

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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This week at the Assembly

First Minister's Questions

The First Minister will be asked to comment on:

- waiting times for counselling, psychotherapy and cognitive behavioural therapy
- mental health services 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=102360&ds=11/2008>

Health debates

In Wednesday's plenary, a rescheduled short debate will take place, entitled "*Who is really paying for the NHS?*" proposed by Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire).

The Conservatives have also proposed a debate, in which they will call on the Welsh Assembly Government to make greater provision for specialist breast cancer services in Wales.

See Wednesday's agenda here:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=103442&ds=11/2008>

Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee

The committee will meet on Wednesday and will note its report into the draft budget, which highlights various pressures on health service budgets, including cost of restructuring, inflation, continuing care and A&E targets.

The report can be read on this link:

<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=103812&ds=11/2008>

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