

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date: 30 September 2015

Meeting time: 13.30

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#### 1 Questions to the Minister for Health and Social Services

(45 mins)

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#### 2 Questions to the Minister for Education and Skills

(45 mins)

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#### 3 Welsh Conservatives Debate

(60 mins)

**NDM5831 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the important role that local authority services play in an individuals' experiences of public services.



2. Regrets the Welsh Government's persistent refusal to provide support to local authorities in preventing rises in council tax bills;

3. Notes that the average band D council tax for Wales for 2015–16 is £1,328; and that households are £546 worse off over the course of the Fourth Assembly due to the Welsh Government's refusal to implement a council tax freeze;

4. Believes that people in Wales will question the value for money provided by many local authority services further to these council tax rises; and

5. Further believes that more work needs to be done in Wales to utilise the role third sector organisations can play in effective local service delivery.

**The following amendment has been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Delete all after point 1 and replace with:

Regrets the implications for the future of local authority services if the UK Government continues to pursue austerity policies.

Believes that local authorities and communities should have the freedom to make their own decisions to raise finance, in order to protect local services and jobs.

**4 Debate on a Petitions Committee Report – Stop the Army Recruiting in Schools**

(60 mins)

**NDM5828 William Powell (Mid and West Wales)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Petitions Committee on the petition, 'Stop the army recruiting in schools', which was laid in the Table Office on 19 June 2015.

The Welsh Government's response to the report was laid in the Table Office on 23 September 2015.

## **Supporting Documents**

[Petitions Committee Report](#)

[Welsh Government Response](#)

## **5 Welsh Conservatives Debate**

(60 mins)

**NDM5830 Paul Davies (Preseli Pembrokeshire)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that Welsh NHS referral-to-treatment time targets have not been met since 2010;
2. Regrets the potential adverse impact of prolonged NHS waiting times on patient outcomes and quality of life; and
3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to set out a plan and timetable for achieving its referral-to-treatment time targets.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1 – Elin Jones (Ceredigion)**

Add as new point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Recognises the importance of achieving faster diagnosis in reducing waiting times.

## **Amendment 2 – Aled Roberts (North Wales)**

Insert at end of point 3:

'and to ensure that patients are seen in a timely manner throughout their care.'

## **6 Voting Time**

## **7 Short Debate**

(30 mins)

**NDM5829 Mark Isherwood (North Wales):** Palliative Care in Wales, looking beyond 2016.

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 6 October 2015

# Agenda Item 1

## Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 23 September 2015 for answer on 30 September 2015

R – Signifies the Member has declared an interest.

W – Signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.

(Self identifying Question no. shown in brackets)

### To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

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

**1. Bethan Jenkins (South Wales West):** What action is the Welsh Government taking to address the lack of treatment available for those with post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of sexual abuse they suffered as children? OAQ(4)0624(HSS)

**2. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on cancer treatment waiting times in South Wales West? OAQ(4)0622(HSS)

**3. Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr):** Will the Minister make a statement on waiting times for treatment in Hywel Dda University Health Board? OAQ(4)0631(HSS)

**4. Alun Ffred Jones (Arfon):** Will the Minister make a statement on planning for the future workforce within the health service? OAQ(4)0638(HSS)W

**5. William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** What assessment has the Minister made of the challenges facing nurse recruitment in Mid and West Wales? OAQ(4)0637(HSS)

**6. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement on funding for GP surgeries? OAQ(4)0628(HSS)W

**7. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Hywel Dda University Health Board report on women and children's services? OAQ(4)0639(HSS)W

**8. John Griffiths (Newport East):** Will the Minister make a statement on smoking cessation services in Wales? OAQ(4)0635(HSS)

**9. Eluned Parrott (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister make a statement on HIV prevention within the Welsh NHS? OAQ(4)0626(HSS)

**10. Altaf Hussain (South Wales West):** Will the Minister outline actions the Welsh Government is taking to reduce cancer treatment waiting times? OAQ(4)0629(HSS)

**11. Janet Finch–Saunders (Aberconwy):** Will the Minister make a statement on GP services in north Wales? OAQ(4)0623(HSS)

**12. Lynne Neagle (Torfaen):** Will the Minister make a statement on access to cancer drugs in Wales? OAQ(4)0627(HSS)

**13. Keith Davies (Llanelli):** Will the Minister make a statement on how Prince Philip Hospital’s new front–of–house project will improve emergency medical services for Llanelli? OAQ(4)0634(HSS)

**14. William Powell (Mid and West Wales):** Will the Minister make a statement on the implications of the NHS Future Fit programme for the residents of Powys? OAQ(4)0636(HSS)

**15. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on waiting times for women referred with suspected breast cancer to secondary care? OAQ(4)0625(HSS)

## **To ask the Minister for Education and Skills**

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

**1. William Graham (South Wales East):** Will the Minister make a statement on the rate of absenteeism in schools in South Wales East? OAQ(4)0625(ESK)

**2. Julie Morgan (Cardiff North):** What is the Welsh Government doing to promote participation in after–school clubs to improve a child’s basic skills? OAQ(4)0624(ESK)

**3. Aled Roberts (North Wales):** Will the Minister outline how the Schools Challenge Cymru funding for regional consortia will be spent? OAQ(4)0629(ESK)

**4. Simon Thomas (Mid and West Wales):** When does the Minister expect the first part of Professor Diamond’s review of higher education funding to be published? OAQ(4)0632(ESK)W

**5. David Rees (Aberavon):** What action is the Welsh Government taking to monitor the effectiveness of local education consortia? OAQ(4)0627(ESK)

**6. Christine Chapman (Cynon Valley):** What action is the Welsh Government taking to reduce the impact of poverty on educational attainment in Wales? OAQ(4)0626(ESK)

**7. Sandy Mewies (Delyn):** Will the Minister make a statement on what support the Welsh Government is giving to schools in Delyn to help

them raise attainment, particularly among children from deprived backgrounds? OAQ(4)0631(ESK)

**8. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What strategies has the Welsh Government put in place to assist in the development of head teacher training? OAQ(4)0619(ESK)

**9. Lindsay Whittle (South Wales East):** What steps is the Welsh Government taking to make sure that schools in Wales are able to support pupils with mental health problems? OAQ(4)0616(ESK)

**10. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Môn):** Will the Minister make a statement on head teacher recruitment? OAQ(4)0622(ESK)

**11. Aled Roberts (North Wales):** Will the Minister provide an update on preparations for PISA 2015? OAQ(4)0628(ESK)

**12. Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Minister make a statement on the provision of new school buildings in Powys? OAQ(4)0617(ESK)

**13. Nick Ramsay (Monmouth):** Will the Minister make a statement on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme in Monmouthshire? OAQ(4)0623(ESK)

**14. Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central):** What is the Welsh Government doing to promote vocational training at further education colleges? OAQ(4)0618(ESK)

**15. Peter Black (South Wales West):** Will the Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's policy towards the education other than at school service? OAQ(4)0614(ESK)R