

**June 2017  
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**Welsh Ambulance Services News**

**YOU can help shape Welsh Ambulance Service's Staff Awards**

Have you thought of nominating someone from the Welsh Ambulance Service who helped you in a health emergency? Find out how [HERE](#)

**Learning Disability Week**

For [Mencap's Learning Disability Week](#) the theme this year is employment. Eight in ten working age people with a learning disability have one that's mild or moderate, but only fewer than two in ten are in employment. The Welsh Ambulance Service has a Learning Disability Community Champion program. A wealth of resources, including easy read pictorial resources, games and quizzes, can be found in the [Learning Disability Zone](#) area of the website. For more information, email [Mandy.Jenkins@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Mandy.Jenkins@wales.nhs.uk). You can also join the conversation on Twitter using the hashtag #LDWeek17.

**Are you deaf or hard of hearing?**

Register for the free [emergency SMS texting](#) service to enable you to text 999 if you have a health emergency. Find out more about other ways we can help you if you are deaf or hard of hearing by looking at our website [HERE](#)

**Children & Young People - 'Promises for Young People'**

We have started working with children and young people to get their feedback on what they expect when they use our services.

Over the next few months, we will be speaking to children and young people in schools, groups and clubs across Wales to get their views to help develop a list of 'Promises'. The 'Promises to Children & Young People' will then be shared with our staff so they understand what is important to children and young people when using our services. Fill out the survey [here](#).

If you work with or represent children and young people and are able to capture their views on our behalf, please contact Fiona at [Fiona.Maclean@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Fiona.Maclean@wales.nhs.uk)

One of Wales' first paramedics recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours, read about it [HERE](#)

With 1 in 3 older people falling every year, new handbook aims to cut numbers find out more [HERE](#)

Like father, like son – meet the lifesavers who followed in their dad's footsteps [HERE](#)

Welsh Ambulance Service 'heading in the right direction' say Healthcare Inspectorate Wales [HERE](#)

Schoolgirl praised for bravery after helping to deliver mum's baby in bath tub read about it [HERE](#)

NHS Direct Wales launches revamped website tell us what you think of it [HERE](#)

## **Social Media**

Keep up to date with everything the Welsh Ambulance Service is up to! You can follow the Welsh Ambulance Service's Patient Experience and Community Involvement Team on Twitter. We now have over 3,000 followers! Help us to reach 4000 by clicking [HERE](#) to view our profile page and follow us @WelshAmbPIH Thank you!

## **Other news**

- **Water Safety in Open Water.** Around 85% of accidental drownings occur at open water sites. Many of these drownings occur due to a lack of knowledge and understanding of open water safety. Find out further information on the Royal Life Saving Society UK [HERE](#).
- FSA launches **Safe Summer Food guide** as UK picnickers head out in the sun. Find out more information on the Food Standard Agency website [HERE](#)
- Public Health Wales Issues **Hot Weather advice** [HERE](#)
- **Screening for Life Campaign 2017** aims to raise awareness of the following national screening programmes available in Wales:

breast, bowel, cervical, abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA), diabetic eye screening and maternal and child screening - learn more about this [HERE](#)

- **Cwm Taf Local Health Board** is interested in your views. Here are some meetings they have planned over the next few months, where you can have your say.

#### CYNON VALLEY PUBLIC FORUM

4 July 2017 (Tuesday)

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm (1:15 pm registration)

Michael Sobell Sports Centre, The Ynys, Aberdare CF44 7RP

#### RHONDDA VALLEYS PUBLIC FORUM

7 July 2017 (Friday)

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm (1:15 pm registration)

Rhondda Sports Centre, Gelligaled Road, Ystrad CF41 7SY

#### MERTHYR TYDFIL PUBLIC FORUM

12 July 2017 (Wednesday)

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm (1:15 pm registration)

The Theatre, Canolfan Soar, Pontmorlais, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8UB

#### TAFF ELY PUBLIC FORUM

13 July 2017 (Thursday)

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm (1:15 pm registration)

Muni Arts Centre, Gelliwastad Road, Pontypridd CF37 2DP

Cwm Taf Health Board are eager to increase the number of participants attending these events, so please share the details of these meetings with your family, friends and colleagues. Those wishing to attend one or all of the forums must register their contact details with the Health Board at the earliest opportunity. When registering, please indicate whether you require Welsh language translation.

For more information see the website

<http://www.cwmtafuhb.wales.nhs.uk/> or contact 01443 744839 for further details.

