the issue of statutory guidance
- Adoption and fostering services in Wales
- Complaints, representations and advocacy under 1989 Children Act in relation to social services
- The Children and Family Court Advisory Support Service (CAFCASS);
- Policy on care in the community
- Oversight of the Care Council for Wales
- Regulation of residential, domiciliary, adult placements, foster care, under 8's care provision and private healthcare in Wales
- Inspection of, and reporting on, the provision of social services by local authorities in Wales (via the Care and Social Services Inspectorate for Wales), including joint reviews of social services and responding to reports
- The Older People's Commissioner for Wales
- Genetically-modified food (but not the cultivation of genetically-modified crops)



Lesley Griffiths AM
Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty

Responsibilities include:

- The third sector and volunteering
- Overall responsibility for delivering the Tackling Poverty Action Plan
- Welfare reform
- Child poverty, including Families First, family support and play policies
- Childcare
- Children's and young people's rights and entitlements, including the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Children's Commissioner for Wales and children's advocacy
- Flying Start Initiative for children 0-3
- Communities First
- Financial inclusion, including credit unions
- Regeneration, including Strategic Regeneration Areas; legacy regeneration; and provision of sites and premises, derelict land and environmental improvements relating to regeneration
- The housing and housing-related activities of Local Authorities and housing associations, including housing management and the allocation of social and affordable housing
- Homelessness and housing advice
- Aids and adaptations, including Disabled Facilities Grants and Physical Adaptation Grants
- Digital Inclusion
- Equality covering the protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 and human rights in relation to UN and EU Conventions
- Co-ordination of issues relating to gypsies and travellers, asylum-seekers, immigration, migrant workers and community cohesion (except where they relate specifically to other portfolios and counter terrorism measures)
- Lead responsibility for monitoring Post Office and Royal Mail matters in Wales



Edwina Hart AM
Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

Responsibilities include:

- The provision of support and advice to assist the establishment, growth, modernisation or development of business in Wales
- Entrepreneurship, enterprise and business information
- Finance Wales
- Business rates policy
- Major energy facilities and infrastructure, devolution in energy matters, steel and coal
- Environmental improvements in relation to industrial and commercial developments
- Economic sector panels
- Social enterprise and the social economy
- The work of the Economic Research Advisory Panel
- Transport policy, including the development of an integrated transport system in Wales
- Road Safety
- Road transport
- Promotion of walking and cycling, including the Active Travel (Wales) Act
- Science: development of science policy, including day to day liaison with the Chief Scientific Adviser and the National Science Academy
- Research and Innovation, including research and development, knowledge transfer and commercialisation; maximising research and innovation incomes; and Research Centres of Excellence



Jane Hutt AM
Minister for Finance and Government Business

Responsibility includes:

- Providing strategic financial direction and management of the resources of the Welsh Government
- Development of a Welsh Treasury function
- Publishing and consulting on the Welsh Government's budget proposals
- General oversight of financial accounting and audit
- Operation of the devolved funding settlement and the Statement of Funding
- Value Wales
- National Procurement Service
- Oversight of the Private Finance Initiative (PFI), but not priorities or policy decisions regarding PFI projects within another Minister's portfolio
- Matters affecting Welsh Government Sponsored Bodies (WGSBs) collectively and in general, but not matters relating to specific WGSBs, which remain the responsibility of their respective Ministers
- The co-ordination of National Statistics and the maintenance and development of the co-ordinating structure under the National Statistics Framework. (For other Welsh Ministers their role covers statistical activity in relation to their portfolio responsibilities)
- The content or conduct of the Census in Wales
- Policy on and administration of European Union structural funds, related programmes except the Common Agricultural Policy



Huw Lewis AM
Minister for Education and Skills

Responsibilities include:

- School standards, improvement and pupil attainment
- Estyn work programme remit
- School curriculum, assessment and qualifications, including the Foundation Phase, 5-19 and the Welsh Baccalaureate;
- Safeguarding and inclusion in schools
- Welsh medium and bilingual education
- Complaints against Local Education Authorities and school governing bodies
- Additional learning needs, including needs of pupils with severe, complex and/or specific learning difficulties, disabled pupils, able and talented pupils
- Higher Education policy, strategy and funding, including: sponsorship of the Higher Education Funding Council, fees and bursaries and widening participation
- Capital funding for post-16 providers;
- Statutory regulation and approval of all qualifications (outside Higher Education), including the impact of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) on external qualifications
- The design and implementation of the National Planning and Funding System and the deployment of strategic investment in the post-16 sector
- Development and implementation of 14-19 Learning Pathways
- Extending Entitlement for people aged 11-25 years
- Policy on youth work
- Education workforce training and development, including initial teacher training



Carl Sargeant AM
Minister for Natural Resources

Responsibilities include:

- Cross-cutting responsibility for Sustainable Development, including the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill
- All activities of Natural Resources Wales
- Cross-cutting measures of mitigation and adaptation in relation to climate change, including land drainage; flood prevention; coastal protection; and control of marine and air pollution (except vehicle emissions)
- National strategy and policy for water, including: the control of water quality and the safeguarding of water resources in Wales; the oversight of the Dŵr Cymru and Dee Valley water companies and reservoirs;
- Sustainable resource and waste management in Wales
- Energy policy, including small-medium scale energy production, domestic energy, energy efficiency and the reduction of fuel poverty
- All aspects of planning policy, including the issue of statutory guidance to Local Authorities, and the determination of planning disputes and appeals
- Planning gain - Section 106 Agreements and Community Infrastructure Levy contained in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Planning Act 2008 respectively
- Access to the countryside, coast and rights of way
- National Parks
- Marine, terrestrial and fresh water planning, biodiversity and conservation
- Wales Spatial Plan
- Strategic lead on allotments



Theodore Huckle QC
Counsel General

Deputy Ministers



Julie James AM
Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology

Responsibilities include:

- Further Education (other than Further Education Governance)
- Apprenticeship and Skillbuild policy and delivery
- NEETS and employability support, including Jobs Growth Wales and the Young People's Guarantee
- Sector skills including strategies, development funds and the Sector Skills Council
- Wales Employment and Skills Board and the Commission for Employment and Skills
- Implementation of the Credit and Qualifications Framework for Wales
- Workforce skills development, including the Wales Union Learning Fund and other Union-delivered learning services
- Chwarae Teg
- European Structural Funds relating to skills and employment
- Prisoner learning
- Skills Growth Wales, React and Adapt
- Digital Wales, including broadband and ICT infrastructure (within the Economy, Science and Technology portfolio)



Rebecca Evans AM
Deputy Minister for Farming and Food

Responsibilities include:

- The delivery via the Rural Development Plan of measures to support the management and competitiveness of agriculture and forestry, improve the environment and countryside, including promotion of agri-environment schemes, organic and woodland activities and to enhance the social and economic well being of rural communities
- Agriculture sector development, including wages and skills
- Developing agri-food sector, associated supply chains and promotion of food from Wales
- Animal health and welfare, including: responding to reports of notifiable animal diseases affecting Wales; Local Authority animal health enforcement policy; the licensing of zoos by Local Authorities; and the regulation of slaughterhouses
- The protection of wildlife in Wales, including control of pests, weeds and vermin and the regulation of plant health, seeds and pesticides
- Common Land Policy (implementation of the Commons Act 2006 mainly)



Vaughan Gething AM
Deputy Minister for Health

Responsibilities include:

- Day to day oversight of all aspects of NHS delivery and performance in Wales



Ken Skates AM

Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism

Responsibilities include:

- Tourism in and to Wales, including the marketing and promotion of Wales as a tourist destination and regulation of the tourism industry
- Major Events
- National strategy and policy for the historic environment in Wales, including the conservation, protection, including designation, and promotion of the historic environment, monuments and buildings; heritage-led regeneration; sponsorship of the Royal Commission on Ancient Monuments and support for the Welsh Archaeological Trusts
- National strategy and policy for culture in Wales, including policy on non-national museums, public libraries and archives; sponsorship of the Arts Council for Wales, Amgueddfa Cymru, the National Library of Wales, the Welsh Books Council and funding to the Wales Millennium Centre
- National strategy and policy for sport, physical activity and active recreation in Wales, including sponsorship of the Sports Council for Wales
- National Botanic Garden of Wales
- Policy on broadcasting
- Government Indemnity Scheme and the Acceptance in Lieu of Inheritance Tax Scheme
- Issues surrounding the distribution of Lottery funding within Wales by the Big Lottery Fund, National Heritage Memorial Fund and Heritage Lottery Fund, Arts Council of Wales and Sports Council for Wales (allocation of funding between good causes and between countries remains the responsibility of the UK Government)

Shadow Cabinet

Andrew RT Davies	Leader of the Opposition
Paul Davies	Shadow Minister for Finance
Nick Ramsay	Shadow Minister for Business, Enterprise and Technology
Angela Burns	Shadow Minister for Education
Janet Finch-Saunders	Shadow Minister for Local Government
Mark Isherwood	Shadow Minister for Social Justice and Housing
Antoinette Sandbach	Shadow Minister for Rural Affairs
Darren Miller	Shadow Minister for Health and Social Services
Mohammad Asghar	Shadow Minister for Equalities and Sport
Suzy Davies	Shadow Minister for Culture and Welsh Language
Russell George	Shadow Minister for Environment

Plaid Cymru

Leanne Wood	Leader
Elin Jones	Deputy Leader, Shadow Minister for Health and Well-being
Rhun ap Iorwerth	Shadow Minister for Economy, Enterprise and Transport
Simon Thomas	Shadow Minister for Education, Skills and Welsh Language
Llyr Gruffydd	Shadow Minister for Sustainable Communities, Energy and Food

Backbench party spoke persons

Alun Ffred Jones	Finance
Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Local Government, Public Services, Governance, EU Matters
Lindsay Whittle	Social Services, Equalities, Trade Unions, the Valleys
Bethan Jenkins	Youth and Youth Unemployment, Arts, Heritage, Sport
Jocelyn Davies	Housing, Women, Children

Liberal Democrats

Kirsty Williams	Leader and Health and Social Care Spokeperson
Peter Black	Local Government, Heritage, Housing and Finance Spokeperson
Eluned Parrott	Shadow Minister for Enterprise, Transport, Europe and Business
Aled Roberts	Shadow Minister Children, Education and Welsh Language
William Powell	Shadow Minister for Environment, Agriculture and Rural Affairs