

Plenary

Meeting date:
Wednesday, 25 February 2015

Meeting time:
13.30

Cynulliad
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National
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Wales



Agenda

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1 Questions to the Minister for Natural Resources (45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Minister after Question 2.

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2 Questions to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty (45 mins)

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3 Statement by the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport: Update on announcement by 2 Sisters Food Group Ltd (30 mins)

4 Debate on the Health and Social Care Committee's report on its inquiry into access to medical technologies in Wales (60 mins)

NDM5700 David Rees (Aberafan)

The National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report by the Health and Social Care Committee into access to medical

technologies in Wales, which was laid in the Table Office on 17 December 2014.

Note: The response of the Minister for Health and Social Services was laid on 18 February 2015.

Supporting Documents

[Health and Social Care Committee's Report](#)

[Welsh Government's Response](#)

5 Welsh Conservatives Debate (60 mins)

NDM5701 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls upon the Welsh Government to take urgent action to ensure that Welsh NHS targets are met.

The following amendments have been tabled:

Amendment 1 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert after 'Government to':

'ensure its targets meet the needs of NHS patients and'

Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)

Insert at end of motion:

'and develop the use of Patient Reported Outcome Measures to measure performance in the Welsh NHS.'

Amendment 3 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to learn from the Scottish Government, which has implemented improvements to waiting times in the Scottish NHS in recent years.

Amendment 4 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes that the Wales Audit Office concluded in its report on 'NHS elective care in Wales' that 'England and Scotland are performing better against their more stringent targets' in their respective health services.

The Wales Audit Office report on 'NHS waiting times for elective care in Wales' is available at <http://www.wao.gov.uk/publication/nhs-waiting-times-elective-care-wales>

6 Welsh Liberal Democrats Debate (60 mins)

NDM5702 Aled Roberts (North Wales)

1. Notes that:

- a) the Office for National Statistics estimates that one in four British adults will experience a mental health problem within any given year;
- b) the World Health Organisation estimates that 20% of the 'burden of disease' in the UK is represented by mental illness but that mental health accounts for just 11% of NHS spending;
- c) mental health problems can interact with other conditions to further worsen a person's wellbeing;
- d) according to the UK Chief Medical Officer, three-quarters of adult mental disorders are in evidence by the age of 21, but three-quarters of children and young people with these disorders are not diagnosed or treated;
- e) Stats Wales showed young people under the age of 18 accounted for 85% of the population waiting more than 18 weeks in December 2014 between referral and receiving first treatment for mental health problems;
- f) research by Mind found that 1 in 3 workers in the UK wouldn't be able to talk openly with their line managers about stress.

2. Welcomes the excellent work of the third sector in raising awareness for mental health wellbeing.

3. Believes more must be done to support people to look after their own mental health.

4. Believes there must be a parity of emphasis between mental and physical health.

5. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

a) carry out a study to determine what additional funding and resources are required for mental health provision in Wales in order to ensure parity of emphasis between mental and physical health services;

b) expand liaison psychiatry in the NHS to provide mental healthcare support for people being treated with physical health problems;

c) offer mental health support training and advice to all those who work closely with children;

d) ensure all new student teachers receive basic mental health support training as part of the qualified teacher status;

e) ensure that employers make workplaces a mental health friendly environment.

7 Voting time

8 Short Debate (30 mins)

NDM5703 Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central)

Know Your Prostate!

Prostate Cancer in Wales – the hidden Killer.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 3 March 2015