

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

Restructuring consultation

The Health Minister is inviting comments on the proposed restructuring of the NHS in Wales. The Welsh NHS Confederation will be speaking to all of our members before making our own formal response. The deadline for responses is 25 June 2008.

Read more information and the consultation papers in full on this link:

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/consultations/currentconsultation/healandsoccarecurrcons/nhswales/?lang=en>

Questions to the First Minister

The First Minister will answer four health-related questions in Tuesday's plenary session, on the following subjects:

- Protecting NHS staff in Wales
- The future of Llandudno Hospital.
- The new Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr
- Improving the treatment of older people in public services in Wales.

There will also be a debate on the public sector in Wales in Tuesday's plenary session, but no motion has yet been tabled.

Read the full list of questions for the First Minister here:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-oral.htm?act=dis&id=80353&ds=4/2008>

Questions to the Health Minister

In Wednesday's plenary session, the Health Minister will answer questions on the following subjects:

- Parkinson's disease
- Maternity services in the Royal Gwent Hospital
- Support for carers
- Location for Gwent's proposed Specialist and Critical Care Centre
- Investment programme for Prince Charles Hospital
- Child and adolescent mental health services
- Out of hours GP services in North East Wales
- Development of the rural health plan
- Number of foreign nationals registered with GPs
- Teenage pregnancy
- Vision for the future of the NHS
- Neurosurgery in North Wales
- Hospital car parking
- Dental provision

Read the questions in full here:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-oral.htm?act=dis&id=80397&ds=4/2008>

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third-fin-home/bus-committees-third-fin-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=80291&ds=4/2008>

Committee News

The Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee will meet on Wednesday, where they will continue their inquiry into presumed consent for organ donation. On Wednesday, they will hear evidence from the University Hospital of Wales's Transplant and Nephrology Directorate, and UK Transplant.

See the full agenda here:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third-hwlg-home/bus-committees-third-hwlg-agendas.htm?act=dis&id=80326&ds=4/2008>

The Subordinate Legislation Committee will discuss the NHS Redress Measure in its meeting on Tuesday, see the full agenda here:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-business-notice.htm>

The Proposed Mental Health Services LCO Committee will also meet on Tuesday, see the agenda here:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-legislation-lco-2008-8/bus-committees-third-ac-agendas-4.htm?act=dis&id=80258&ds=4/2008>

The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday to discuss its ongoing inquiry into Public Private Partnerships. They will be hearing evidence from Dave Galligan, Head of Health in Wales, Unison Wales. See the full agenda here:

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The Welsh NHS Confederation represents the organisations making up the NHS in Wales: trusts and local health boards. We act as an independent voice in the drive for better health and better healthcare through our policy and influencing work, and by supporting members with events, information and training. To find out more about us go to -

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