

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 the provision of health services, delayed transfers of care, raising the standard of NHS services and the diagnosis and management of coeliac disease.

The Minister for Health and Social Services will make a statement on the Dementia Plan.

Wednesday

Plenary

In a Conservative proposed debate, AMs will discuss the Disability Wales Independent Living Now Campaign for Wales.

In a Liberal Democrat proposed debate, AMs will discuss public service efficiency savings.

The Minister for Business and Budget will be asked to comment on the future funding of the health and social services budget.

Thursday

Proposed Mental Health (Wales) Measure Committee

The Committee will hear evidence from Local Health Board representatives, Mary Burrows and Dr Lyndon Miles. Also giving evidence will be the Welsh Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Social Services.

Proposed Carers' Strategy (Wales) Measure Committee

The committee will hold a private meeting.

Finance Committee

The Committee will continue its inquiry into the Allocation of Capital Resources, hearing evidence from the Minister for Business and Budget.

Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee

The committee will continue its inquiry into Local Safeguarding Children Boards, hearing evidence from the NSPCC, the Children's Commissioner for Wales, CSSIW, and the Youth Justice Board.

The full Business Notice for this week is available here:

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

Last Week at the Assembly

Beecham Review Debate

David Melding (Shadow Minister for Economic Development) accused the government of “slow implementation” of key recommendations. He said that the government still faces the challenge of turning best practice into common practice, and that WAG targets are too detailed and stifle innovation.

In response, the Minister for Business and Budget, said that partnerships across local government and the health sector are “transforming the culture”. The Minister provided examples to demonstrate how Local Service Boards are driving collaboration.

Read the debate in full here:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-rop.htm?act=dis&id=179664&ds=5/2010#4>

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