

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

Equality of Opportunity Committee

The committee will continue its inquiry into discrimination against people living with HIV by healthcare professionals. Giving evidence in Tuesday's meeting will be:

- Dr Tony Calland, Chair of the BMA Ethics Committee
- Dr Richard Lewis, BMA Wales Secretary
- Stuart Geddes, Director of the British Dental Association Wales.

More information on the committee inquiry is available here:

http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third1/bus-committees-third-eoc-home/bus-committees-third-eoc-inquiry/eoc_3_dhs.htm

In plenary

Tuesday

The First Minister will be asked to comment on improving care services for the elderly.

See Tuesday's agenda in full here:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=149580&ds=11/2009>

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Wednesday

Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services will cover topics including:

- Paying for care
- Dental services
- Social services for young people
- Specialist health services
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Hospital vending machines
- Neurological services
- Stroke services
- Mental health services.

Also on Wednesday, AMs will debate cardiac services and the importance of education and prevention.

See more detail in Wednesday's agenda:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=149707&ds=11/2009>

Finance Committee

During its Monday meeting, the Finance Committee will hear evidence from the Minister for Finance and Public Service Delivery on the government's draft

budget for 2010-11.

Monday's agenda is available in full here:
[http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/
 bus-committees/bus-committees-third1/bus-
 committees-third-fin-home/bus-committees-third-
 fin-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=149675&ds=11/2009](http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third1/bus-committees-third-fin-home/bus-committees-third-fin-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=149675&ds=11/2009)

Minister honours Welsh veterans
[http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/topic/health/2009/09
 1026netherlands/?lang=en](http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/topic/health/2009/091026netherlands/?lang=en)

Last Week at the Assembly

Finance committee

The full transcript is now available for the session in which Paul Davies and David Lewis gave evidence to the Finance Committee on behalf of NHS Wales Finance Directors.

[http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/
 bus-committees/bus-committees-third1/bus-
 committees-third-fin-home/bus-committees-third-
 fin-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=149426&ds=11/2009](http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third1/bus-committees-third-fin-home/bus-committees-third-fin-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=149426&ds=11/2009)

Press releases issued

Funding boost for ambulance fleet
[http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/topic/health/2009/09
 1030ambulance/?lang=en](http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/topic/health/2009/091030ambulance/?lang=en)

Minister sees progress on hospital developments
[http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/topic/health/2009/09
 1029developments/?lang=en](http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/topic/health/2009/091029developments/?lang=en)

Welsh Assembly Government responds to independent review into Newport homicide
[http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/topic/health/2009/09
 1029homicide/?lang=en](http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/topic/health/2009/091029homicide/?lang=en)

Health Minister approves Assembly Government funding for Bronglais Hospital
[http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/topic/health/2009/09
 1026bronglais/?lang=en](http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/topic/health/2009/091026bronglais/?lang=en)

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