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# UKIP Wales Senedd Manifesto 2021

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2021 Senedd Election

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# INTRODUCTION

## Neil Hamilton MS

Leader, UKIP Wales



*“Only UKIP has a full manifesto of policies to re-invigorate and revive Wales after decades of neglect”*

Today, devolution is a one-way process. Despite Government of Wales Acts in 1998, 2006, 2014 and 2017, the train keeps on moving in only one direction - towards independence. The Welsh Government always demands more power – just like the Euro-federalists of the European Commission. The Welsh Government now wants the devolution of justice and to remove limits on Welsh Government borrowing.

Fearful of failing to win an outright majority in these elections, First Minister Drakeford has been cosyng up to Plaid Cymru to get their support for continuing the permanent Labour Government either as full coalition partners or through a ‘confidence and supply’ deal.

Recently, he announced that the UK is ‘over’ and a federal future beckons. How this would work is anyone’s guess, as (i) England has 85% of the UK population and (ii) government spending in Wales is nearly 40% of national income but the Welsh tax base produces

revenue amounting to only 25% with the funding gap being filled by the English taxpayer.

The time has come to stop this runaway train to the disintegration of the UK and institutionalised poverty and decline for Wales.

Only UKIP has a full manifesto of policies to put Wales back on the UK political map, reverse institutional economic decline, transfer power in health and education from Cardiff Bay and directly to the people who use these vital services, to support strict controls on mass immigration and end bogus asylum-seeking, and defend British history and culture from leftist, anti-British attacks.

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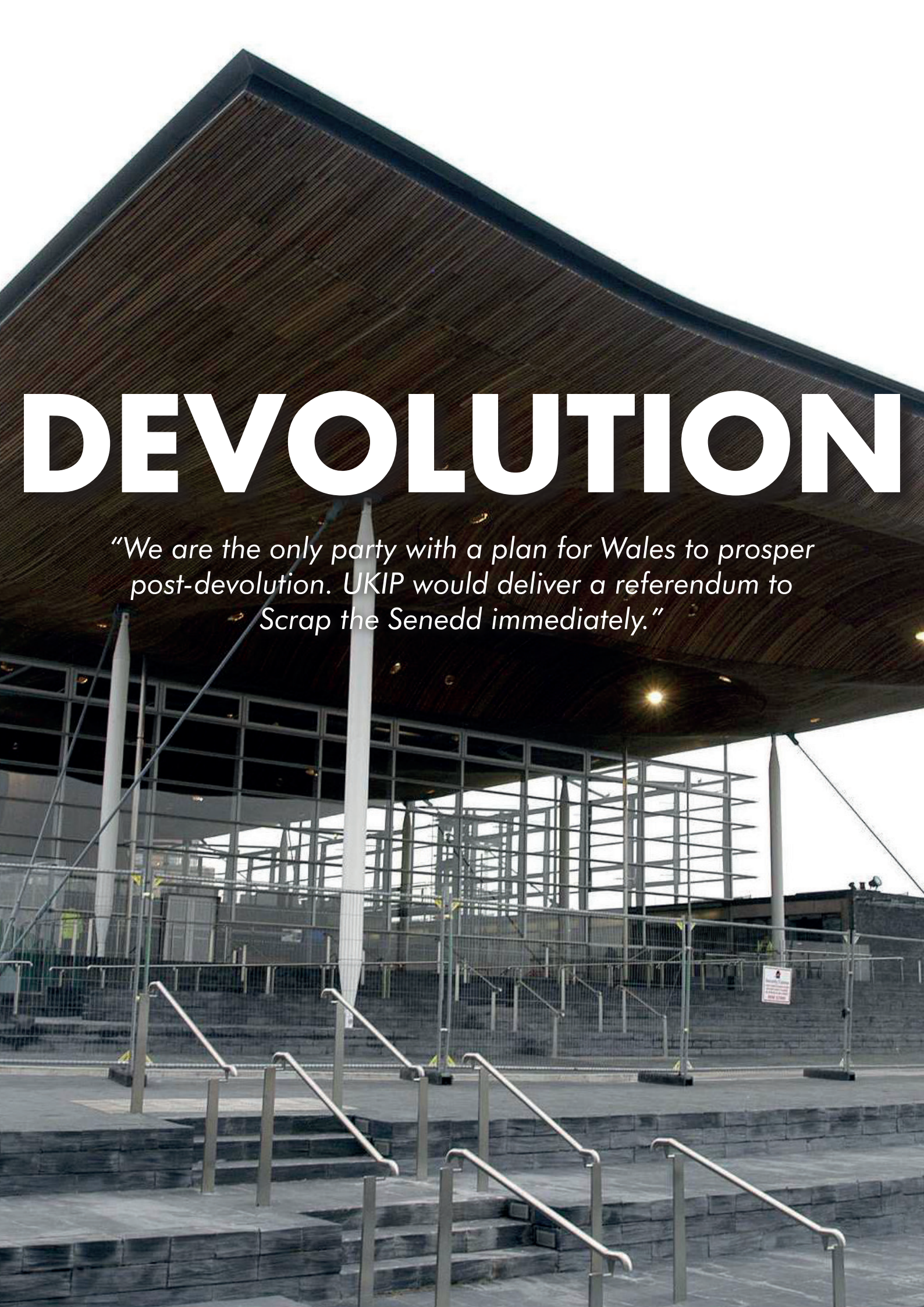
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A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Neil Hamilton'.



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# DEVOLUTION

*"We are the only party with a plan for Wales to prosper post-devolution. UKIP would deliver a referendum to Scrap the Senedd immediately."*



# DEVOLUTION

Devolution promised the people of Wales so much, but after 21 years of the Senedd it is clear that it has been a good deal for politicians, but a bad deal for Wales. By nearly all measures, devolution has failed.

## Devolution has Not Delivered More Democracy

For 22 years Wales has been effectively a One Party State, with a permanent Labour Government, propped up as necessary by Plaid Cymru and the Lib-Dems.

In 2016, Labour won nearly 48% of the Assembly seats on just 34% of the vote. Labour was able to form a Government only by a backroom deal with Kirsty Williams (the only Lib-Dem AM). Kirsty joined the Labour Government within days of her Brecon & Radnorshire constituency rejecting the Labour Party by 92% to 8%.

In 2016, Wales voted to leave the European Union. First Ministers Carwyn Jones and Mark Drakeford promised to respect the result. This was a barefaced lie and they spent over 4 years trying to block Brexit. 53% of the Welsh people voted to leave the EU. 100% of Labour, Plaid and Lib-Dem AMs defied this vote and did their damndest to keep us in then EU. They rejected the decisive will of the people in the UK's largest democratic exercise and tried every trick in the book to try and reverse it. Thankfully, they failed. But their contempt for the referendum result proved that devolution is a sham.

The pro-devolution Establishment called for the 2011 Welsh referendum which devolved more powers to Cardiff to be respected. But they haven't respected it themselves. The referendum called for law-making powers to be devolved in 20 specific areas. The Welsh Government and Plaid

did the reverse and legislated to devolve all powers unless specifically reserved.

The referendum also 'guaranteed' voters that tax-raising powers would not be devolved without a further referendum — a position that was enshrined in law. The ballot paper specifically stated:

***"The Assembly cannot make laws on...tax...whatever the result of this vote."***

Yet, the Senedd passed a law giving power to raise income tax as much as it wants. It did this without requiring a further vote by the people, whom they then redefined to include potential devolution supporters, 16-year-olds and foreign nationals resident in Wales. The terms of the 2011 referendum have been disrespected.

One major consequence of devolution is the further marginalisation of Wales at Westminster. Thanks to devolution, we will see our representation reduced from 40 MPs to 32. No Conservative Government at Westminster is going to give more money to a permanent Labour Government in Wales, which constantly criticises and undermines UK Government policy even in non-devolved areas. It is a case of 'out of sight, out of mind.' Unlike Northern Ireland's DUP, which got an extra £1 billion for sustaining Theresa May's government for 2 years, Labour got nothing by thumbing their nose at the UK Government over Brexit.

Nor were things much different under Tony Blair and Gordon

Brown's Labour Governments from 1997-2010. The Barnett Formula, which significantly under-estimates Wales's needs in public spending, remained unchanged since 1978, as Wales needs increased relative to the rest of the UK.

Wales needs more muscle at Westminster – which will only happen if the 'old gang' legacy parties are rejected.

## Devolution has Taken Wales Backwards

Since the Welsh Assembly/Senedd was created, Wales has gone backwards compared with the rest of the UK. Wales has moved down, below Northern Ireland, in the UK league tables of prosperity.

Wales remains very poor. Incomes are a dismal 75% of the UK average. West Wales and the Valleys are amongst the poorest places in Western Europe. In the 1950s Wales's GDP was twice as big as Ireland's. By 2020, the economy of the Irish Republic was four times the size of Wales.

More than 20% of Welsh people live in poverty, according to the Public Policy Institute for Wales.

The Welsh Government boasted that, by 2018, it would abolish fuel poverty (spending more than 10% of income on heating). Today, 1 in 4 still have to choose between heating and eating. Rather than do something about it, Welsh Government changed the definitions to hide these embarrassing numbers.



## The Senedd has Not Brought Politics Closer to the People

For most, especially in North Wales, Cardiff Bay is as remote as Westminster. Before the Covid pandemic, 50% of people still didn't know that the NHS is devolved to Cardiff.

The Welsh Government pays lip service to democracy and consultation but ignores public opinion if it goes against their 'woke' obsessions. The so-called 'smacking ban' (removing parents' right of reasonable discipline of children) had little public support and was overwhelmingly rejected by consultees. But Welsh Government bull-dozed it through anyway.

Mid Wales's majestic landscapes and seascapes are being wrecked by forests of windmills in the Welsh Government's pointless virtue-signalling on global warming, despite Wales producing a minute fraction of 1% of the world's CO2. Local opposition is ignored, as at Hendy (near Llandrindod Wells). Planning consent was rejected by local opinion, Powys County Council and even the independent Inspector appointed by the Minister, who imposed her pre-ordained will, making a farce of the planning process.

### Little Democratic Mandate

Devolution has failed to win mass acceptance – voter turnout in Assembly elections never reached 50%

### A Disaster for the Welsh NHS

Devolution has been a disaster for the Welsh NHS. 5 of the 7 Health Boards have been or remain in Special Measures or Targeted Intervention – run directly from Cardiff by the Health Minister.

The NHS accounts for half the entire Welsh Government budget. If NHS Wales fails, that is tantamount to saying

that devolution itself has failed. In practice, things are even worse than that.

North Wales's Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board has been one of the worst in the entire UK. It was in Special Measures for over 5 years, before being removed for political reasons in the run-up to this year's elections. It was put under direct ministerial control in 2015, after the Tawel Fan dementia ward scandal. An inquiry reported patients forcefully restrained using furniture, assaults by staff, people left lying in their own urine and others allowed to wander naked and unsupervised around the ward.

The last 5 years have seen many other scandals of incompetence, waste and neglect

Half a million people in Wales are currently on an NHS waiting list. That's 20% of the adult population. In North Wales, the typical wait for an orthopaedic operation is 2 years.

*Before the pandemic:*

- Waiting times had trebled for those waiting more than 36 weeks for treatment.
- The 95% target for patients spending a maximum of 4 hours in A&E had never been met.
- Cancer waiting times targets had been missed for a decade.
- The target of patients waiting a maximum of 26 weeks for treatment hadn't been met for 10 years.
- Mental health services were struggling with a backlog of inquiries. Wales had the third highest rate out of English and Welsh regions for female suicide and the fourth highest rate for male suicide.

*During the pandemic:*

- The devolved NHS in Wales failed to deliver mass testing, before finally seeking help from the UK Government.
- It is now behind in mass

vaccination.

- Was disadvantaged by the apparent administrative lethargy of our devolved NHS.
- We also lose out because powers to define priority groups for vaccination are devolved. The Welsh Government decides how to distribute a population share of vaccine but we are getting the vaccine into people's arms less quickly. If the UK Government were in charge in Wales as well as in England, with the same vaccine categories, we would benefit not just from their faster roll-out, but a greater-than-population share, because we have a higher proportion of older people.

### A Referendum is Long Overdue

When Wales voted against devolution in 1979, it was asked to vote again in 1997. Despite voting for it then by the narrowest possible margin in a very low poll, we are now told that devolution is the 'settled view' of the Welsh people and no chance has ever been given to reconsider the decision.

UKIP agrees that such a referendum should be no more than a once-in-a-generation event – although we had to wait for two generations before forcing the Brexit referendum on the unwilling political elites.

After 24 years it is quite legitimate to ask the Welsh people: "What do you think of it so far?"

### Wales would Benefit from Scrapping the Senedd

Scrapping the Senedd would save us £65 million a year to start with. Not to mention the huge infrastructure of jobs-for-the-boys created by Welsh Labour which hangs like an entangling net over the Welsh economy. Useless quangos, Commissions, 'Third Sector' hangers-on and the rest of the taxpayer-funded support for



the Leftist Establishment which reinforces Wales culture of dependency and decline.

Westminster is perfectly capable of making legislation specific to Wales, as it did for Scotland for over 100 years before the Scottish Parliament. The Welsh Grand Committee of all Wales's MPs could have an enhanced role in the governance of Wales. That model allowed Wales specific Education Acts and the development of Welsh language policy. It led to the disestablishment of the Anglican Church in Wales as long ago as 1920. It also allowed a different approach to Sunday closing from 1881 to 1996.

## Scrap the Senedd - What Happens Next?

Scrapping the Senedd is a positive move, not a reversion to what was there before. UKIP's vision is to give power to the people and not revert to the arrogant out-of-control politician-driven system at Westminster that was there before.

75% of the Welsh budget goes on the NHS and Education. Our policy wants people to have more powers in these areas, not less. NHS Wales has largely been run from Cardiff with decisions imposed by the Minister or appointed Health Boards. The people who use the NHS get no say in how their local NHS is run even though it is entirely funded by their taxes. If wrong choices are made, no-one is held to account, however great the disaster.

There was limited participation of patients via Community Health Councils (CHCs) in each NHS area. But even that has now been abolished by a centralising Welsh Labour Government which always thinks it knows what's best for people they see and treat as ignorant peasants - the voters. They abolished the local CHCs and replaced them with one CHC for the whole of Wales, appointed by the Minister in Cardiff. This is the North Korean model of democratic

control.

UKIP wants the NHS to be democratised so priorities reflect local needs and wishes. Health Boards should be elected and NHS executives should be answerable to them, their 'customers' and their 'paymasters'. The current system has resulted in catastrophes and cover-ups. Elected Health Boards would give a real voice to patients and their families. It would also make officials publicly accountable for their decisions and stewardship.

Scrapping the Senedd and giving power to local people would also make it clear who is responsible for the decisions affecting our most vulnerable people.

Removing the artificial bureaucratic middle-man in Cardiff will bring government closer to the people. It's no surprise that the worst-performing Health Board is the one furthest from Cardiff, in North Wales.

Democratising the NHS, which spends half the Welsh Government's budget would be a massive advance in grass-roots democracy and release the palsied grip of the Cardiff-Bay-cosy-club politicians.

## Education: A New Model

At the moment, Labour's national Education policy is imposed from Cardiff by a Minister whose own constituency rejected Labour by 92% to 8%. Anyone opposing her 'woke' agenda (e.g. prioritising 'Black history' over Welsh history or making sex education compulsory in primary schools against parents' wishes) gets short shrift. Brecon & Radnor's bossyboots Senedd Member doesn't think she knows best; she knows she does. Anyone objecting is ignored or insulted as backward and ignorant.

Local schools administration and policy is controlled politically by County Councils and parents are ignored. Hence, Welsh-medium

education can be imposed in the face of the strongest parental opposition, as at Llangennech.

UKIP believes that education also needs to be put in the hands of local people, with 'free schools' developed, as in England. Schools need to be de-politicised. Parents should be given the democratic levers to ensure that they decide what sort of schooling their children get, not politicians with their own agenda whether it be 'woke' obsessions like 'racism' or linguistic authoritarianism. School boards should be elected, with Head Teachers and others publicly answerable to those whom schools serve.

It needs to be said in the strongest terms and in the loudest voice: children belong to their parents, not the State.



*"Real devolution is not the current sham where politicians at Westminster devolve power to other politicians in Cardiff Bay or County Halls. Real democracy means transferring power to the people directly - making people, not politicians, the real decision-makers."*

Neil Hamilton  
Leader, UKIP Wales.

UKIP Candidate for South Wales East  
& Islwyn



A group of immigrants, including men, women, and children, are crowded into a small inflatable boat on the ocean. They are wearing orange life jackets. The boat is blue and white, with the number '20' visible on its side. The water is dark blue with white foam from the waves. The background shows a vast expanse of the sea under a clear sky.

# IMMIGRATION

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# IMMIGRATION

UKIP believes in firm and fair immigration control. Migrants coming to Britain must have desired skills, pre-arranged employment and financial security, enter legally and should not displace British citizens from employment. Wales and the UK should always remain welcoming places for those who want to integrate and contribute to British society provided that they have entered and remain in the UK legally.

## Net Migration

In 2020, 715,000 people came to Britain – the highest on record. Net migration stands at 313,000 - that's a city the size of Cardiff added to the UK population every year.

Mass-uncontrolled migration has put an unprecedented strain on school places, housing and healthcare. Competition for jobs has suppressed wages, leaving many struggling to earn decent wages in some of Wales's poorest communities.

UKIP pledges to:

- Reduce net-migration to below 10,000 per year.
- Limit the number of migrants who are awarded the right to permanently settle in the UK.
- Stop access to public housing or benefits until new arrivals have been a tax-paying resident in the UK for five years.

## Illegal Immigration

Illegal migration has sky-rocketed under the Conservative Government in Westminster. In 2020, more illegal crossings were made than in 2018 and 2019 combined.

Worse still, the Labour-led Welsh Government has designated Wales a "Nation of Sanctuary" for all illegal migrants. The Senedd's dangerous virtue signalling has encouraged more people to attempt the perilous journey across the English Channel in inadequate small boats and dinghies.

Illegal migrant camps like Penally Barracks in Pembrokeshire, costing the

taxpayer £1.2 million in policing costs, proved that Wales is ill-equipped to be a "Nation of Sanctuary". 1 in 4 people in Wales live in fuel poverty and UKIP believes charity must start at home.

UKIP pledges to:

- Scrap Welsh Labour's "Nation of Sanctuary" for illegal migrants and only award asylum to genuine refugees proven to be fleeing war torn countries who have arrived in the UK and Wales legally.
- Refuse asylum to migrants who have entered the UK illegally from a safe country like France, Belgium or the Netherlands.
- Repair the UK's broken asylum system which costs the British taxpayer nearly £1 billion a year, by establishing an effective border force.
- Invest in the UK border force, creating jobs for veterans who have left the armed services.
- Deport all foreign criminals from the UK.

## Non-Citizen Voting Rights

In this Senedd Election, Labour and Plaid have awarded the right to vote for non-British citizens. UKIP believes in the democratic principle of "no citizenship, no vote". The right to vote is a privilege and should be awarded to those who have made a long-term commitment to the United Kingdom.

UKIP pledges to:

- Reverse legislation that awards non-British citizens the vote in Wales.
- Make citizenship obtainable

**for migrants once they have worked in the UK for 10 continuous years and have fully integrated into society.**



*"UKIP believes that Wales is ill-equipped for Labour's virtue signalling 'Nation of Sanctuary' policy which aims to house illegal migrants in Wales. Charity starts at home - we must look after our own people first."*

*Paul Campbell*  
UKIP Candidate for  
South Wales Central &  
Cardiff South & Penarth





# HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

*"The current Welsh Labour Health Minister has suggested that it will take five years to return services to where they were pre-COVID-19. For UKIP, Welsh Labour's lack of ambition and dampening of expectations is unacceptable."*

# HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Devolution has caused catastrophic failure in the health service in Wales. Patient outcomes, patient waiting times, ambulance waiting times are all worse. There has been long-running financial mismanagement and incompetence. COVID-19 has exacerbated many of these pre-existing problems. UKIP's principles are to ensure that our NHS remains free at the point of delivery; puts patients and families at the heart of decision-making; is protected from any 'health tourism' by those who have not contributed; solves long term health problems and conditions in an efficient way; and is better prepared for future health challenges and virus epidemics, using British and Welsh expertise and equipment.

## Immediate Priorities

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Ensure without delay that families are reunited with loved ones in care homes, as a mental health and wellbeing priority, by proportionately assessing the reduced risk this poses in light of an expected successful vaccine roll-out programme and an improved public health outlook.
- Create an NHS recovery plan to get all treatments back on track after disruption from lockdowns.
- Ensure the Welsh NHS detects cancer, or gives an 'all-clear', within 28 days of referral.
- Pay Welsh NHS staff properly: no cap to be set on pay increases; funds to be re-directed from paying pointless bureaucrats and management consultants excessive sums.
- Continue to ensure that the full course of the vaccine rollout is there for those members of the public who choose to have it.
- Oppose the introduction of 'Vaccine Passports' in any form, and will immediately halt any 'reviews' of such proposals.
- Ensure free prescriptions in Wales remain, UKIP's ambition is to make this happen UK-wide.

## NHS Performance

The Welsh Government has failed to

meet targets in the areas of planned hospital treatment; A&E waiting times; and ambulance waiting times. They are still failing to meet targets in these areas in 2021. UKIP accepts that some of these performance metrics may have been skewed by COVID-19, partly owing to radically increased use of Personal Protective Equipment, new protocols and challenges. However, many performance targets were not met by Welsh Labour well before COVID-19. Our goal is to strike the right balance between safety and effectiveness.

*Details of current under performance include:*

- Over 73,500 more patients were on waiting lists for planned hospital treatment in early 2021.
- The number of people waiting more than nine months for planned hospital treatment in February 2021 was eight times higher than early 2020.
- 231,722 people have waited more than 36 weeks for treatment to start (almost half of all patients waiting for planned treatment).
- In February and March 2017, at least 22% of patients waited 27 weeks or more for treatment.
- The Welsh Government target of treating 95% of patients within 26 weeks and having no-one waiting to begin treatment within six months has clearly failed well before COVID-19 and in 2021.
- Those waiting 12 hours in Accident

and Emergency in Wales was the highest on record in January 2020 at 6,882 patients, completely missing the Welsh Government's then targets.

- Only 70% of patients have been seen within 4 hours of being in A&E, 25% below the target.
- The current target that 95% of patients should spend no longer than four hours in A&E, has never been met since it was introduced in 2010.
- Only 53.7% of emergency responses to immediately life-threatening calls (Red Calls) arrived within eight minutes on figures released in 2021, failing to meet the 65% target.
- The 65% target for life-threatening calls for an ambulance arriving in 8 minutes has not been met for at least five months in a row.
- Ambulances spent more than 11,661 hours (an equivalent of 485 days) outside emergency departments waiting to transfer patients in late 2020.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Support long-term investment in staff and resources for a better NHS, no pay-cap for frontline staff.
- Ensure, where possible, services are moved closer to people's homes and communities, e.g. support and in some circumstances (re-)establish cottage hospitals.



- Develop an integrated and long-term plan for training and developing the health and social care workforce Wales needs.
- Review, with an aim of reducing, the number of self-standing organisations within the Welsh NHS which receive tens of millions of pounds every year, despite a lack of evidence about their impact on patient outcomes.
- Provide social care for elderly people who find themselves unnecessarily confined to hospital.
- Enable better collaboration between health boards and social services to allow care packages to be put back in place more quickly once people are fit for discharge.
- Be rigorous about collecting data.
- Promote wiser use of the Welsh NHS and encourage the public to use minor injuries units where possible, given that there is a much swifter treatment and discharge time.
- Ensure that all those travelling to the UK for work or pleasure from abroad maintain adequate travel insurance arrangements to reimburse the NHS for any treatment received during their stay.
- Review the use of NHS facilities for private practice.
- Be proactive in public health campaigns to encourage people to take responsibility for better care of their health so that, where possible, we can prevent ill-health occurring in the first place (education on nutrition and healthy lifestyles should be a compulsory part of the school curriculum).
- Continue to ensure that hospital car parking is free and implemented UK-wide.
- Actively consider the reassessment of critical and emergency care hospitals for people who live in central and rural Wales.

## Cancer Referral Times

The number of patients referred for cancer treatment in April 2020 dropped by more than 51% compared to March 2020. On figures this year, on the urgent cancer pathway, 70.2% of patients started definitive treatment within the target time of 62 days. This is below the target of 95% and is a fall on previous months.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Ensure the Welsh NHS detects cancer, or gives an 'all-clear', within 28 days of referral.
- Establish 'one stop' cancer diagnosis and treatment regional centres to lead the fight against cancer and improve patient survival rates.
- Assign a specialist cancer nurse to everyone who is given a cancer diagnosis as their key worker in the acute stages of treatment.
- Ensure every person with cancer has a full needs assessment and written care plan.
- Enable each person diagnosed with cancer to receive timely and accurate information and support.

## Mental Health

Mental Health treatment should have been on par with physical health care prior to COVID-19 but it was not. After COVID-19, there is even greater urgency to drastically improve mental health services and treatments, not least in the case of NHS staff, care workers, those providing palliative care and those suffering from bereavement who were not able to say goodbye to loved ones.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Charge one elected member of each local health board to champion mental health provision.
- Direct patients diagnosed with a debilitating long-term condition or terminal illnesses to mental health professionals when

appropriate.

- Ring-fence mental health funding at a higher level than is currently the case.
- Incentivise local authorities to protect the mental health services they provide and to reverse cuts in community mental health services.
- Support provision of evidence-based psychological therapies, e.g. CBT within 28 days of referral.
- Introduce formal and comprehensive data collection on the relative success of talking therapies as compared to drug-based treatment.
- Improve psychological therapies for children and young people across Wales.
- Invest in the assessment and treatment of ADHD, autism and other neuro-developmental conditions, including more severe conditions where young people develop psychosis.
- Promote Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services as an avenue for the most severe cases.

## Finance

Health boards amassed spending deficits of £600 million by the start of the COVID-19 crisis. £470 million of taxpayers' money was used to partially pay this off. If the boards were more competently managed in the first place, they would not have fallen into debt; that £470 million could have been spent directly on the many treatments which have drastically fallen behind since COVID-19.

One of the boards with the largest deficit, Betsi Cadwaladr in North Wales, was controlled directly by the Welsh Government until recently. Pointless bureaucrats we paid £5 million, including the infamous 'Marbella man' £2,000 per-day-management consultant. This is a damning indictment of the Health Minister and, more generally, politician and management-consultant abilities to protect our NHS.

UKIP pledges to:

- Stop all Welsh Health Boards building up colossal financial deficits by insisting upon governance parameters which do not allow the build-up of such large deficits.
- Remove big devolved government and bureaucrats from complete financial control of the NHS, by involving directly elected health boards more.
- Ensure that £2000-per-day Spain based management consultants, and suchlike, do not preside over the Welsh NHS again, by assigning reasonable and proportional pay to managers from the start via the elected health boards' mandates.

## Power to the People: A Better Way of Managing the NHS

The seven Local Health Boards in Wales oversee hospitals and community services, as well as GP and dentistry funding. They are responsible for deciding which treatments and services are available and are also meant to ensure that hospitals meet waiting time targets.

UKIP will introduce locally elected health boards, putting patients and families at the heart of decision-making and to ensure that our NHS never again becomes a Welsh-Labour monetary black hole.

UKIP's elected health boards will:

- Further refine UKIP's NHS initial recovery plan for future years according to local needs.
- Cap senior management and advisor pay to be within a reasonable ratio to the pay of frontline staff.
- Create a staffing strategy that takes account of peaks and troughs in demand, future population and demographic changes, to ensure that taxpayers are not forced into paying ludicrous overtime bills to maintain basic services.

- Ensure that mental health services are given parity with physical health services and that this is reflected in staffing and budget allocations, and investigate the causes of increased mental health issues in order to tackle them at source.
- Charge one elected member of each local health board to champion mental health provision.
- Better prepare for virus epidemics with protective equipment provided by British companies, using objective decision making, and not favouring crony-contractors.

UKIP's elected health boards will:

- Cut the top-heavy size of local health boards from 18-20 people in many cases to no more than 11.
- Have six elected non-executives constitute the majority of each local health board and one of these would chair the board.
- Have up to five full-time executives who would constitute the remainder of each local health board, potentially halving the number of senior managers getting six figure salaries.
- Have the six non-executive members elected by Single Transferable Vote at the same time as council elections take place in Wales.
- Invest savings from management costs in patient care.

## Recruitment of Medical Professionals

NHS staff on the frontline were facing significant strain as a result of severe recruitment difficulties prior to COVID-19. Since COVID-19 that strain has further increased. It does not make sense to cut our own training programmes in the NHS to save money, then recruit health professionals from abroad, thus draining other countries of highly skilled professionals.

UKIP pledges to:

- Train the required number of doctors and nurses that we need in Wales and the UK.
- Dramatically increase the number of training places for British doctors, nurses and paramedics.
- Prioritise training our own NHS workers, rather than relying on recruiting medical staff from abroad or paying extortionate agency costs.
- Ensure low-paid NHS staff, who use their private cars for work, are reimbursed in full for their mileage.
- Encourage the recruitment of hospital doctors and GPs by waiving repayment of tuition fees while they work in the NHS, and ensure that there are adequate student bursaries for nursing and midwifery students.
- Ensure that students receiving NHS bursaries for university courses work for a 3-year minimum term within an NHS setting following graduation.
- Introduce the equivalent of State Enrolled Nurses, and encourage more trainee nurses to enter the profession by this method.
- Ensure that students receiving NHS bursaries for university courses work for a 3-year minimum term within an NHS setting following graduation.

## Dementia Care

Dementia is the leading cause of death among women over the age of 55 and a significant cause amongst men. Dementia and Alzheimer's disease were the leading cause of death in the UK in 2018. It can often be very difficult to get help even after diagnosis of the condition has taken place.

UKIP pledges to:

- Improve carers' access to support by sharing information on benefit and social care entitlements and support groups across all public services.



- Train health staff to identify, support and involve carers of people with dementia as well as to enable quicker diagnosis.
- Allow carers the right to access wards, to participate in treatment decisions and to stay with those that they care for in hospital.

## Improved Use of the Pharmacy Profession

The pharmacy profession offers significant opportunities for patients to access pharmaceutical care, without needing to join long NHS waiting lists. We acknowledge that long-term conditions, such as diabetes, affect acute hospital care through emergency admissions and readmissions.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Support the establishment of a pharmacy-led Chronic Medication Service to improve health outcomes for patients, reduce pressures on GP services and help people live independently.
- Integrate pharmacist expertise into NHS Multidisciplinary Teams.

## Commitment to End-Of-Life Care

With an ageing population, a growing number of people will need access to palliative care. Patients with terminal conditions other than cancer, such as those with dementia, heart failure or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, are currently much less likely to get the right care.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Ensure that everyone who needs palliative care has access to it.
- Develop community services for those living with a terminal illness.
- Conduct a bi-annual survey of bereaved people to give a fuller picture of end-of-life care.
- Improve Welsh language provision for dementia and

end of life care, particularly in areas where Welsh is widely spoken, so that first-language Welsh speakers with dementia or at end of life are able to communicate comfortably.

## Cross Border Health Services & Devolution

For those who live in Wales and are registered with an English GP, or who live in England and are registered with a Welsh GP, disparity of waiting times and unequal access to medication has become a major source of contention.

UKIP will Scrap the Senedd, subject to a referendum, and wants to implement its policies at UK-level in an elected health board managed integrated NHS, which does not sharply distinguish between the Wales-England border.

*In the meantime, UKIP pledges to:*

- Promote cooperation between the Department of Health and the Welsh Government to establish a single performers list for GPs across England and Wales.
- Support direct employment of GPs by local health boards for under-served areas.
- Seek to equalise the availability of drugs for Welsh patients.
- Support integral national health service provision along the border and to exchange best practice.

## Lockdowns

UKIP opposed the use of national lockdowns to combat the COVID-19 epidemic which have caused a national mental health crisis and plunged our economy to the worst state it's been in in 300 years. We have always believed that there are better alternatives to the suspension of civil liberties. The lockdown policy is directly responsible for many avoidable deaths from untreated cancer and heart conditions. No country has ever got healthier by making itself poorer and less free.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- End lockdown measures and restrictions immediately, particularly in light of the successful vaccine rollout.
- Oppose any notions of domestic vaccine passports.
- Discourage the use of national lockdowns for future pandemics, instead looking into alternative approaches such as the one proposed by The Great Barrington Declaration: shield the vulnerable - including through the use of vaccinations - but do not chastise or imprison those not deemed at risk.

## Social Care

UKIP believes that social care should not put a person's home and savings in jeopardy if they have paid tax and national insurance all of their life. We will ensure that this principle is applied in Wales.

UKIP also pledges to:

- Integrate the NHS and adult social care and place the combined service under the remit of elected local health boards.
- Undertake a thorough review of how to fund the increasing demand for social care and will consider supporting it via a Sovereign Wealth Fund, or supporting it in other ways, such as by reviewing government spending of National Insurance revenues.
- Support good quality, reliable and affordable care services, including respite provisions, to enable families to have a life alongside their caring responsibilities.
- Reduce the practice of arranging home care visits in short time-windows.
- Develop centres of excellence for social work.
- Provide support to return to work when caring comes to an end.



*"I am passionate about helping people with disabilities, however with Health Boards in constant special measures, unacceptable waiting times and outrageous sums being given to bureaucrats people find it increasingly difficult to get the help that they need. It is clear that politicians have failed the Welsh NHS. It's time to put our health service in the hands of us - the people."*

*Jeanie Barton*  
Health Professional.  
UKIP Candidate for North Wales &  
Clwyd West





# EDUCATION

*"Whilst UKIP does not believe that education should be devolved, we will do everything in our power to ensure that high quality, responsive and politically neutral education is provided for all learners in Wales."*

# EDUCATION

As a direct result of devolution, Wales has remained consistently bottom of the PISA rankings in the UK on reading, maths, and science and continues to perform below the OECD average. In some instances, education in Wales has been used as a tool for political propaganda rather than learning. This must end.

## School Funding

Recent reports have found that out of £2.5bn allocated for education in the Welsh Government's budget, £450m was never seen by schools, instead being kept by regional school improvement consortia or local authorities. UKIP believes that this is unacceptable and funds would be better spent on frontline services rather than quangos.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Dismantle the 4 schools improvement consortia in Wales and redirect their annual £150m budget directly to schools, many of which are now in deficit.
- Order a transparent review into where the rest of the £450m is being spent and where appropriate cuts can be made to reduce bureaucracy and redirect funds to frontline schools.
- Restore data comparison between England and Wales which was stopped by the Welsh Government in 2012 so that important comparisons on standards and funding can be made.

## Primary Education

A child's introduction to education is vitally important, particularly now that many have missed out on over a year of education as a result of COVID-19. This is when the pattern for learning is laid down and when literacy and good social skills are established, so it is crucial that the primary education system in Wales sets our children up for

their journey through education.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Ensure that all primary schools in any given local authority have regular access to maths and science specialists from universities and other schools who can visit, take some classes and provide support to tackle current problematic standards of literacy and numeracy.
- Increase the number of study hours dedicated to the development of literacy skills.

## Curriculum

It is crucially important that the curriculum in Welsh primary and secondary schools puts students on the right course to obtain employment or further education. UKIP believes that the curriculum should be oriented around these subjects and lessons, rather than mandatory teaching of less useful subjects. Some (such as the Welsh Baccalaureate) have been implemented as a form of political propaganda.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Scrap the Welsh Baccalaureate which is more time consuming than equivalent qualifications, not valuable for future careers, not useful in applications for UK universities and only serves to negatively affect achievement in other more relevant studies.
- Introduce the mandatory study of French, German, Spanish, or Italian in the first year of primary school and ensure continuity between primary and secondary school language

studies. Over time, we would also seek to fund a broader range of languages such as Russian and Mandarin at secondary level.

- Support the introduction of mandatory 'Citizenship' lessons to teach students what it means to be a citizen in wider society and help them develop applicable real-life skills such as an understanding of basic economics and political institutions, developing critical skills to discern fact from propaganda and appreciating Welsh and British culture.
- Give parents the right to exempt their children from Welsh language lessons in the schools they attend at the age of fourteen. Nonetheless, every school should aspire to provide Welsh lessons up to GCSE and promote bilingualism between English and Welsh as a springboard for learning other languages, not as an alternative.
- End political correctness in schools and introduce a specific Act to prevent damaging political propaganda being passed off as fact. Indoctrination of young minds is wrong. What we must give them is the desire and capacity to think freely for themselves.

## Sex Education

Parents should have the overriding influence over their children's upbringing. However, the Senedd has taken unprecedented steps to interfere with how we raise our children by making lessons on relationships,



sex and religion mandatory for all primary and secondary schoolchildren throughout Wales. UKIP believes that the sexualisation of children must stop now.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- **Allow parents to withdraw their children from RSE classes.**
- **End the teaching of sex education in primary schools altogether. Any form of sex education in primary schools is wholly inappropriate – kids should be allowed to be kids.**
- **Ensure that all parents are made fully aware of sex education teaching materials before they are used.**
- **Repeal the recently passed Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act.**

## Further Education

Further education offers a springboard for people who wish to improve their skills in order to get back into the workplace. This is a sector of education that has been overlooked by successive Welsh Governments. UKIP believes that the further education sector needs to be protected and expanded to offer more quality courses and apprenticeships.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- **Protect the future further education budget in real terms.**
- **Promote a local approach for the integration of skills with economic growth strategies, adapted to the particular needs of each individual community across Wales.**
- **Recognise that people gain economically and socially useful skills through learning.**

## Higher Education

According to the Office for National Statistics, 40% of Welsh graduates are in non-graduate jobs. UKIP will encourage students to choose courses and careers that will help to fill the current skills gap, both to benefit Wales, the UK and to give our young people

the best possible career opportunities.

We aim to expand the thriving Welsh higher education sector with an emphasis on teaching STEM subjects and quality of research, whilst defunding degrees such as Gender Studies that only act as cash cows for universities and do nothing to improve the employability of students.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- **Remove tuition fees for UK domiciled undergraduates taking degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEM) subjects in Wales on the condition that graduates remain in the UK and continue working in their relevant fields during the loan repayment period.**
- **End taxpayer funding of 'social justice' degrees with limited job prospects (such as Gender Studies) by making them ineligible for financing through Student Finance Wales. Universities will still be able to provide these courses, however students will need to find alternative ways of funding their fees.**
- **Retain the quality-related (QR) budget that underpins world leading research in Wales.**
- **Support part-time provision of courses to widen access to higher education and to help up-skill the Welsh workforce.**

## Exams during Coronavirus

As a result of the coronavirus pandemic, there have been dramatic changes in the way assessment of qualifications will take place in Wales. UKIP believes that the current proposal that grades will be determined by their school or college based on an assessment of the learner's work is wholly inappropriate. This method of grading is unfair, particularly on students who have spent years developing skills to excel in the traditional exam component. This system may also put students at a considerable disadvantage later in life.

UKIP supports the return to traditional examinations in 2021. We see no reason that exams - which are socially distanced by nature – cannot take place with the appropriate precautions.

## Grammar Schools & Technical Colleges

UKIP wants Welsh pupils to be truly given the chance to become the inventors, engineers, scientists and technicians that this country so desperately needs. We must develop 21st century skills in manufacturing, engineering and digital expertise. We therefore believe that existing secondary schools should have the opportunity to develop into vocational or grammar schools.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- **Encourage the establishment of new grammar schools, which are a proven path to social mobility for working class children.**
- **Encourage the establishment of 'free schools' to depoliticise schooling in Wales.**

## Teachers' Conditions

Too many teachers are bogged down in paperwork, working excessive hours and struggling to find an acceptable work-life balance.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- **Decrease the amount of paperwork teachers deal with, such as unduly elaborate individual lesson plans, excessive data collection, overly prescriptive internal assessment and dialogue-based marking schemes.**
- **Radically overhaul teacher training courses and refocus the training of educators to use successful traditional teaching methods that focus on facts and excellence rather than post-modern, deconstructive and relativistic methods.**

## Home Schooling

UKIP supports the rights of parents who wish to educate their children at home and would encourage annual assessment of the home schooled child's wellbeing by the local authority.

## Special Needs Support

Many young people in Wales with learning disorders are disadvantaged by late recognition of their specific difficulties, with many waiting for years from referral to diagnosis. UKIP believes that early diagnosis followed closely by appropriate support results in a better experience for the child and fewer problems for the school. In our view, investment at an earlier stage can save money in the long term.

UKIP pledges to:

- Tackle the unacceptable waiting times for diagnostic assessment.
- Support the implementation of an 'autism curriculum', which captures not only children's learning requirements but also seeks to address social, emotional and communication needs.
- Reverse the policy of closing schools for special needs children.
- Introduce special educational needs modules in all teacher training courses.
- Allow time for staff to be given access to expertise and to be trained and work jointly with speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, psychologists, dyslexia assessors and mental health and social care professionals.



*“As a father, I believe parents should always have the final say on what is taught to their children. UKIP has pledged to review the existing curriculum, halting overtly sexual lessons, scrapping sex education in primary schools and putting power back into the hands of parents to opt their children out of sex education classes before the age of 16.”*

# TRANSPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*"The Welsh economy has struggled for years with outdated infrastructure and transport networks. Modernisation of our transport links are long overdue."*





# TRANSPORT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

UKIP will renovate outdated transport networks and build the M4 Relief Road which will attract more investment into Wales. We will create tens of thousands of new jobs for local people whose livelihoods have been wrecked by lockdowns through the designation of freeports and other tax-free zones across Wales.

## M4 Relief Road

The M4 through South Wales clearly needs relief and improvement, most urgently at the pinch approaching the Brynglas tunnels and particularly considering the expected 38% rise in traffic along the M4 over the next 30 years.

UKIP strongly opposed the Welsh Government's decision to axe the vital relief road on unsubstantiated environmental grounds, thereby wasting £150m already spent on the project. We believe this is a missed opportunity for economic development in Wales.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Support a regional referendum on the M4 relief road.
- Support the building of the M4 relief road. The 'black route' proposal has already undergone thorough investigative work. UKIP will also review the 'blue route' proposal, and take into account the future and overall cost of the proposed project.
- End the years of gridlock on the M4 – the main thoroughfare into Wales.
- Trust the rigorous independent inquiry which concluded that the project was a good use of public funds, that environmental objections were overstated and that it was in the public interest.

## Railways

Wales has struggled for years with outdated and inadequate railways

services. The Beeching Cuts, as put forward in the 1960s, devastated railway services in Wales. We must prioritise the electrification of key routes to bring Wales's transport network into the 21st century.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Support the plans for the electrification of the South Wales mainline to Swansea which were scrapped on the grounds of over-inflated costs.
- Review the Beeching Cuts and, where appropriate, reopen train stations and railway lines to improve travelling across Wales. We have recently seen this with the reopening of Bow Street, however there are many more existing lines that could be reinstated.

## Air Travel

We do not believe that government should own or operate airports, as this breeds inefficiency and stymies competition. We opposed the Welsh Government's decision to squander £52m of Welsh taxpayers' money on buying Cardiff airport and then providing them with a further £28m in loans after the airport posted losses of £18.5m in 2019.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Sell Cardiff Airport immediately to mitigate any further loss to Welsh taxpayers so a new owner can operate it on a proper commercial basis.

- Oppose the devolution of Air Passenger Duty.

## Economic Development

Following over a year of devastating lockdowns, the Welsh economy is on its knees. Our once proud hospitality and tourism sector is in ruins. UKIP is proposing a strong package of economic stimuli to get the nation back on its feet.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Save the Pub by cutting VAT on alcohol served in licensed premises from 20% to zero, which we are free to do as a result of leaving the EU.
- Freeze business rates at zero for at least 12 months to help small businesses recover.
- Create a £100m recovery and refurbishment fund for the Welsh tourism industry.
- Support the designation of tax-free zones and freeports which will create tens of thousands of new jobs and revive our coastal communities.
- Call for an investigation on where a new motorway from the Birmingham transport hubs into Wales could be built. This new transport link would not only increase connectivity between Wales and England but provide many thousands of jobs.
- Ensure more provision of bus services in rural and isolated areas of Wales, particularly in Mid and North Wales.





# ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & RURAL AFFAIRS

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# ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & RURAL AFFAIRS

Farmers are the custodians of the Welsh countryside and the heart of Wales's rural communities. They play an irreplaceable role in the rural economy and wider society; from rearing internationally acclaimed produce, like Welsh lamb, to the management of land and pollution control. As a direct consequence of urban-centric Labour Party policy, farming is one of the most over regulated industries in Wales.

## Agriculture

UKIP believes the agricultural industry should be allowed to seize the opportunities brought about by Brexit, free from burdensome and ineffective regulations passed down from the Senedd.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Overturn Welsh Labour's decision to designate all of Wales as a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone (NVZ) and implement a localised, evidenced-based approach to tackle nitrate pollution in collaboration with farmers and stakeholders.
- Launch a new and balanced Bovine TB Eradication Programme. The Bovine TB pandemic has plagued the beef and dairy sector for decades, resulting in the slaughter of more than 10,000 cattle every year. UKIP's Bovine TB eradication programme will promote effective biosecurity measures, review the stringent controls on cattle movements and directly address the transmission of the disease from wildlife to cattle by tackling the disease in the wildlife population.
- Uphold Basic Farm Payments for a minimum of five years. Subsidies must focus on re-equipping farmers and improve land management. Upland farms will continue to receive

financial support for economic, social and cultural reasons to support the rural economy.

- Strive towards greater self-sufficiency. On average, the UK is only 65% self-sufficient in temperate agricultural products. UKIP will implement a "Buy Welsh Campaign", targeted at consumers to purchase locally sourced and reared produce.
- Abandon re-wilding schemes and prevent farmland from reverting to scrub.

## Fishing

Brexit should have liberated the British fishing industry. UKIP stands with Welsh and British fishermen against the Conservative's Brexit Deal betrayal which surrendered the fishing industry to the EU for a second time.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Take full control of the UK's entitled Exclusive Economic Zone with exclusive access for British boats within 12 miles of the coast.
- End European Court rulings that allow foreign ownership of British flagged vessels and ownership of UK quotas.
- Achieve total independence on future quotas and whether to allow foreign vessels access to British waters.
- Land and process a minimum of 70% of the UK's catch in Britain.
- Establish Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs) and No Take

Zones, which are for vital hatcheries and fish stocks.

## Animal Welfare

Now Britain has left the EU, the UK can regain total control of animal welfare issues. UKIP believes that best practices must be implemented during rearing and slaughtering to safeguard the welfare of animals.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Ban non-stun slaughter in all slaughterhouses.
- Increase the maximum jail sentences for animal cruelty.
- Install CCTV in every slaughterhouse in Wales.
- Ensure the UK Government fully implements UKIP's policy to ban all live animal exports.
- Ensure all meat products are accurately labelled to include the method of rearing and slaughter.

## Energy

Wales and the UK requires a balance of energy sources comprising nuclear, conventional and renewable. The Senedd's and Westminster's "green agenda" has punished the poorest in society by adding "green taxes" to energy prices in order to subsidise ineffective renewable energy sources.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Scrap the Climate Change Act (2008), which requires the UK to achieve annual decarbonisation rates of more than 5% - a figure no other country in the world has ever or is ever likely to attain.
- Take the UK out of the Paris Climate Agreement (2016) and any associated carbon trading schemes. Wales's CO2 emissions account for 0.1% of global CO2 emissions and the UK barely 1%.
- Invest in nuclear energy and establish small nuclear power plants to off-set the reliance on energy sourced from gas.
- Remove taxpayer funded subsidies from unprofitable wind and solar schemes, as soon as contractual arrangements expire.
- Offer local referenda for unpopular energy developments such as the Hendy and Bryn Blaen wind farms.
- Explore the benefits of tidal energy by calling on the UK Government to review its decision to abandon the Swansea Bay tidal lagoon.





A photograph of a stone castle tower with a Welsh flag flying from a pole on top. The flag is white with a green field and a red dragon. The tower is made of grey stone and has several windows. The sky is blue.

# WELSH LANGUAGE

*"UKIP is committed to preserving and promoting the Welsh language as part of our unique British cultural heritage."*

# WELSH LANGUAGE

More British taxpayer's money has been spent per head of the population in Wales on the Welsh language by successive governments, both at Westminster and in Cardiff Bay, than on any other minority language in Europe. The preservation and promotion of the Welsh language is, however, dependent on the goodwill of the 80% plus of the people of Wales who do not speak Welsh. That's why UKIP believes in fair play for both Welsh and non-Welsh speakers.

## Our Policy on the Welsh Language

UKIP believes that for Welsh to survive and prosper, it must become a 'living language' - where people have the facilities available to them in their communities to learn the 'Old British Tongue', if they wish to do so.

UKIP pledges to:

- Remove the statutory requirement under the Assembly's Welsh Language Act of 2011 that local authorities in Wales have to provide bilingual services thereby saving millions of pounds on totally unnecessary translation costs and helping to save the planet by instantly halving the amount of paper used.
- Scrap the discriminatory and unfair policy pursued by several local authorities in Wales of employing only Welsh speakers. We need the best people for any given job, regardless whether they are Welsh speakers or not.
- Support the right of every home owner to call their property by whatever name they wish – be it English or Welsh.
- Abolish the very highly paid £95,000 a year taxpayer funded job of Welsh Language Commissioner, as pressurising local authorities, businesses and private individuals to comply with Welsh language legislation is only counter productive.
- Support the right of parents to exempt their children from Welsh language lessons in the

schools they attend from the age of fourteen. Nonetheless, every school should aspire to provide Welsh lessons up to GCSE.

- Oppose the policy of some Welsh Nationalist controlled local authorities of removing long established English language streams from community schools since it discriminates against children from non Welsh speaking backgrounds.
- Initiate a radical review of taxpayer's money being diverted by the Senedd to fund organisations such as the Welsh Arts Council and Welsh Books Council, as some of this is squandered on subsidising essentially Welsh Nationalist propaganda organizations like the Nation Cymru website.



- Divert some of the millions of pounds saved by abolishing the legal requirements of the Senedd and local authorities on forcibly imposing the Welsh language on people, into a concerted campaign to promote voluntary Welsh learner classes throughout Wales.

*“As a Welsh speaker, I have seen first-hand the abject failure of the Senedd’s policies to revive and sustain the Welsh language. UKIP is committed to promoting the Welsh language by adopting a localised approach, enabling it to flourish in its heartlands, while offering all aspiring learners the opportunity to take up Wales’s beautiful language.”*

Dr Félix Aubel  
UKIP Candidate for North Wales &  
Alyn & Deeside



A man with dark hair, seen from behind, is carrying two young girls on his back. He is wearing a bright yellow t-shirt and dark blue trousers. The girl on the left is wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt, pink leggings with colorful floral patterns, and pink sneakers. The girl on the right is wearing a rainbow-striped long-sleeved shirt, purple leggings with owl patterns, and pink sneakers. They are standing in a field of tall green grass and numerous red poppies. The background is a soft-focus landscape with green trees and a blue sky with light clouds.

# THE FAMILY

*"UKIP believes that parents, not politicians, know what's best for their children."*

# THE FAMILY

UKIP believes that the family is the cornerstone of society and parents should have the final say on their children's upbringing. Parents should be free to bring up their children how they chose and children should be free from a politicised education.

UKIP believes that parents, not politicians, should raise their children. The Government should provide support for disadvantaged children and struggling families but it does not have the right to dictate how parents raise their children. In recent years, the Senedd has overextended its powers directly into family life and threatens to dismantle traditional family values.

## Sex Education

The Labour-led Welsh Government announced that lessons on relationships, sex and religion were to be made mandatory for all primary and secondary schoolchildren throughout Wales. Any form of sex education in primary schools is wholly inappropriate – children should be allowed to be children. They should be taught mutual respect, learning to be considerate of each other's backgrounds, personal circumstances and cultural differences; but legislation from the Senedd is not the answer.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Stop all sex education in primary schools.
- Give parents the power to remove their children from sex and relationship classes up to the age of sixteen. A power that was taken away from them by the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act.
- Keep parents fully informed of the curriculum by providing a detailed explanation of the content in sex education classes.

## Reasonable Chastisement - The "Smacking Ban"

Despite opposition from the majority of Welsh parents, as much as 75%, the Senedd removed the right for parents to reasonably chastise their children. The message from the Senedd was "politicians, not parents, know what's best". This unwanted policy is projected to cost the taxpayer nearly £8m to implement.

All cases of domestic abuse against children should carry the heaviest custodial sentences. However, there is a stark difference between physical abuse and reasonable chastisement.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Repeal the "Smacking Ban", putting power back in the hands of parents to raise their children free from political interference.

## Depoliticise Education

The curriculum should focus on what matters – education. Increasingly, classes for some of our youngest children have focused on deeply political issues and have sought to indoctrinate schoolchildren. In 2018, the Senedd consulted children as young as seven on their views on Brexit and, more recently, dedicated entire school days to campaigns promoted by extreme political organisations like 'Black Lives Matter' and 'Extinction Rebellion'.

*UKIP pledges to:*

- Provide children with an education focused on academia, skills and physical education, free from the agenda of any political group or organisation.



# VETERANS' ISSUES

*"Whenever HM Government calls on our brave armed forces to go into action on our behalf, they never let us down. UKIP will not let them down; we will honour the military covenant."*



# VETERANS' ISSUES

In all the discussion on granting Wales greater responsibility for looking after the needs of the people, one group seems to be overlooked time and time again. Veterans in Wales suffer from difficulty in claiming support with many ending up homeless. The estimated figure for homeless Veterans is impossible to pin down, highlighting the scale of the issue and the consistent lack of care and attention this unacceptable situation receives. It is time that we give back to those who have risked their lives in service to this nation and recognise the sacrifices and commitments made.

## Our Policies to Help Veterans in Wales

For their brave service, our Veterans deserve the best care possible from our government. UKIP stands with our armed forces and would ensure that they are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve at the end of their service.

UKIP pledges to:

- End the scourge of homeless Veterans in Wales by 2025 by making available affordable rent houses every year for Veterans and building halfway house hostels for homeless veterans in Cardiff.
- Exempt all service personnel on duty overseas, including members of the Border Force, intelligence and security services, from income tax in line with practice in other nations and in civilian employment.
- Guarantee one year's University Tuition Fees, while these remain in force, for each two years served in the Regular or Reserve forces to all successful university applicants either before the start of a service career (subject to the completion of the required term of service) or at its conclusion.
- Ensure that proper provision is made for mental health care for Veterans, especially those who have served on active operations. Health Care and Local Authorities will be obliged to provide fast-track mental health treatment and provision of services for Veterans.
- Welcome the Overseas Operations Bill to prevent Veterans who served in foreign wars being hounded through mischievous claims for compensation, or unfounded allegations of criminal behaviour whilst they were in the service of the Crown – but does not agree that time limits on applying for compensation for injury should apply to veterans. Such limitations do not apply to civilian employment and service personnel should not face discrimination because of their service.
- Lobby for an end to the grotesque show trials of Veterans who served in Northern Ireland more than forty years ago, while IRA and other convicted terrorists have been granted amnesty.
- Lobby for the issuing of a National Defence Medal to all former National Servicemen and women and all Veterans of the Cold War.



*“UKIP is the party for veterans. We must end the scourge of homelessness amongst veterans. No serviceman or woman should be subjected to malicious prosecutions from their service. Armed service personnel need our support and the right equipment, not solicitors.”*

*Lt-Gen Jonathon Riley  
Army General & UKIP Candidate for  
Mid & West Wales*





# CULTURE & COMMUNITIES

*"UKIP believes in individual liberty, in freedom of speech and choice. We will defend equality before the law for everybody, no matter of race, religion or social background."*

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Racist



# CULTURE & COMMUNITIES

In the last 12 months, the shared British values of the home nations have come under attack. Extreme political groups, like Black Lives Matter, mask their true intentions with social justice. But in reality, they are self-professed Marxists, who want to smash capitalism and defund the police. Others, like Extinction Rebellion and Antifa, deploy aggressive tactics aimed to intimidate and silence opposition.

The majority of patriotic working people, who have pride in Britain's past and what we have achieved, are being browbeaten into silence by far left political groups who have found allies in Plaid Cymru and Welsh Labour. Inspired by Black Lives Matter's violent attacks on Britain's war memorials, private property and police officers, many patriotic men and women have been subjected to the worst abuse, especially on social media, in a blatant attempt to limit free speech.

When Senedd politicians took the knee in "solidarity" with Black Lives Matter, UKIP remained standing. Politicians, propped up by the Media Establishment, now side with those who seek to erase Wales's past and eradicate British values. They pursue an anti-British agenda, grounded in a victim-based hierarchy of society, placing virtue in people's physical identity rather than the measure of their character or ability.

UKIP believes in individual liberty, in freedom of speech and choice. We will defend equality before the law for everybody, no matter of race, religion or social background. Britain is at its best when free thought and expression is allowed to flourish and all in society have equality of opportunity - not of outcome.

Freedom works and it must be preserved for future generations to enjoy.

UKIP pledges to:

- Defend free speech and fight back against cancel culture.
- Defund the BBC, which has pedalled the political left's "woke" agenda.
- Stand up for patriotic working people who have been lectured on their so-called "privilege", despite many coming from some of Wales's poorest communities.
- Safeguard individual liberties by opposing future lockdowns and defending the right to peaceful protest.
- Oppose any notions of domestic vaccine passports which are an affront to civil liberties and freedom of choice.
- Scrap the Welsh Government's

audit of statues and street names, designed to erase the memories of Welsh and British heroes.

- Lift the blanket smoking ban in Welsh pubs, giving landlords the freedom to provide contained and ventilated smoking rooms if they wish.



*"UKIP is the only party brave enough to stand up for our freedom to speak our minds in the face of hard left Marxists. We must make a stand to protect Wales's proud history and not allow the 'woke brigade' to police our thoughts."*

Cllr Paul Dowson  
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