

# Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

**Y Siambr – Senedd**

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 12 February 2020

Meeting time: 13.30

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### 1 Questions to the Minister for Education

The item started at 13.30

Questions 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 were asked. Question 6 was withdrawn. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

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

The item started at 14.20

The first 8 questions were asked. Question 1 was answered by the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services. The Presiding Officer invited party spokespeople to ask questions to the Minister after question 2.

### 3 Welsh Conservatives Debate – NHS Emergency Departments

The item started at 15.05

**Voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.**

A vote was taken on the motion without amendment:

**NDM7266 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the concerns expressed by patients and clinicians across Wales regarding the performance and future of NHS emergency departments.



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2. Rejects proposals by Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board which could lead to an end to 24-hour consultant-led services at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital's emergency department.

3. Calls upon the Welsh Government to intervene to prevent any downgrading or closures of emergency departments in Wales during this Assembly.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
17	0	34	51

The motion without amendment was not agreed.

The following amendments were tabled:

**Amendment 1 – [Rebecca Evans \(Gower\)](#)**

Delete all and replace with:

1. Recognises the cross party statement on the Future of Safe Emergency Care in Cwm Taf Morgannwg.

2. Recognises the need for openness and transparency from the health board in their engagement with the public, clinicians, the community health council, elected representatives, staff and their unions to inform their decision on the future provision of all types of unscheduled care, including emergency services.

3. Recognises that any unscheduled care provision must be robust, safe and sustainable.

**[The Campaign for Safe Emergency Care Across Cwm Taf Morgannwg](#)**

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
28	0	23	51

Amendment 1 was agreed.

## **Amendment 2 – [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to adopt a comprehensive plan for increasing the clinical workforce, with specific focus on specialities and geographical areas that are hard to recruit to, such as within emergency departments, so that staff shortages can never be used to justify closures and service changes.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	0	28	51

**Amendment 2 was not agreed.**

## **Amendment 3 – [Neil McEvoy \(South Wales Central\)](#)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Supports a permanent and fully resourced accident and emergency department at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
23	14	14	51

**Amendment 3 was agreed.**

## **Amendment 4 – [Mick Antoniw \(Pontypridd\)](#)**

Add as new point at end of motion:

Rejects proposals by Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board to end 24-hour consultant-led accident and emergency services at the Royal Glamorgan hospital and calls on the Health Board to:

a) rule out the closure of the accident and emergency service at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital or the replacing of the existing accident and emergency service with a 24 hour minor injuries unit;

b) reinstate the option of maintaining a full consultant-led accident and emergency service at the Royal Glamorgan, Prince Charles and Princess of Wales hospitals;

c) bring forward other proposals for community health services, including improvements in the out-of-hours GP service and extending the opening hours of the minor injuries unit at Ysbyty Cwm Rhondda and Ysbyty Cwm Cynon, which may alleviate the pressure on all three accident and emergency departments.

#### Co-Submitters

[Dawn Bowden \(Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney\)](#)

[Huw Irranca-Davies \(Ogmore\)](#)

[Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#)

A vote was taken on amendment 4:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
33	18	0	51

Amendment 4 was agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion as amended:

NDM7266 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the cross party statement on the Future of Safe Emergency Care in Cwm Taf Morgannwg.
2. Recognises the need for openness and transparency from the health board in their engagement with the public, clinicians, the community health council, elected representatives, staff and their unions to inform their decision on the future provision of all types of unscheduled care, including emergency services.

3. Recognises that any unscheduled care provision must be robust, safe and sustainable.
4. Supports a permanent and fully resourced accident and emergency department at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.
5. Rejects proposals by Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board to end 24-hour consultant-led accident and emergency services at the Royal Glamorgan hospital and calls on the Health Board to:
  - a) rule out the closure of the accident and emergency service at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital or the replacing of the existing accident and emergency service with a 24 hour minor injuries unit;
  - b) reinstate the option of maintaining a full consultant-led accident and emergency service at the Royal Glamorgan, Prince Charles and Princess of Wales hospitals;
  - c) bring forward other proposals for community health services, including improvements in the out-of-hours GP service and extending the opening hours of the minor injuries unit at Ysbyty Cwm Rhondda and Ysbyty Cwm Cynon, which may alleviate the pressure on all three accident and emergency departments.

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For	Abstain	Against	Total
32	18	1	51

The motion as amended was agreed.

#### 4 Topical Questions

No Topical Questions were accepted.

#### 5 90 Second Statements

The item started at 16.11

Vikki Howells made a statement on LGBT History Month.

## 6 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – On–line and Off–line Public Services

The item started at 16.13

Voting on the motion under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

NDM7263 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes that more and more services are only available online.
2. Recognises that not everyone has access to the internet.
3. Recognises that not everyone is comfortable with using the internet.
4. Calls on Welsh Government to:
  - a) ensure there are offline alternatives to online public services, such as with the bus pass renewal system; and
  - b) discuss with banks, businesses and other organisations to make sure that customers are not isolated if only online services are offered.

Co–Submitters:

[Angela Burns \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\)](#)

[Janet Finch–Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

[Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

[Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

[Neil Hamilton \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)

[Vikki Howells \(Cynon Valley\)](#)

[Mark Isherwood \(North Wales\)](#)

[Delyth Jewell \(South Wales East\)](#)

[Helen Mary Jones \(Mid and West Wales\)](#)

[Dai Lloyd \(South Wales West\)](#)

Supported by:

[Suzy Davies \(South Wales West\)](#)

[Huw Irranca–Davies \(Ogmore\)](#)

The result was as follows:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
36	15	0	51

The motion was agreed.

## **7 Debate on the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee report: Rough sleeping follow up – Mental health and substance misuse services**

The item started at 16.59

**NDM7267 [John Griffiths \(Newport East\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee, 'Rough sleeping follow up – Mental health and substance misuse services', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 19 December 2019.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

## **8 Voting Time**

The item started at 17.46

## **9 Short Debate**

The item started at 17.50

**NDM7268 [Alun Davies \(Blaenau Gwent\)](#)**

Tech Valleys, the A465 and an industrial strategy for sustainable employment in the Heads of the Valleys.

The meeting concluded at 18.16

**The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 25 February 2020**