

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

Cross-border care

The European and External Affairs Committee will hear evidence from Carol Lamyman-Jones, Director of the Board of Community Health Councils, as part of its inquiry into cross-border healthcare in Europe.

See more detail in Tuesday's agenda:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third1/bus-committees-third-eur-home/bus-committees-third-eur-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=125491&ds=4/2009>

Questions to the First Minister

The First Minister will be asked to comment on: **the impact of the budget statement on public services in Wales**

- plans to improve specialist neuromuscular services
- organ donation
- improving social care for elderly people.

Read the full list of questions here:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-oral.htm?act=dis&id=125389&ds=5/2009>

Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

The Minister will be asked to comment on:

- primary care services
- rural health services
- Jigsaw parenting project in Newport
- primary healthcare in Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
- training and development of nurses
- lymphoedema services
- priorities for the next six months
- General Practice
- neuromuscular diseases
- the Archer Inquiry into contaminated blood products
- the national dementia plan for Wales
- A&E at the Royal Gwent Hospital
- foot care services for the elderly.

Read the list of questions in full here:

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Audit Committee

The Audit Committee will be discussing a range of health service issues in their meeting on Thursday. Amongst the issues on the agenda are:

- NHS violence and aggression. The

Committee will hear from NHS Chief Executive, Paul Williams, and the all-Wales lead on violence and aggression, David Francis.

- A&E handover arrangements, hearing from Auditor General, Jeremy Colman.
- NHS financial management.
- Home Oxygen Therapy Services.

See more details in Thursday's agenda:

<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=126059&ds=4/2009>

Health Committee

The Health, Wellbeing and Local Government committee will continue its inquiry into community mental health services, hearing evidence from the Wales Audit Office.

See more details in Thursday's agenda:

<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=125971&ds=4/2009>

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