

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

Press releases issued

First probable case of swine flu in Wales
<http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/topic/health/2009/090529swineflu/?lang=en>

Assembly Government backs plans for hospice in Newport
<http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/topic/health/2009/090527hospice/?lang=en>

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

This Week at the Assembly

In plenary this week

Tuesday

The Health Minister will make a statement on the measles outbreak in Wales.

The Health Minister will make a statement on the Unified Public Health Organisation consultation.

The First Minister will answer questions on

- care for cystic fibrosis patients
- improving conditions for NHS staff
- improving the Royal Gwent hospital.

See Tuesday's agenda here:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=130496&ds=6/2009>

Wednesday

In questions to the **Minister for Health and Social Services**, the Minister will be asked to comment on:

- her priorities for the next 12 months
- recruitment of doctors
- treatment for people with eating disorders
- increasing public awareness of community acquired MRSA
- A&E waiting times
- mental health services in Conwy
- training primary care nurses
- improving the quality of health care in West Wales
- criteria for assessing Asperger's Syndrome
- improving oral health
- ambulance turn-around times at A&E departments
- making medical records more accessible to patients
- interim measures for the Gwent Clinical Futures project

- the use of police cars in Gwent to take people to hospital
- patients under the age of 18 being treated in adult acute psychiatric units.

The Health Minister will also give an update on the latest situation regarding swine flu.

See more details in Wednesday's agenda
<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=130631&ds=6/2009>

Audit Committee

In their meeting on Thursday, committee members will discuss

- Ambulance services, hearing evidence from RCN, Unison and the British Paramedic Association.
- Delayed Transfers of Care, with a briefing from Auditor General, Jeremy Colman.
- The government's response to the committee's report on chronic conditions.
- Their draft report into the management of sickness absence in the NHS
- Their draft report into violence and aggression in the NHS.

See Thursday's agenda in full 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=130742&ds=6/2009>

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