

Bay Watch

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About Bay Watch

Bay Watch is a new 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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This week at the Assembly

First Minister's Questions

In Tuesday's plenary session, Eleanor Burnham (North Wales, Liberal Democrat), will ask the First Minister to make a statement on maintaining links between Wales and England on cross-border health services.

Jonathan Morgan, Shadow Health Minister, will ask the First Minister to make a statement on the administrative costs of WAG's health department.

To view the full list of questions for the First Minister, please click here: - <http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-oral.htm?act=dis&id=74146&ds=2/2008>

Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee

The Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee will hold a ministerial scrutiny session on the Minister for Finance and Public Service Delivery (Andrew Davies). Topics that will be discussed include Local Service Boards, governance of NHS bodies and engaging citizens.

A background paper to inform the discussion can be viewed here: - [http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees-third-assembly-oral.htm?act=dis&id=74935&ds=2/2008](http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third-assembly-oral.htm?act=dis&id=74935&ds=2/2008)

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Questions to the Health Minister

The Minister for Health and Social Services will be taking questions in Wednesday's plenary sessions on:

- Hospital car park charges
- Emergency care
- Treatment of cancer patients
- Health and wellbeing of older people
- Tackling obesity
- NHS spending in Mid and West Wales
- Priorities for West Wales
- High dependency ambulance deployment
- GP contract
- Autism
- Access to neuromuscular services
- Development of new nursing homes
- Improving stroke services
- Access to breast cancer care nurses

Read the list of questions in full here: - <http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-oral.htm?act=dis&id=74331&ds=2/2008>

There is no business to report from last week due to the spring half term recess.

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