

# 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

### Tuesday

#### Plenary

The First Minister will be asked to comment on muscular dystrophy care, tackling substance misuse, the shortage of middle grade medical staff and the take up of free prescriptions.

### Wednesday

#### Plenary

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

- the availability of modern drug treatments
- ensuring the concerns of NHS patients are heard
- general practice recruitment in socially disadvantaged areas
- NHS dental services in North Wales
- policy priorities for 2010
- improving hospital buildings in South East Wales
- the provision of health services in Gwent
- plans to provide a renal dialysis unit in North Gwent
- health services in remote communities
- the funding of continuing care
- the reform of neuroscience services in Wales
- the reform of Community Health Councils
- provision of defibrillators in South Wales Central.

### Thursday

#### Public Accounts Committee

The committee will continue its scrutiny of services for children and young people with emotional and mental health needs, hearing evidence from the Interim Auditor General for Wales, Gillian Body. Ms Body will also brief committee members on ambulance services in Wales.

#### Mental Health Measure Legislation Committee

The agenda for the meeting is not currently available.

#### Proposed Carers Strategy (Wales) Measure Committee

Committee members will hear evidence from the member in charge of the proposed Measure, Deputy Minister for Social Services, Gwenda Thomas.

## Last Week at the Assembly

### Swine flu update

Edwina Hart issued a written statement updating AMs on swine flu. Read the statement in full here: <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/newsitem.cfm?contentid=16126>

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