

# 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

### First Minister's Questions

Access to training

The First Minister was challenged by Andrew RT Davies on nurses' access to mandatory infection control training. Rhodri Morgan said there were many issues involved in combating hospital acquired infections.

Read the session in full here:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-rop.htm?act=dis&id=132293&ds=6/2009#1>

Written answers to questions on security for NHS staff, public sector cuts and neuromuscular services are available here:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-rop.htm?act=dis&id=132264&ds=6/2009>

### Press releases issued

Welsh patients to get refund for prescription costs at English hospitals

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/topic/health/2009/090610/prescriptioncosts/?lang=en>

New equipment at Velindre Cancer Centre to speed up treatment

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/topic/health/2009/090611/velindre/?lang=en>

First Minister Rhodri Morgan opens £1m Assessment Unit

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/topic/health/2009/090611/assessmentunit/?lang=en>

Expert group to review pharmacy services in Wales

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/topic/health/2009/090612/pharmacy/?lang=en>

Plans to improve sexual health services and cut infections

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/topic/health/2009/090615/sexualhealth/?lang=en>

## This Week at the Assembly

### In plenary this week:

*Tuesday*

**The First Minister** will be asked to comment on improving the standard of care in the NHS.

**The Health Minister** will give an update on the measles outbreak.

See Tuesday's agenda here:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=132148&ds=6/2009>

Wednesday

**The Health Minister** will give an update on swine flu.

AMs will debate **budget priorities** for the NHS in the light of projected public sector funding constraints.

In a debate on **neonatal care**, the Welsh Liberal Democrats will call for more nursing and medical staff.

See Wednesday's agenda here:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=132410&ds=6/2009>

### Audit Committee

The audit committee will meet to discuss the Welsh Ambulance Service. The committee will hear evidence from the Trust's chief executive and finance director; the chief executive of NHS Wales, Paul Williams and representatives from the emergency departments in the University Hospital of Wales and Wrexham Maelor Hospital.

The committee will also consider its draft report into violence and aggression in the NHS.

More detail is available 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=132619&ds=6/2009>

### Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee

The committee has announced its inquiry into stroke services. More detail is available in the announcement here:

[http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third1/bus-committees-third-hwlg-home/business-hwlg-inquiries/hwlg\\_stroke\\_services/hwlg\\_3\\_stroke\\_services-call\\_for\\_evidence.htm](http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third1/bus-committees-third-hwlg-home/business-hwlg-inquiries/hwlg_stroke_services/hwlg_3_stroke_services-call_for_evidence.htm)

In its meeting on Thursday, the committee will hear evidence from

- The Stroke Association

- Dr Richard Dewar, consultant stroke physician, Royal Glamorgan Hospital
- The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.

Written evidence from each party is available here:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third1/bus-committees-third-hwlg-home/bus-committees-third-hwlg-agendas.htm>

See Thursday's agenda 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=132403&ds=6/2009>

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## About the Welsh NHS Confederation

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