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Come to see Wrexham's new Museum at the National Eisteddfod of Wales

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**The National Eisteddfod of Wales takes place in Wrexham from 2nd-9th August.**

It's the biggest cultural festival in Europe, with over 175,000 people expected to attend over the week.

We are delighted to announce that Wrexham's new Museum of Two Halves will have a special stall on the Eisteddfod Maes throughout the festival. The stall will feature a showcase for both the Wrexham Museum and Football Museum Wales half of the new museum, as well as interactive activities for all ages.

There will be a FREE, frequent shuttle bus service running between Wrexham city centre and the Eisteddfod Maes from 8am-Midnight throughout the week.

You can find all the information about the Eisteddfod [on their website.](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Feisteddfod.wales%2Ffestival%2F2025/2/0100019851e8eee7-d8bc8cca-2dc5-4dfe-a4fe-bfcb054414d1-000000/unbdreMjpmMkvX3M7kfTOeY49vRT3NppRPvWIM9IcoE=415)

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**Exciting times for the city’ – Wrexham’s brand new national visitor attraction takes shape.**

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**The project to create a major new national visitor attraction in Wrexham city centre is now well underway and making great progress!**

One of the city’s landmark buildings, the County Buildings, formerly the home of Wrexham Museum, is being transformed into a new ‘Museum of Two Halves’.

Set to open in 2026, the ‘two halves’ of the new museum will include an enhanced and expanded museum for Wrexham, alongside a brand new football museum for Wales.

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This shows how our work will support the UK government's health and growth missions, in line with the 10 Year Health Plan and the Life Sciences Sector Plan, which were published earlier this month. Read on for our full response.  Also in this edition we're delighted to confirm Neelam Patel as our new Chair, and we share our annual report and accounts for 2024-25 and business plan for this financial year.  We also have an opportunity to feed back on our draft guidance for the new clinical trials regulations, as well as an interview with Research Ethics Committee (REC) member Tobiasz Trawinski. He shares insights on his first few months in the service and some advice for research applicants.  As always thank you for reading HRA Latest.   |  | | --- | | Let us know what you think about this edition by completing our [short online survey.](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fonline1.snapsurveys.com%2FInterview%2F08b4b41a-613c-4582-bf41-b5426252015c/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/Y395b6sbsft5ZiCKsoRgFyD30y1BQqCawe-xDBF-KSc=416)  For the latest news from the HRA, you can follow us [on LinkedIn](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.linkedin.com%2Fcompany%2F3346069%2Fadmin%2Fdashboard%2F/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/2UQ1YVawCI4TsYiv3Nzje6pUsV4h3T0EO-Q5reR0JQU=416) or [sign up for updates](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fhra-latest%2F/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/iOvu97BIi8-ZARp90lrDJfQs5jwvBhU1zm-eRRmGHeM=416) on specific topics you're interested in.  Matt Westmore Chief Executive |  |  | | --- | |  |   Our new strategy 2025-28  **Our new strategy for 2025-28**  We launched our new strategy, [Boosting research that improves health and grows the economy](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fwhat-we-do%2Four-strategy%2F/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/iMSwX3z-2tfdqbkPne-iHs0-rwJ_4URHTNTx748eZ-8=416), earlier this month. It sets out our focus for the next 3 years to support our mission to make it easier to do research that people can trust.  The strategy was [developed with our staff,](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fnews-updates%2Fhow-different-perspectives-and-experiences-have-shaped-our-2025-28-strategy%2F/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/KAD9zuXHroFz8IRgO1E35LckY-hoKB3r0AOZadzMFHQ=416) [community](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fnews-updates%2Fhow-different-perspectives-and-experiences-have-shaped-our-2025-28-strategy%2F/2/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/dSGmqBJx0osuDnI7J8nAmQADZn_AVQVlVVNHM5pAY4Y=416) [of volunteers, public contributors and partners](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fnews-updates%2Fhow-different-perspectives-and-experiences-have-shaped-our-2025-28-strategy%2F/3/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/t4Om94Wc4zH_CfhGcNxrL0EpaPwc8-ch9j75966VSik=416) from across the health and social care research sector. It defines 3 strategic objectives that will shape our activity in support of the UK government's objectives for health and growth:   * supporting UK growth in life sciences * helping reduce health inequalities * increasing the impact of money invested in research   It also sets outcomes that we will work to achieve over the next 3 years to be a trusted, effective organisation that makes it simple and fast to do research well.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Read our strategy**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fwhat-we-do%2Four-strategy%2F/2/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/1OKhF83J7dpr2ZTO6fnvydb1OL3DnoWJGGmhQdW74zA=416) | |   Neelam Patel appointed as Chair  **Neelam Patel appointed as our new Chair**  We’re pleased to confirm that Neelam Patel is the new, permanent Chair of the HRA.  Neelam has been serving as Interim Chair since February 2025 when [Professor Sir Terence Stephenson stood down from the role](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fnews-updates%2Fprofessor-sir-terence-stephenson-steps-down-hra-chair%2F/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/fZ0fr54lZRNSYMxXF-9qUh1orOLV0X0pxX8GUtalQ3c=416) to take up a new role as Chair of NHS Providers.  She will serve a 3 year term as Chair which began on Monday 7 July 2025.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Read more**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fnews-updates%2Fneelam-patel-appointed-as-chair-of-the-hra%2F/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/csUZj9lNijGQWsldXzUvjDutrDkjxOiGFOeY-vUC6No=416) | |   Quote post for Dr Tobiasz Trawinski  **Interview: how being a REC member works alongside my career**  Our Research Ethics Committees (RECs) review applications for health and social care research before it can be approved to go ahead. They play a crucial role in upholding the dignity and safety of research participants. We are lucky to have almost 900 REC members across the UK who volunteer their time to provide this service.  We interviewed expert member Dr Tobiasz Trawinski, a Senior Lecturer at Liverpool Hope University, to hear how his first few months as part of a REC have been and understand how his committee role complements his career.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Read the interview**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fnews-updates%2Fhow-being-a-rec-member-works-alongside-my-career%2F/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/mD339UKd997Zxcr6li_7_1yBo2YthM_H2huv5x50gTA=416) | |   life sciences sector plan  **Our response to the Life Sciences Sector Plan**  On Wednesday 16 July the government published the [Life Sciences Sector Plan](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Flife-sciences-sector-plan/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/8PGzYTDavRK_enRm3Wb9S0Nm2-ApNkfV9wGsyU-B_JU=416).  The plan complements the previously announced [Industrial Strategy](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Findustrial-strategy/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/n80E-paivQs734S3LWHaRkxjOHKy57VK3r0gPUVrEqw=416) and the [10 Year Health Plan](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2F10-year-health-plan-for-england-fit-for-the-future/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/rqr7o0Wl29O7rgeM2mzeSYG-39IX9KQ4cAi25jlh2f0=416) to set out how the government will transform the UK’s economy and health.  Our Chief Executive, Matt Westmore, explains what the plan means for the HRA.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Read our response**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fnews-updates%2Four-response-to-the-life-sciences-sector-plan%2F/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/WNIjumshmvOp57LL_GBrW9y_xGo2Z261T2Kz0UWbz_g=416) | |   photo of people meeting with laptops and notes  **An update on PATHWAYS**  Earlier on today King’s College London announced that the [PATHWAYS Horizon study](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.kcl.ac.uk%2Fresearch%2Fpathways-horizon/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/TK_ZdgiYvJ5ZIdDs10wvI3CrKSfR28KvD0ZQE-0pRY0=416) has received ethics and regulatory approval.  PATHWAYS is a programme of research that aims to find out how the NHS can best support children and young people with gender incongruence. PATHWAYS Horizon is a longitudinal observational study that is the first in this programme of research.  An application for this study was received earlier this year and was reviewed by a Research Ethics Committee. The study has been given a favourable opinion, which will allow the research team to set up and begin the study.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Read more on our website**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fnews-updates%2Fpathways-horizon-update%2F/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/Q7MFtCCpABjaTN2LFg3kuvk_YivNFHzQ73t35FQ4iFM=416) | |   annual report and accounts and business plan  **Annual report and business plan published**  We recently published our [annual report and accounts 2024-25](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fwhat-we-do%2Fannual-report%2Fannual-report-and-accounts-2024-25%2F/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/Q0rOzhokmmNJGUnVc4XyBHGuaJN89gC0rpaLJfon408=416), which reflects on our performance in the last financial year. It reports on our key performance indicators, including the time it takes for us to review and approve applications for health and social care research.  Our new business plan 2025-26 sets out our planned activity for the next 12 months, showing how we will work to achieve the strategic objectives detailed in our new strategy.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Read the business plan**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fwhat-we-do%2Fbusiness-plan%2Fbusiness-plan-2025-2026%2F/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/fP5WDFHT1fX51RZaVtSUWs_eTt-zAXqm0aafQoaMAak=416) | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Read the annual report and accounts**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fwhat-we-do%2Fannual-report%2Fannual-report-and-accounts-2024-25%2F/2/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/B6SlQNBmZjx61lDZJGxaQJJbdXwsL5QGGv3xxq5a2J4=416) | |   Guidance to accompany the UK's updated clinical trials regulations  **Share your feedback on our new clinical trials guidance**  Last month, we [published new guidance](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Feur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com%252F%253Furl%3Dhttps%25253A%25252F%25252Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%25252Fplanning-and-improving-research%25252Fpolicies-standards-legislation%25252Fclinical-trials-investigational-medicinal-products-ctimps%25252Fclinical-trial-regulations-reform%25252Fguidance-on-changes-to-the-clinical-trials-regulations%25252F%2526data%3D05%25257C02%25257Cnzinga.cotton%252540hra.nhs.uk%25257C42ed5999dfb94a9ba02d08ddb3e11ee5%25257C8e1f0acad87d4f20939e36243d574267%25257C0%25257C0%25257C638864501658956143%25257CUnknown%25257CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%25253D%25253D%25257C0%25257C%25257C%25257C%2526sdata%3DBzokw40uK1aevn34a8M8X03cuStHzlJkKgdM8OTgQ4k%25253D%2526reserved%3D0%2F1%2F01000197c14f28a2-882d4bcc-9293-4934-8bbf-c20058607124-000000%2FNkQMUjxhgnkN2rrc53DtFaagwBAZsm9uT8u7kVCGeUg%3D411&data=05%7C02%7Cbecky.leddy%40hra.nhs.uk%7C658b77479d7044d373fa08ddce7c3576%7C8e1f0acad87d4f20939e36243d574267%7C0%7C0%7C638893755061547774%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=utWv0MeT7qEZX4s109uHF2CIZRBidkXaPhjEGnFNod8%3D&reserved=0%20) to accompany the updated clinical trials regulations which come into force on 28 April 2026.  The guidance explains what will change in terms of processes, legal requirements, and expectations for anyone involved in setting up or delivering clinical trials.  We’re now inviting feedback on the guidance. If you have any comments, please [complete our online survey](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flinks-1.govdelivery.com%2FCL0%2Fhttps%3A%252F%252Feur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com%252F%253Furl%3Dhttps%25253A%25252F%25252Fonline1.snapsurveys.com%25252FID280%2526data%3D05%25257C02%25257Cbeth.hemming%252540hra.nhs.uk%25257C507e3a3630814bb605f208ddae37f670%25257C8e1f0acad87d4f20939e36243d574267%25257C0%25257C0%25257C638858277568663691%25257CUnknown%25257CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%25253D%25253D%25257C0%25257C%25257C%25257C%2526sdata%3D6FaOlMXw%25252Fj5uN%25252BU%25252BDnOlq20daTTZzoNuT9K5IWEnt2A%25253D%2526reserved%3D0%2F1%2F01000197a0eaeaa7-5d71566e-9437-484f-b652-da0bea4e922f-000000%2Fe2KQ7NsVLpnocTK6iRMSN9uETVKWvtTF6KkDxCZ_MOQ%3D410&data=05%7C02%7Cbecky.leddy%40hra.nhs.uk%7C658b77479d7044d373fa08ddce7c3576%7C8e1f0acad87d4f20939e36243d574267%7C0%7C0%7C638893755061573549%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=IPTVcZQDZPUzHeVmBpertRZILUBX6wxHyUORtO4txx0%3D&reserved=0%20) by 5pm on Wednesday 10 September 2025.  Thank you to everyone who has already submitted feedback.  We’ll use the feedback we receive to update the final guidance which we plan to publish this autumn.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Read the guidance**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.hra.nhs.uk%2Fplanning-and-improving-research%2Fpolicies-standards-legislation%2Fclinical-trials-investigational-medicinal-products-ctimps%2Fclinical-trial-regulations-reform%2Fguidance-on-changes-to-the-clinical-trials-regulations%2F/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/Y8VuqMZO6xgK0PzFtc1teDmnf9yR0yGd0xio9O_L-_M=416) | |   HRA Latest. Share your feedback. Picture of a megaphone.  **Share your feedback on HRA Latest**  To help us make sure we’re sharing the right information in our HRA Latest emails, please complete our short two question survey.  If there’s anything you would like to hear about in future updates, please let us know by emailing [communications@hra.nhs.uk](mailto:communications@hra.nhs.uk)   |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Complete the survey**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fonline1.snapsurveys.com%2FInterview%2F08b4b41a-613c-4582-bf41-b5426252015c/2/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/-E9dFh6TMQHWpsEtYSE7uYEt_SoeIGXg9auqQLPyW5Y=416) | |  |  | | --- | |  |   **News from across UK research**  Below are some updates you may have missed about health and social care research in the UK:   * the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) is gathering feedback and comments on a [new international guideline for the appropriate inclusion and/or retention of pregnant and/or breast-feeding individuals in clinical trials of medicines](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fconsultations%2Fconsultation-on-the-international-council-for-harmonisation-ich-e21-guideline-on-the-inclusion-of-pregnant-and-breast-feeding-individuals-in-clinica/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/04wy4GDzuaLxXWuyDNcIj5boT4nqkNoGar0rdZbqQdQ=416) * the MHRA has also published their [annual report and accounts 2024-25](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fmedicines-and-healthcare-products-regulatory-agency-annual-report-and-accounts-2024-to-2025/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/KIB4mxdp4hj4vXA09WVMEkd-WiM9daXTMocXUGCEQGA=416), as has [the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR)](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.nihr.ac.uk%2Fabout-us%2Fwho-we-are%2Freports-and-performance%2Fannual-report-202425/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/pOrF0mTT0LeNnJyOdQ34AgVLLgeVQHSDJ7G8xHOUtLs=416) * the UK Committee on Research Integrity has [published its Annual Statement 2025](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fukcori.org%2Four-work%2Fresearch-integrity-in-the-uk-annual-statement-2025%2F/1/0100019860d3d6cd-ece4fb70-3b52-41a2-a83f-06e292af9a3c-000000/i5E2lKGtV3EC9EeUWUt95CMyjJea1hIyACsBnxwrqD4=416), which provides a comprehensive overview of the current state of research integrity in the UK | | | |

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**EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE FUNDING APPLICATION PACK**

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The Early Years and Childcare Small Capital Grant application process is going to be opening soon. Please start to consider your requests and the supporting evidence that you will need to supply.

Please review the guidance document below to support with your application. Due to limited remaining allocated budget for this financial year, applications will be viewed in line with the Appendix 1 of the guidance document: criteria for applications. Applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis provided they meet the criteria.

**Please note: applications for October’s Panel will only be considered on the updated application pack which will need to be requested via the childcare team.**

Application packs will be available from: 01/09/2025

Settings may request support from their Childcare Officer to help them to make an appropriate application. For support with your application, email on [childcareteam@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:childcareteam@wrexham.gov.uk)

The closing date for applications will be 11 am on **29/09/2025**.

Please read all guidance thoroughly prior to considering making an application.

Our next panel will be held on the 23/10/2025.

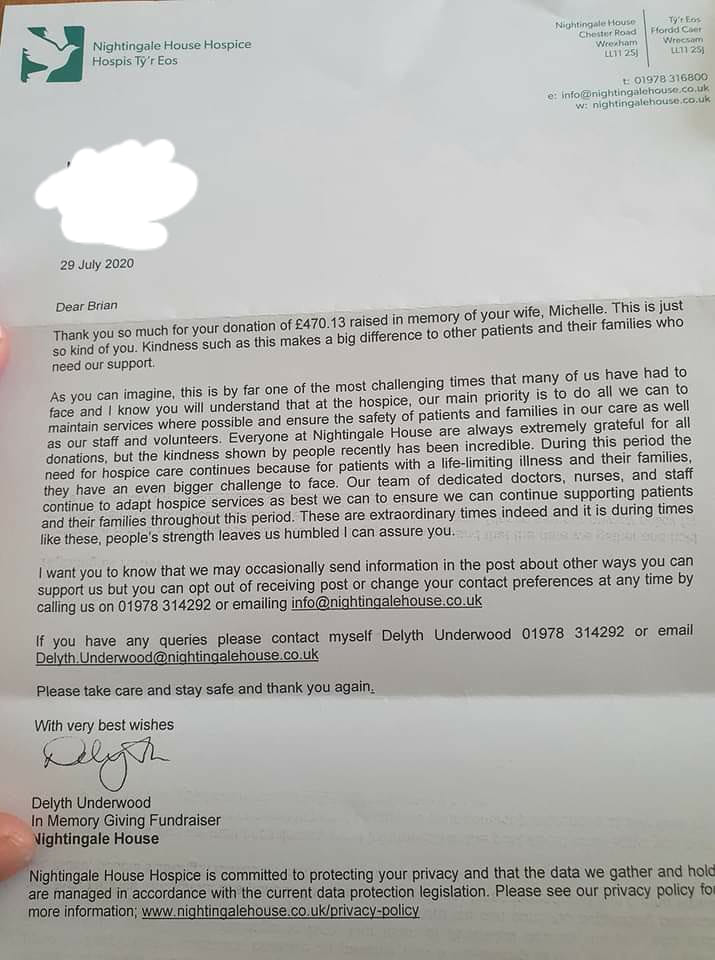
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We would just like to share this letter (below) from Nightingale House that we received today thanking all of you who donated in cash in memory of Michelle xx

— with [**Daniel Jackson**](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100006992381327&__tn__=-%5dC*F) and **4 others.**

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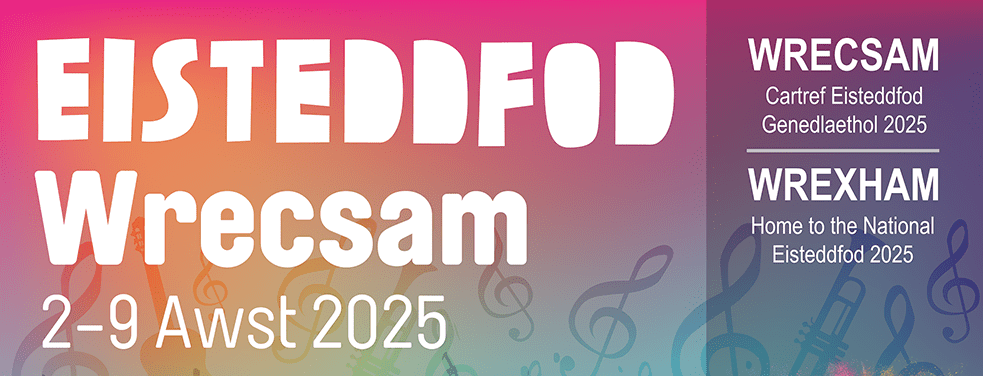
As the National Eisteddfod arrives in Wrecsam this summer, visitors are being encouraged to explore the county and find out more about Wrecsam culture through engaging in Ffrinj Wrecsam, a diverse programme of events taking place across Wrecsam County Borough from 2-9 August.

Ffrinj Wrecsam brings together a wide mix of events – from live music and visual arts to street markets, workshops, performances and family-friendly activities.

Ffrinj Wrecsam is led by local businesses, cultural venues, community groups and the council and offers visitors a chance to immerse themselves in everything that Wrecsam has to offer and encourage Eisteddfod visitors to explore, eat, drink, socialise and enjoy what’s on offer.

The National Eisteddfod is one of Europe’s largest cultural festivals that could attract up to 175,000 visitors this year. It is a celebration of Welsh language, culture, heritage and creativity, featuring competitions, performances and exhibitions across literature, music, art and more.

- Info -

**[](https://eisteddfod.wales/festival/2025)**

All events that are part of Ffrinj Wrecsam are listed on the [**Wrexham County Borough Council events page**](https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/events/category/eisteddfod) under the dedicated ‘Eisteddfod’ category, providing a single, easy-to-access hub for locals and visitors to plan their week.

Councillor Nigel Williams, Lead Member for Economy, Business and Tourism, said: “The Eisteddfod visit will provide a great boost for Cymraeg, our culture and economy.

“Through Ffrinj Wrecsam, we want to encourage people visiting the Maes to explore our county, discover local events, and support the brilliant businesses and communities we have here.

“Whether you’re visiting for a day or staying for the week, there’s so much more to see across Wrecsam.”

Cllr Hugh Jones, Lead Member for Planning, Public Protection, Cymraeg Language Champion and with responsibility for Tŷ Pawb, said: “Tŷ Pawb is delighted to play a key role in this year’s Ffrinj Wrecsam, with a varied line-up of events throughout Eisteddfod week.

“From live music and exhibitions to workshops and children’s activities, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for Eisteddfod visitors to also visit Wrecsam and experience the award winning and vibrant Tŷ Pawb cultural space, and enjoy all that Wrecsam has to offer.”

**Want to be part of it?**

If you’re planning an event during Eisteddfod week and would like to be featured in the Ffrinj Wrecsam programme, you can register your event on the WCBC events listing.

Visit: [**www.wrexham.gov.uk/events/category/eisteddfod**](https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/events/category/eisteddfod)  
(Select the ‘Eisteddfod’ category when uploading your event)

We’re keen for all Ffrinj events to be welcoming and inclusive, and to reflect and respect the Welsh language and culture. Wherever possible, we encourage organisers to incorporate elements of Welsh, whether through bilingual signage, marketing, or within the event itself, to help celebrate the unique identity of Wrecsam during Eisteddfod week.

If you need a little help with Welsh translations or someone to check your Welsh to make sure it’s 100% correct you can visit Helo Blod for up to 500 words translated FREE of charge per month.

Looking for more information on the Eisteddfod? You’ll find everything you need on the websites below:

[**Eisteddfod | Wrexham County Borough Council**](https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/events/category/eisteddfod)

[**2025 | Eisteddfod**](https://eisteddfod.wales/festival/2025)

[**Getting to the Maes | Eisteddfod**](https://eisteddfod.wales/festival/2025/getting-maes)

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| **Library News**  **Newyddion Llyfrgelloedd am yr wythnos**  **yn dechrau 3 Awst**  **Library News for the week beginning 3rd August** |

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**Summer Reading Challenge and Children’s Activities**

Don’t forget to join our Summer Reading Challenge this year.  All you have to do is read six books over three visits to the library over the summer holidays and collect rewards along the way.  If you complete it you will win a medal and certificate plus be entered into the prize drawer to win some fabulous prizes!

We also have many activities for children this summer across all of our libraries.

Call your local library for more details or follow us on social media.

**Murder Mystery Script Writing Competition**

Budding writers and murder mystery fans are invited to enter the Wrexham Carnival of Words Murder Mystery Script Writing Competition 2025.

The Competition is open to any author with an original script that fits the brief and has never been published before.  The competition will run from

1st August – 30th September 2025 and the winning author will receive a cash prize of £100.

The script will also be performed by local amateur actors at next year’s Murder Mystery evening during the Wrexham Carnival of Words literary festival in April 2026.

The competition will be judged by best-selling author Simon McCleave who is a patron of the Wrexham Carnival of Words.

Details of the competition and the terms and conditions are available on the Wrexham Carnival of Words website: [www.wrexhamcarnivalofwords.com](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/http:%2F%2Fwww.wrexhamcarnivalofwords.com/2/0100019870aa00e9-4f0ac961-8bed-4304-88c3-1f82ae4826a9-000000/6Zpn3XB1ZZfdwEYefHBX9gtlmCw6MUvH0_JMIC_sjdg=416)

**The Game of Murder by Hazell Ward - Book Launch**

The Game of Murder is a fresh and immersive murder mystery that reflects crime classics, the reader is put in the role of the Great Detective, reinvestigating an infamous never-before-solved case from 1970s England.

You are invited to a very special murder mystery party. The game is simple: listen to the witnesses.

Discover the most original crime novel of 2025 at Wrexham Library on Thursday 21st August from 5.30pm when debut author Hazell Ward will be launching her book in her home town.

This is a free event but you must reserve your place – contact the library on 01978 292090 | [library@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:library@wrexham.gov.uk)

**Cost of Living Help**

Did you know libraries can help with your cost of living?  We have FREE Access to national Newspapers, access to hundreds of Magazines including Welsh Magazines, access to thousands of bestselling and classic books for children and adults, access to books and literature to support your health and wellbeing and learning plus access to warm places.  We also provide access to groups and activities for adults and children, most of them FREE of charge.  Our regular FREE events include Story and rhyme times in Welsh and English for young children, Reading Groups for all ages, Friendship Groups, Knit and Natter /Craft groups, Children’s activities and Welsh Conversational Groups, plus many more.  For details of these events and much more visit [www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/http:%2F%2Fwww.wrexham.gov.uk%2Flibraries/1/0100019870aa00e9-4f0ac961-8bed-4304-88c3-1f82ae4826a9-000000/acxgl1w5wwioZj2t1PvZPylgZHc6cTNphaeFgprmysU=416) or follow us on social media.  Your local library can support and be there for you this winter.

**Did you know…?**

Did you know…you can ask your local library for a book and if they don’t have it in stock they can try and get it from any library in North Wales – free of charge!

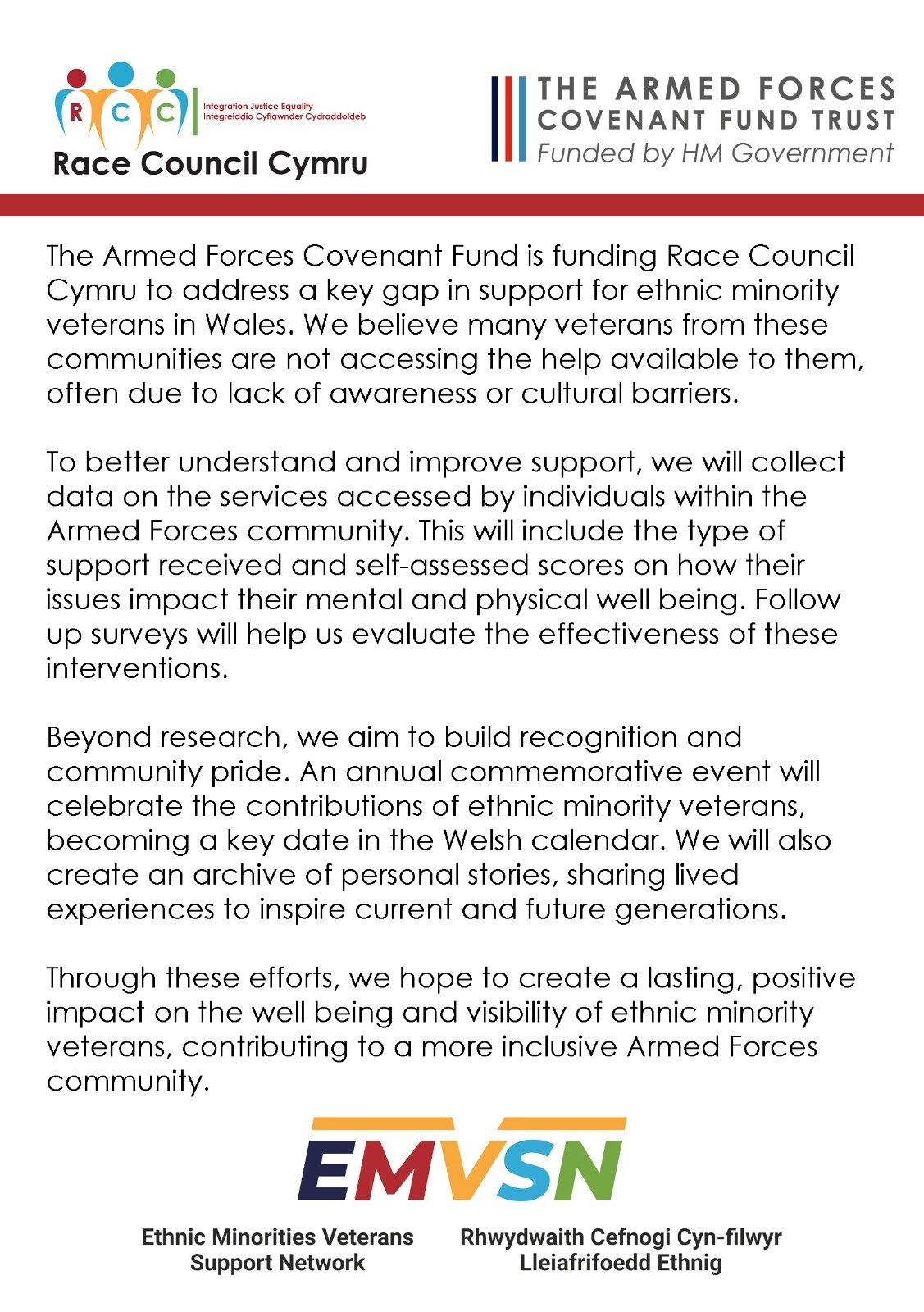
**Book Review**

**The Warm Hands of Ghosts by Catherine Arden**

This book is set in the final stages of World War 1 and is skilfully woven in amongst historical events and people amongst a fantastical story-line. A still young but experienced combat-zone nurse suffers devastating loss when the munitions ship “Mont Blanc” explodes in the Canadian port of Halifax. Despite having been invalided out of European medical duty with a medal, she returns to serve in the hospitals near the front lines whilst hoping to find her soldier brother whose personal effects she had received but who she believes is still alive.  What follows is a roller-coaster ride in the borderlands between reality and fantasy. Arden has populated this story with believable characters who are gravely affected by the war and the times they are living through. The story is warm, wistful and spooky but ends leaving the reader with hope for the main characters’ future after all that they have been through.

Rhos library reading group

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**🚨 Booking is essential for Elevate 2025**

**– don’t miss your spot! 🚨**

 We've had a fantastic early response to this year’s [Elevate Your Business in Wrexham Conference](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/http:%2F%2Fwww.wrexham.gov.uk%2Felevate/1/01000198746b5a62-0df0314a-7bf8-43cd-a141-a5c0bcdea689-000000/mc4aEUiNkDAX45EPURb75BH3f2hOqPz6SUh3umsPy4M=416), with many places already being booked – this is just a friendly reminder that if you'd like to attend: **booking is essential to guarantee entry**.

 If you’re planning to attend, you must book in advance via the official link 👉 [www.wrexham.gov.uk/elevate](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/http:%2F%2Fwww.wrexham.gov.uk%2Felevate/2/01000198746b5a62-0df0314a-7bf8-43cd-a141-a5c0bcdea689-000000/3aGn4BgsyLh_bfn5WeeuUr_ilxXtOktV0PPDzwJsC5o=416)

**Date:** Friday 19 September 2025. **Time:** 9:30am – 5:00pm

**Location:** Bangor-on-Dee Racecourse, Wrexham, LL13 0DA

**Cost:** FREE – but as mentioned above, booking is essential!

**Connecting Local Leaders, Inspiring Growth, Driving Success**

 Returning for its second year, the inspiring, full-day conference promises to be bigger, bolder, and even more impactful – featuring [keynote talks](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.wrexham.gov.uk%2Fservice%2Fevent-elevate-your-business-wrexham-2025%2Fspeaker-line/2/01000198746b5a62-0df0314a-7bf8-43cd-a141-a5c0bcdea689-000000/UDOcaZEscIv5IM-4Gc2WX_jDJH6TQ9wT57a2ilyrsrE=416) from Martin McCourt (former Dyson CEO) and Linda Moir (Former head of event services for the London 2012 Olympics / Paralympics & former head of customer service at Virgin Atlantic), real success stories from numerous [local business leaders](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.wrexham.gov.uk%2Fservice%2Fevent-elevate-your-business-wrexham-2025%2Fspeaker-line/3/01000198746b5a62-0df0314a-7bf8-43cd-a141-a5c0bcdea689-000000/KPIuxPI5yodK16oL3boTebnEDLFjFdEOiaS7ymPm0m0=416) (Jones’ Village Bakery, Ipsen Biopharm, Kellanova, Scrubbies UK a Goch & Co), unrivalled networking opportunities and the chance to win prize giveaways. You'll also find out more about [exciting developments](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.wrexham.gov.uk%2Fservice%2Fevent-elevate-your-business-wrexham-2025%2Fspeaker-line/4/01000198746b5a62-0df0314a-7bf8-43cd-a141-a5c0bcdea689-000000/RiXBcIIbrH2iNJRLX3NInuyO3QxwkosnfLgrotdODp0=416); the Flintshire and Wrexham Investment Zone, the Wrexham Gateway project, the UK City of Culture 2029 bid, along with our destination management plans.

Whether you're able to attend or not, a number of [free promotional opportunities](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fmyaccount.wrexham.gov.uk%2Fen%2Fservice%2FOffer_a_discount__incentive_or_prize_as_part_of_the_Elevate_your_Business_in_Wrexham_2025_Conference/2/01000198746b5a62-0df0314a-7bf8-43cd-a141-a5c0bcdea689-000000/nySvtfrVi5Gp2ULlyGBUvl4oDfddDzi0T12koY9G1-4=416) are also available, to help you raise the profile of your business.

 This free event has been made possible as a result of funding from the UK Government via the Shared Prosperity Fund. For more information, visit [GOV.UK: UK Shared Prosperity Fund: prospectus (external link)](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fuk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/1/01000198746b5a62-0df0314a-7bf8-43cd-a141-a5c0bcdea689-000000/t156AP2kWdmtXLnRagjh2fkdLXtsJpm_xmndQKAkqf0=416)

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Mr Chris Williams.

(Who is also a very kind and

considerate Gentleman.)

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ALL BEST WISHES (and THANK YOU)

Sybil (Bremner).

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The following is from Cllr. David Coggins Cogan

