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**New NHS Wales Chief Executive Appointed**

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**Jacqueline Totterdell**

The next Chief Executive of the NHS in Wales will be **Jacqueline Totterdell,** currently the Group Chief Executive Officer, St George’s, Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals and Health Group.

Jacqueline will succeed the current Chief Executive, Judith Paget, who is taking up a new role as Director General for Strategy within Welsh Government to strengthen strategic planning and delivery as the organisation enters a period of significant change.

Health Secretary, Jeremy Miles, said:

“I would like to thank Judith for her 4 years as Chief Executive of NHS Wales and for the leadership she has provided to NHS Wales and the Welsh Government’s Health, Social Care and Early Years department through the pandemic and its aftermath. Judith has been at the helm during an extraordinary period for the NHS, and I wish her all the best for her new role.

I am very pleased that Jacqueline Totterdell will be joining us, bringing with her a wealth of experience in the healthcare sector and an impressive track record at St George’s.

I look forward to working with Jacqueline as we focus on delivery and improvement and help the NHS adapt for the future. This includes building on the progress we’re making in Wales on waiting times, and to go further, to deliver the faster access to treatment that people in Wales want.

Jacqueline said: “After a long career in the NHS, having the opportunity to lead health and social care services in Wales is something very special. Joined-up services that achieve better outcomes for the citizens and communities we serve is a vision that most of us who work in the public sector aspire to.

Being able to improve services on a whole-country level is what attracted me to this role and I’m really looking forward to working with everyone to make a real difference for people in Wales.”

Jacqueline Totterdell is expected to begin in post as Chief Executive, NHS Wales and Director General for Health, Social Care and Early Years before the end of September. Until then, Judith Paget will continue in post before taking up her new role as Director General Strategy for Welsh Government.

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**Records about Gresford Colliery Disaster on show in Free Anniversary Event.**

Documents from The National Archives about the Gresford Colliery Disaster will go on show in Wrexham to mark the 91st anniversary weekend. A pocket notebook with falsified air measurements ordered by mine manager William Bonsall after the explosion on 22 September 1934 will be among the items available to view. There will also be witness statements about the circumstances leading to the disaster, correspondence, interview records and records from the inquiry. Previously unseen petitions and letters from grieving relatives will be included in the two-day Gresford: Voices from the Archives event at Wrexham Library. The display will start with transcriptions of urgent telephone messages to the Mines Inspectorate as the catastrophe unfolded. The exhibition will take place 22-23 September 2025 during opening hours, you can drop in or book a time slot through Event.

**Miners Rescue talk at Gwersyllt Library**

Join us at Gwersyllt Library on Wednesday 15th October, 2025 at 11.00am for a fascinating talk into the history of the Miners Rescue Project at Wrexham. The talk will take you back in time to a world of bravery, resilience and brotherhood and will inform you on how this project aims to capture this and preserve it for future generations. The event is free of charge but you must reserve your place by contacting the library on 01978 722890 |[Gwersyllt.library@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:Gwersyllt.library@wrexham.gov.uk)

**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 – 31st October 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/2/0100019900dc9f85-84242b06-aabf-4379-972c-4f9dfd6348cf-000000/LmUrTdTKO60taF0oV_WuLrFlJkhOHJO9oQUTq7oRA9M=420)

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