

MEETING	Adult Scrutiny Committee
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TITLE	Llechen Lân Update
REASON FOR SCRUTINY	The committee's comments are needed on the data update, and the update to the Llechen Lân workstreams.
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1. Why does it need to be scrutinised?

This report is presented to highlight updates to the data and action plan of the [Llechen Lân](#) report (A report published in September 2024 to highlight key trends that will affect older people's services over the coming years).

2. What needs to be scrutinised?

There are three parts that need scrutiny. First, the updated data. Secondly, the update to the work programme that was decided upon after the publication of the original report. Finally, what the next steps should be in terms of strategic direction and action plan.

3. Summary and Key Issues

This report outlines the highlights of the attached 'Llechen Lân 2026 data update' report (appendix 1). That report consists of four sections; data update, innovative methods update, work programme update and next steps.

The aim of this report is to outline the updated data (Following receipt of the latest population projections from the Welsh Government), to receive feedback from the scrutiny committee on the content of the report, and to scrutinise how we can move forward (populating the next stages of the report).

4. Background / Context

In September 2024 the Llechen Lân report was published. This report outlines projections that would impact services for older people over the next 20 years.

In order to create a solid evidence base, the Task and Finish group collected and analyzed local, county and national data, and read international literature.

Llechen Lân elaborated on the current situation by:

1. Predicting how the population will change over the next 20 years in Gwynedd.
2. Considering how these changes might affect demand for care.
3. Looking at our ability to meet the need, compared to other similar counties.
4. Predicted the expected financial pressures.

The full details are outlined in the original [Llechen Lân report](#).

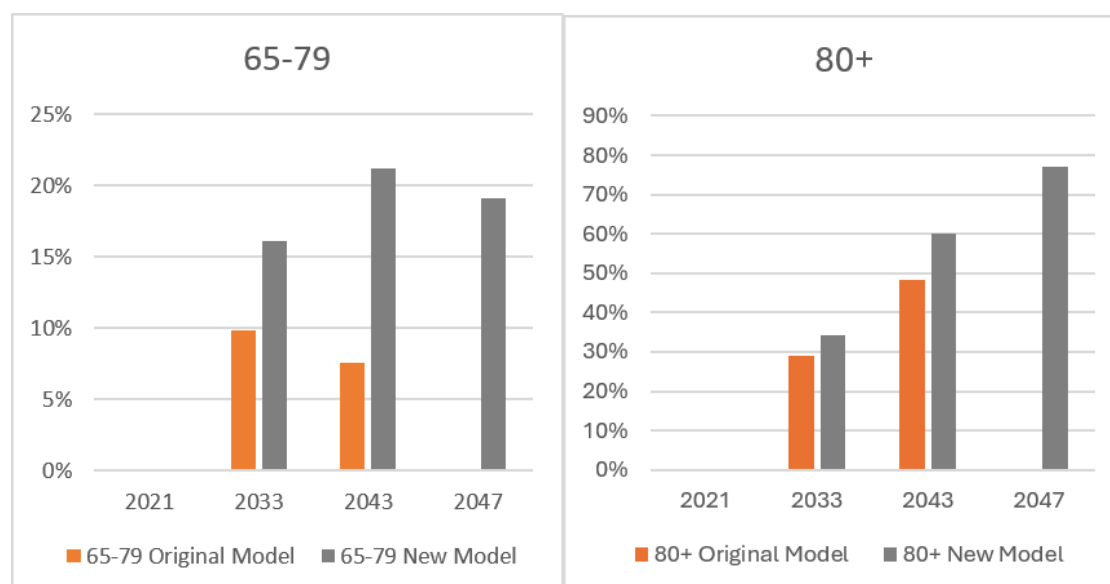
2026 data update:

At the time of publication of the first report, the latest population projections could not be used due to delays by the Welsh Government in publishing them. The report's data was based on base-2018 population projections, slightly adjusted to reflect the decrease in the population of Gwynedd in the 2021 Census. The Government has now published the latest population projections so the first aim is to re-introduce the original model with the new population projections. Full details of this data update can be found in appendix 1: 2026 Llechen Lân Update.

Population comparison (percentage)

The original Llechen Lân research showed that the need for care increases with age, and therefore it is useful to separate this population into two age groups, 65 to 79 years old and 80 years and over. The larger increase in population is predicted in both age groups 65 to 79, and 80 and older.

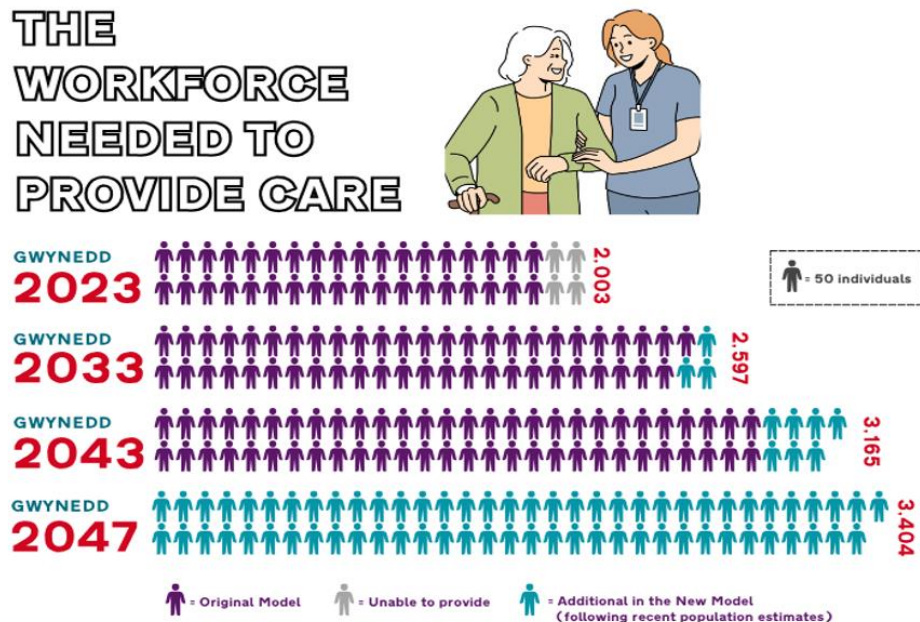
In addition, the latest projections extend until the year 2047 and show that – in relation to the 80+ age group in particular, further increases within this age group are predicted beyond the time period of the original Clean Slate model, that is, the increase carries on until at least 2047.



Graph 1 and 2 – Percentage change in Gwynedd population projections base 2018 (Original Model) and base 2022 (New Model) for the population aged 65-79 and aged 80+ (Source: Welsh Government)

Workforce Challenges:

The following infographic highlights the impact the changes in the population projections have on the projected workforce (including domiciliary caregivers, residential/nursing home workforce, social workers/therapists, and the innovative fields e.g. direct payments). The additional numbers of staff that will be required in line with the new model have been coloured blue.

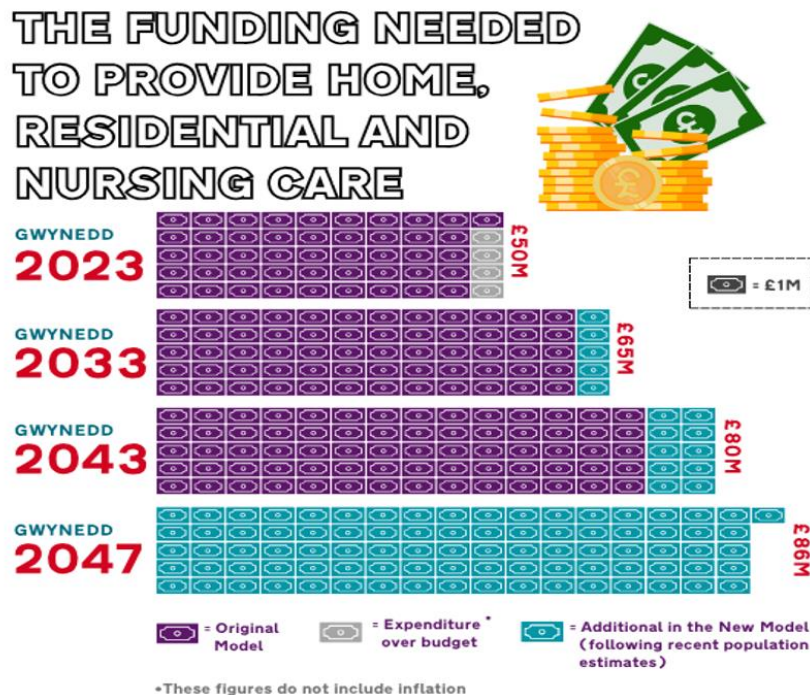


Infographic 1: Total projected future workforce requirements based on the 2018 (Original Model) and 2022 (New Model) base Gwynedd population projections.

Budget Challenges:

This infographic highlights the impact that the changes in the population projections have on the original model's funding projections.

It is important to remember that costs have been calculated on the basis of 2023-24 prices. The impact of inflation between now and 2033/2043/2047 has been ignored so that we are comparing like by like.



Infographic 2: Total funding projections based on Gwynedd's population projections base 2018 (Original Model) and base 2022 (New Model) for domiciliary, residential and nursing care.

Innovative Approaches Update

The above projections are on the basis that there is no change to our approaches, and that care and support continues to be provided in the traditional ways currently provided.

The original report discussed some innovative approaches that can be used to reduce the demand for in-place care, and offer options beyond 'traditional' care. These included community work, strength-based working, direct payments, Technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI) and extra care homes.

Telecare / Direct Payments:

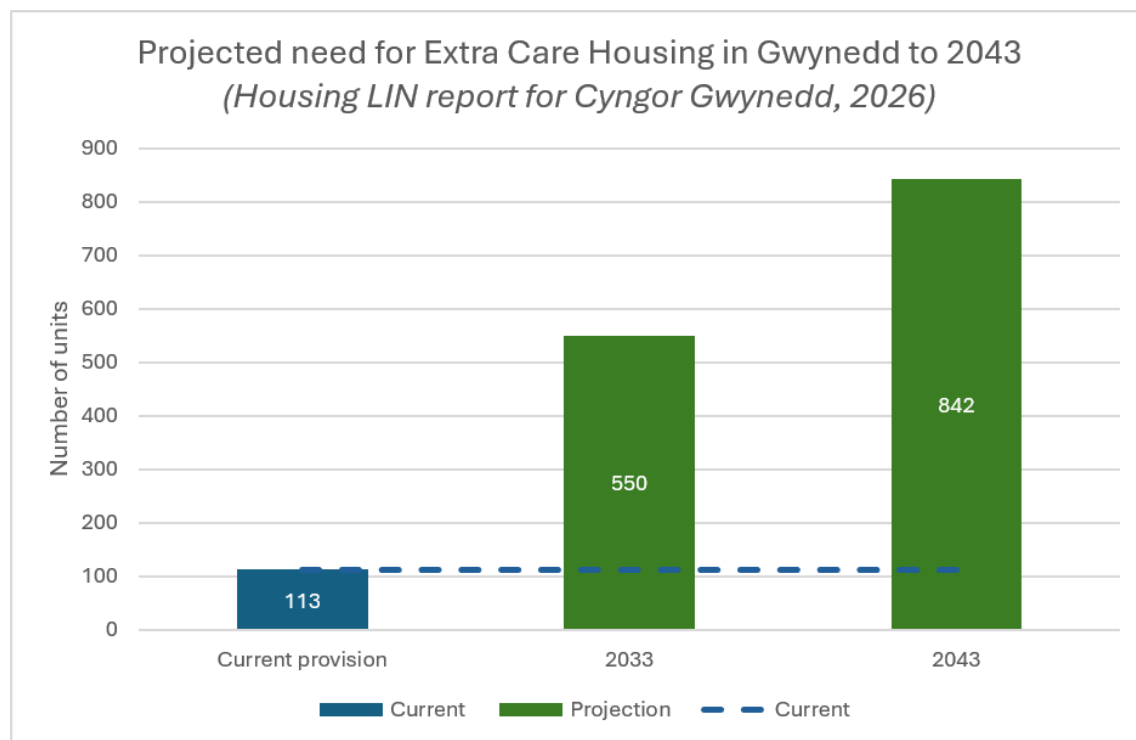
The data update below provides an update on how Gwynedd Council's provision for direct payments and telecare has changed over the last three years.

	Telecare (Numbers)	Direct Payments (Numbers)
2023	1,396	57
2026	1,485	119
% increase	6%	109%

Extra Care Housing:

A consultancy company was commissioned to model the need for different types of care accommodation for the future using the context of the Llechen Lân evidence, the aspirations of service users and developments in the field in general. That report includes a projection of the need for a number of different types of housing provision for the future; this report (Appendix 1) focuses on the projection of the increase in the number of places in extra care homes as this is a key part of the Llechen Lân picture.

In terms of the provision of extra care housing, the report (June 2026) projects that provision across Gwynedd will need to be increased over the next few years as follows:



Graph 3 – Projected needs for Extra Care Housing in Gwynedd to 2043 (Housing LIN report)

Innovative Approaches Update Summary

The above data shows that progress has been made since the original Llechen Lân report in terms of providing care and support in alternative ways. In addition to telecare and standard technology, advances in technology and artificial intelligence are also expected to result in people receiving care and support in a more timely manner and in alternative ways that will mean they may not enter traditional care. It is difficult to quantify the likely impact of artificial intelligence at this time.

Work Programme Update

The original Llechen Lân report outlined a programme of work which included short-term, long-term and general goals to be achieved. Appendix 2 (Update of the Llechen Lân work programme 2026) outlines what has been achieved in this work programme since the publication of the Llechen Lân report.

Next steps

The update for the work programme highlights several areas outlined in the Llechen Lân report action plan. But the updated data suggests that future projections are more extreme than we had predicted, and there is much more work to be done.

The next steps section within the attached report (appendix 1) is currently empty. The Llechen Lân Project Board intends to update the next steps following discussion with the scrutiny committee and leadership team.

5. Consultation

6. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Have you **included** residents / service users? If not, when and how do you plan to consult them?

Members of the public/service users were not specifically involved in the creation of the Llechen Lân report, as it is a report focused primarily on data. However, the public has been involved in projects that have led from the Llechen Lân work programme, e.g. consultation on the future accommodation needs of older people.

Have you considered **collaborating**?

This report has been produced through collaboration between Council departments, it also discusses a report commissioned with HousingLIN. The current work programme covers work taking place in several Council departments, external organisations, third sector organisations and with service users.

What has been done or will be done to **prevent** problems arising or worsening in the future?

Further action on the work programme.

How have you considered the **long-term** and what will people's needs be in years to come?

The main aim of this report is long-term planning and adapting older people's services to be sustainable for future generations.

To ensure **integration**, have you considered the potential impact on other public bodies?

7. Impact on Equality Characteristics, Welsh Language and Socio-Economic Duty

As with the original Llechen Lân report, this data suggests that major changes are needed. These changes are broader than the Social Services department. The current and future work programme will require input and collaboration from other Council departments and public sector organisations.

8. Next Steps

After discussing this report with the scrutiny committee, we would like feedback on any recommended changes to the report. Further to this we would like to discuss what next steps should be taken, first, whether the report should be republished with the updated data. Secondly, the next steps need to be planned and agreed to ensure that the Council has clear action and a detailed programme of work to follow, to try to enable us to meet the care needs envisaged over the next twenty years.

Background Information

Original Llechen Lân report: [LLlechen Lân: gwasanaethau cymdeithasol pobol hŷn i'r dyfodol](#)

Appendices

Appendix 1: Llechen Lân data update report 2026

Appendix 2: Llechen Lân work programme update 2026