

Bay Watch

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About Bay Watch

Bay Watch is a weekly political briefing for Welsh NHS Confederation members that is focused on health issues and policies being discussed and debated in the National Assembly for Wales.

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Last week at the Assembly

Neurosciences Review

The Minister for Health and Social Services published the report on the review of neurosciences in mid and south Wales.

In a written statement, the Minister said the report was “a useful basis on which to start planning the delivery of an improved neuroscience service to the population of mid and south Wales”. She added that there are “a series of financial and implementational issues, flowing from the report, which now need to be considered.”

Read the report here:

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/health/news/neuroscience/?lang=en>

This week at the Assembly

First Minister's Questions

The First Minister will be asked to comment on:

- action to improve access to local health care
- support for children's hospices in Wales

Read the full list of questions here: -

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-oral.htm?act=dis&id=97242&ds=9/2008>

Health Wellbeing and Local Government Committee

The committee is continuing its inquiry into Local Service Boards and will hear evidence from Gwynedd, Caerphilly and Wrexham LSBs during their Thursday meeting.

See their written evidence along with that of Police Authority Wales and the Environment Agency here: - <http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third1/bus-committees-third-hwlg-home/bus-committees-third-hwlg-agendas.htm?ds=9/2008>

See the full agenda for Thursday's meeting here: - <http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third1/bus-committees-third-hwlg-home/bus-committees-third-hwlg-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=97207&ds=9/2008>

Restructuring debate

In Wednesday's plenary, AMs will debate on the Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee's report on consultation proposals to restructure the NHS.

The report, which was completed in June 2008, can be viewed here: -

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-guide-docs-pub/bus-business-documents/bus-business-documents-doc-laid.htm?act=dis&id=87845&ds=6/2008>

See Wednesday's agenda here

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=97598&ds=9/2008>

Audit Committee

The audit committee will discuss the Wales Audit Office report 'NHS Financial Management' on Thursday, along with Ann Lloyd, Head of Health and Social Services, and Jeff Buggle, Director of Resources.

See the report, and the response from the Welsh Assembly Government, here:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third1/bus-committees-third-ac-home/bus-committees-third-ac-agendas.htm?ds=9/2008>

The committee will also hold a private session where they will consider their draft report 'Follow up review – Ambulance Services in Wales'.

See Thursday's full agenda here:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third1/bus-committees-third-ac-home/bus-committees-third-ac-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=96112&ds=9/2008>

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