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Gofyn i Weinidog yr Economi, Gwyddoniaeth a Thrafnidiaeth
To ask the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau beth yw pob grwp gorchwyl a gorffen a sefydlwyd yn ei phortffolio yn ystod y pedwerydd Cynulliad, gan nodi'r costau llawn sy'n gysylltiedig â phob grwp gan gynnwys cymorth ysgrifenyddol. (WAQ65040)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister confirm the identity of each task and finish group set up within her portfolio during the fourth assembly, detailing the full costs associated with each group including secretarial support. (WAQ65040)

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The Minister for Economy, Science and Transport (Edwina Hart): I refer to your Freedom of Information requests reference 6651 and 6767.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau
To ask the Minister for Education and Skills

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu'r broses dendro ar gyfer darparu deunyddiau hyfforddi a chymorth ar gyfer gweithredu'r Fframwaith Llythrennedd a Rhifedd? (WAQ65050)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister outline the tendering process for the provision of training materials and teacher support for the implementation of the Literacy and Numeracy Framework? (WAQ65050)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Huw Lewis): All materials, guidance and training provided by the Welsh Government to support the implementation of the National Literacy and Numeracy Framework (LNF) have been procured in accordance with Welsh Government Procurement Policy. The policy ensures that the Welsh Government buys goods and services that meet our business needs by providing sustainable and citizen focused solutions while maximizing the value we get from spending the Welsh pound.

The Welsh Government has produced a suite of bilingual online guidance materials on the LNF and has also developed a National Support Programme which offers direct support to all schools. Both these projects were procured through full and open competition. Welsh Government requirements for these projects were published through the Buy 4 Wales website, which in the case of the NSP was published throughout Europe. Expressions of interest were assessed in line with set tender evaluation criteria and the contract awarded to the tender offer which met the set criteria. Welsh Government Corporate Procurement Services oversee the administration of all tenders.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog gadarnhau bod yr holl ddeunyddiau hyfforddi a ddefnyddir i ategu'r Fframwaith Llythrennedd a Rhifedd ar gael (a bob amser wedi bod ar gael) yn ddwyieithog? (WAQ65051)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister confirm that all training materials used to support the Literacy and Numeracy Framework are (and always have been) available bilingually? (WAQ65051)

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Huw Lewis: The Welsh Government is determined to ensure that all our schools are supported to implement the National Literacy and Numeracy Framework.

That is why we have put in place a package of bilingual support comprising the National Support Programme for Literacy and Numeracy and a suite of online guidance and training materials. We have already published curriculum planning guidance training workshops and Phase 1 Guidance to accompany the NSP. These are all available bilingually on the Learning Wales website.

Assessment-related guidance and classroom practice materials will be published on Learning Wales in September 2013 to coincide with statutory implementation, along with further guidance to company the next phase of support being provided to schools by the NSP. These will also all be bilingual.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am nifer yr ysgolion ac awdurdodau lleol sydd wedi cyflwyno gwybodaeth lawn a chynhwysfawr am yr arolwg asbestos? (WAQ65052)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on the number of schools and local authorities which have submitted full and comprehensive asbestos survey information? (WAQ65052)

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Huw Lewis: I would refer you to the Written Statement made by the previous Minister for Education and Skills which advised that all local authorities were asked to confirm that they were undertaking their statutory duties in accordance with legislation and that their existing plans for the management of asbestos were reviewed.

All local authorities confirmed that they have plans in place and that these have been reviewed.

Asbestos is a non-devolved matter so there is no locus for the Welsh Government to monitor the quality of Asbestos Management Plans. Responsibility lies with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and local authority Environmental Health.

As part of a data collection on school buildings, which will be carried out later this year, my officials will again be asking local authorities to confirm whether there are asbestos plans in place for each of the schools in their area. This monitoring will take place annually as a matter of routine but on the basis of an assurance check only; in light of Asbestos being a non-devolved matter.

Health and safety legislation places duties on employers to ensure the health and safety of employees and others who may be affected, and this includes requirements for maintaining the buildings. The Control of Asbestos Regulations (2012) places specific duties on anyone with responsibility for maintenance and repair of non-domestic premises. Depending on who has those responsibilities the duty may be shared. Management of asbestos in schools rests with those responsible for their maintenance, for example the local authority. It is the HSE that checks for compliance with these requirements.

Should you have any concerns about schools in your area, I suggest you contact the local authority as they are best placed to provide you with further information.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa ganran o gyrff llywodraethu ysgolion sydd bellach yn cynnwys datganiad yn eu hadroddiad blynyddol am ddarparu cyfleusterau toiledau ysgolion i ddisgyblion a'r trefniadau ar gyfer glanhau'r toiledau hynny? (WAQ65053)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What percentage of school governing bodies now include a statement in their annual report on the provision of school toilet facilities for pupils and the arrangements for cleaning those toilets? (WAQ65053)

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Huw Lewis: Paragraph 18 of Schedule 2 to the School Governors' Annual Reports (Wales) Regulations 2011 requires: "A brief statement on the provision of toilet facilities at the school for pupils registered at the school and the arrangements in place for cleaning such toilet facilities."

All Governing bodies must include this information in their annual report. However this information is not collected by the school census data collection and is therefore not held centrally.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi eu cymryd i ymchwilio i'r rhesymau pam mae ysgolion a oedd ym Mand 4 neu Fand 5 yn 2011 wedi aros yn un o'r ddau fand hynny yn 2012? (WAQ65054)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What action has the Minister taken to investigate the reasons why schools which were in Band 4 or Band 5 in 2011 have remained in one of those two bands in 2012? (WAQ65054)

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Huw Lewis: Of the 79 schools in Band 4 or Band 5 in 2011, 49 schools remain in Band 4 or Band 5 in 2012 (this number only includes schools that were open and placed in bands in both 2011 and 2012). However 61 out of the 79 Band 4 and 5 schools in 2011 saw improvements in the percentage of pupils achieving the Level 2 threshold including English/Welsh First Language and Mathematics (L2 incl. E/W & M) in 2012.

It is important to note that the secondary banding model is a relative model; it cannot be used to monitor change over time. This is because it is not known whether a change in band for a school is due to changes in performance in that school itself, or to other schools moving up or down the bands, changing its position without actual change in the performance in the school. This means that some improving schools may not have changed bands between 2011 and 2012. The detailed data published alongside the bands allows users to compare the individual indicators that are used to calculate the bands against previous data:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/educationandskills/schoolshome/raisingstandards/schoolbanding/secondary/?lang=en>

You may be interested to note that officials in the School Standards Delivery Division (SSDD) are conducting a priority review of Band 4 and 5 schools in 2011 (as well as those schools in Band 1) that have demonstrated improvements in their performance, so that lessons learnt can be shared with other schools, including those remaining in Band 4 or Band 5, to inform the improvement journey.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog wedi eu cymryd i fynd i'r afael â'r graddau Estyn isel a gyrhaeddir gan rai Unedau Cyfeirio Disgyblion yng Nghymru? (WAQ65055)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What steps has the Minister taken to address the low Estyn inspection grades attained by some Pupil Referral Units in Wales? (WAQ65055)

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Huw Lewis: We are taking a number of steps to improve the way pupil referral units (PRUs) are run and how they perform. In 2011, the Welsh Government commissioned research to look at the delivery, planning and commissioning of education provision for children and young people outside the school setting, the largest element of which is PRUs. The ensuing report, which was published on 24 June, made a number of recommendations for the Welsh Government and local authorities, and my officials are currently considering how those recommendations will be taken forward. The recommendations include, for example, developing clear aims and purposes for PRUs, benchmarking frameworks for evaluating outcomes, and identifying, promoting and disseminating good examples of curricula in PRUs which meet current standards.

We are also planning to introduce new legislation in 2014 to make it a statutory requirement for local authorities to establish management committees for all their PRUs. We will support the introduction of the legislation with new guidance on the roles, responsibilities and constitution of management committees. The new legislation and guidance will help improve the leadership and management of PRUs, a concern highlighted in Estyn's 2011-12 Annual Report.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi ei wneud o ansawdd cynlluniau gwella ysgolion a gyflwynir gan ysgolion ym Mandiau 4 a 5? (WAQ65056)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What assessment has the Minister made of the quality of school improvement plans which are submitted by schools in Bands 4 and 5? (WAQ65056)

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Huw Lewis: The previous Minister for Education and Skills agreed to continue providing further financial support in 2013-14 to secondary schools in Band 4 and 5 in 2012. In total 60 Band 4 and 24 Band 5 schools (giving a total of 84 secondary schools in Wales) will benefit from this additional funding which totals £840,000. We have seen that schools in Bands 4 and 5 last year have made real progress. This funding is intended to help schools which are in those bands this year deliver improvements for their learners.

In order to access the additional funding, schools have to submit clear action plans with improvement targets to their local consortium and subsequently the Welsh Government. These plans require schools to systematically track and monitor progress of the effectiveness of their intervention programmes. Targeted intervention programmes were evident in all of the plans for Band 4 and 5 schools in 2011, and Welsh Government officials have had regular discussions with consortia which focus on performance, school banding data, target-setting for school improvement and progress against actions. The action plans are quality assured and approved by officials in Schools Management and Effectiveness Division prior to the allocation of any funding.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pryd y bydd y Gweinidog yn cyhoeddi manylion am y strategaeth gyfathrebu y bydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn ei datblygu yn sgîl yr Adolygiad o Gymwysterau? (WAQ65057)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): When will the Minister be publishing details of the communication strategy which the Welsh Government will be developing as a result of the Review of Qualifications? (WAQ65057)

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Huw Lewis: Communication is key to the successful implementation of the Review of Qualifications. Recommendation 4 of the Review was that 'the Welsh Government should launch a substantial, long-term, UK-wide communication strategy to promote and explain the qualifications available in Wales'. Since the Welsh Government's acceptance of all the recommendations of the Review at the end of January, Ministers, Huw Evans and officials have engaged with a number of stakeholders through a range of channels and have developed a detailed implementation plan and draft communication strategy. The first meeting of our Stakeholder Reference Group, chaired by Huw Evans, will take place on 10 July. The group includes key strategic stakeholders from Wales and elsewhere in the UK. At its meeting the group will, amongst other things, discuss the draft communications strategy. I wish to take full account of the views of these stakeholders in the course of my consideration of the approach to communications. I will publish the communication strategy in the autumn. In the meantime, significant further engagement and communication will take place, including an update to all stakeholders on progress with implementation of the Review's recommendations, before the end of the school term.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog yn ei wneud o sut y mae ysgolion yn gweithredu strategaethau a rheoliadau sy'n helpu i nodi a chynorthwyo disgyblion sydd â chyfrifoldebau ychwanegol, megis gofalwyr ifanc? (WAQ65058)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What assessment does the Minister make of how schools are implementing strategies and regulations which help identify and support pupils with additional responsibilities, such as young carers? (WAQ65058)

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Huw Lewis: The Carers Strategies (Wales) Measure 2010 placed a duty on Local Health Boards, working with their partner local authorities to develop and implement Carers Information and Consultation Strategies and it is through the development of local carers' strategies that we expect local authorities to consider the needs of young carers within schools and colleges.

Schools and colleges also have a clear responsibility to consider the impact of caring upon the right of young carers to education (Articles 28 and 29 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child).

Welsh Government outlined the actions required by local authorities to support young carers through its Carers' Strategy which was updated in 2007. A formal study of the Carers' Strategy was commissioned by Welsh Government the findings of which were published in July 2010. Overall, the report was relatively positive about the impact of the Carers' Strategy, concluding that it had promoted organisations to reconsider the ways in which carers are supported and to begin to develop new types of services and support. It noted also that legislative changes relating to assessment of carer needs were reported to have had a positive effect on the commissioning and delivery of services.

Much has been achieved in terms of policy, legislation and service development for both carers and young carers since the strategy was last reviewed in 2007, for example, in April 2013 an on-line toolkit was launched for professionals working in health, social care and education, who come into contact with young carers and young adult carers. Further information on these achievements is set out within the Carers' Strategy for Wales 2013. A link to the strategy is below.

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/health/publications/socialcare/strategies/carers-strategy/?lang=en>

In line with the commitment we gave in the Programme for Government a refreshed Carers' Strategy was launched on 13 June 2013. The refreshed strategy provides an integrated framework for support within which agencies and carers can work together to find innovative and sustainable ways of supporting carers of all ages more effectively.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Nick Ramsay (Mynwy): Faint y mae cyllideb iechyd Cymru wedi cael ei thorri mewn termau real y flwyddyn hon o gymharu â'r flwyddyn ariannol flaenorol, gan ystyried chwyddiant? (WAQ65039)

Nick Ramsay (Monmouth): By how much has the Welsh health budget been cut in real terms this year relative to the previous financial year, taking inflation into account? (WAQ65039)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Mark Drakeford): Details of the Welsh Health budget are published on the Welsh Government's internet site. The 2nd supplementary budget for 2012-13 is at the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/funding/budget/previousbudgetindex/2ndsuppbudget1213/?jsessionid=11333EA5F85E14CE4A1CA9977EAD4C13?lang=en>

The 1st Supplementary Budget for 2013-14 is at the following link:

<http://wales.gov.uk/funding/budget/1stsupp1314/?jsessionid=11333EA5F85E14CE4A1CA9977EAD4C13?lang=e>

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Faint o bresgripsiynau sydd wedi cael eu cyhoeddi ar gyfer ffurf Ritalin ar y cyffur methylphenidat yn y 10 mlynedd diwethaf? (WAQ65041)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): How many prescriptions have been issued for the Ritalin form of the drug methylphenidate in the last 10 years? (WAQ65041)

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Mark Drakeford: The information requested is provided in the table below.

Number of prescription items dispensed in the community in Wales where the Ritalin form of methylphenidate was specifically requested by the prescriber 2002-12

Year	<i>Items</i>	
	Ritalin Sr_Tab 20mg (import)	Ritalin_Tab 10mg
2002	116	5,987
2003	89	3,775
2004	69	2,854
2005	40	2,067
2006	11	1,476
2007	13	1,394
2008	26	1,110
2009	14	875
2010	12	797
2011	11	752
2012	13	727

BNF Chemical Name: Methylphenidate Hydrochloride
BNF Section Name: Central Nervous System Stimulants
BNF Chapter Name: Central Nervous System

Source: Prescription Cost Analysis data

Prescription Cost Analysis (PCA) data is routinely published at the following link:
<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/theme/health/primary-care/prescribing/?lang=en>

Please note the Statistical Releases and explanatory notes associated with this data (and accessible from the same link), which provide relevant definitions and guidance on the interpretation of prescription statistics.

Note in particular the following definitions:

Items dispensed: A prescription item refers to a single item prescribed by a doctor (or dentist) on a prescription form. If a prescription form includes three items it is counted as three prescription items. A prescription item may be for a variable quantity e.g. 14, 28 or 56 tablets.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog yn eu cymryd i fonitro'r defnydd o fethyllffenedid hydroclorid mewn plant o dan 16 oed? (WAQ65242)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What steps is the Minister taking to monitor the use of methylphenidate hydrochloride in children under 16 years old? (WAQ65242)

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Mark Drakeford: Methylphenidate hydrochloride is used in the treatment of ADHD, which is diagnosed and treated within mainstream child and adolescent mental health and Paediatric health services in common with other conditions, with treatment provided on the basis of clinical need of the individual.

The diagnosis and treatment of ADHD is guided by NICE guidelines, which provides independent, authoritative and evidence-based guidance on the most effective ways to prevent, diagnose and treat disease and ill health. As with all NICE guidelines, responsibility for delivery lies with the Health Boards. Medication is also used together with therapeutic interventions and their use is based on the needs of the individual, and it is good practice for professionals to regularly review medication and other treatment options to ensure they reflect the needs of the individual.

Our national mental health strategy, Together for Mental Health, recognises the importance of tackling issues early to prevent problems developing later in life. In this respect it seeks to build resilience and develop coping strategies among young people, in addition to other interventions such as medication to treat mental health problems, including ADHD, in order that the individual may fulfil their potential.

All Local Health Boards (LHBs) have a responsibility to monitor the use of controlled drugs within their locality including those used in the treatment of ADHD. Information on controlled drug prescribing is available to LHBs from the NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership. Each LHB's Accountable Officer and Local Intelligence Network are expected to keep controlled drug prescribing under review.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi ei wneud o lawlyfr DSM-5? (WAQ65043)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What assessment has the Minister made of the DSM-5 manual? (WAQ65043)

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Mark Drakeford: The DSM-5, the fifth version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders was reviewed in May for the first time since 1994, but it is important to note the manual –

which classified the variety of mental illnesses – is more commonly used in the US. This is work undertaken internationally by experts in the field of classification rather than governments. The Welsh Government and NHS Wales use the International Classification of Diseases (ICD), as do other World Health Organisation member states, to classify diseases and other conditions. The tenth version of the ICD has been in use since 1994 and work on the eleventh revision will continue into 2015.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu rhan Llywodraeth Cymru a'r GIG o ran cynorthwyo Uned Canolfan Ymchwil Delweddu'r Ymennydd Prifysgol Caerdydd? (WAQ65044)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister outline the involvement of the Welsh Government and the NHS in support of the Cardiff University Brain Research Imaging Centre (CUBRIC) Unit? (WAQ65044)

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Mark Drakeford: Whilst the National Institute for Social Care and Health Research (NISCHR) does not fund Cardiff University Brain Imaging Research Centre (CUBRIC) directly, there is potential for CUBRIC collaboration with the NISCHR-funded Biomedical Research Centre (the National Centre for Mental Health - NCMH) and the Advanced Image Analysis and Visualisation Biomedical Research Unit (AMIAV). For example, there is a live Diffusion Tensor Imaging project on the AMIVA research portfolio which is collaboration with CUBRIC.

Similarly, with support from NCMH, Neuroimaging facilities at CUBRIC are currently being upgraded for imaging participant volunteers. NCMH imaging work is progressing well, with the Control participants being imaged for the '100 Brains' and the '1000 Brains' studies. Patient imaging protocols are currently being developed with the aim of having approvals in place by mid 2013. NISCHR runs open and competitive grant schemes, which are open to researchers in Wales across a wide range of disease areas, including CUBRIC staff or researchers looking to work with or utilise CUBRIC in their project. One example is a PhD Studentship project, led by Professor David Linden of Cardiff University. Within the project timetable CUBRIC was used for the scanning and testing of patients, and will be used for the subsequent data analysis.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa ystyriaeth y mae'r Gweinidog wedi ei rhoi i gyflwyno rhaglenni newydd yn sgîl Prosiectau Arddangos ar gyflyrau cronig sydd wedi eu cynnal yng Nghymru? (WAQ65045)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What consideration has the Minister given to rolling out new programmes as a result of Demonstrator Projects on chronic conditions which have been undertaken in Wales? (WAQ65045)

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Mark Drakeford: The learning from the three Chronic Conditions Management Demonstrator sites was shared with Health Boards and is published on <http://www.ccmdemonstrators.com/>. Health Boards have made good progress with developing new and improved models of care and support, based on the Demonstrator learning and other good practice established in response to Setting the Direction.

On 25 June, I launched the Delivering Local Health Care Plan. This aims to accelerate the pace of change to provide more services, care and support closer to home - and have a specific focus on supporting people with long term conditions.

Later this month I will also be issuing for consultation a companion plan setting out a framework for integrated health and social care for older people with complex needs.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa waith y mae'r Gweinidog wedi ei wneud i ddiweddarau Cyfarwydddeb Llywodraeth Cymru ar Epilepsi yng ngoleuni canllawiau diweddaraf NICE? (WAQ65046)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What work has the Minister undertaken to update the Welsh Government Directive on Epilepsy in the light of updated NICE guidance? (WAQ65046)

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi ei wneud o'r gwasanaethau epilepsi a ddarperir mewn Byrddau Iechyd Lleol yng Nghymru? (WAQ65047)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What assessment has the Minister made of the provision of epilepsy services in LHBs in Wales? (WAQ65047)

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Mark Drakeford: I will write to you and a copy of the letter will be put on the internet.

Gweler Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad
See Information Further to Written Assembly Questions

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa asesiad y mae'r Gweinidog wedi ei wneud o'r effaith ar gleifion yn sgîl trosglwyddo gwasanaethau niwrolegol Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr o ganlyniad i'r adolygiad niwrowyddorau? (WAQ65048)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): What assessment has the Minister made of the impact on patients of the transfer of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's neurological services as a result of the neurosciences review? (WAQ65048)

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Mark Drakeford: The Adult Neurosciences Review highlighted the importance of neurology and neurorehabilitation services being delivered more locally greatly reducing the need for patients to travel and ultimately helping improve their health and quality of life.

The implementation of the Review is being taken forward by Local Health Boards in accordance with the plans they have developed and through their local mechanisms. There has been significant progress across Wales implementing its recommendations.

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board have established the North Wales Neurosciences Network to take work forward.

A National Specialist Advisory Group for Neurosciences is being established to provide advice on the ongoing implementation.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog roi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am sut y bydd yn datblygu adroddiadau 2007 a 2008 "Cyfarwydddebau Datblygu a Chomisiynu Gwasanaethau Arthritis a

Chyflyrau Cyhyrysgerbydol” a “Cyfarwyddbau Datblygu a Chomisiynu Gwasanaethau Poen Anfalaen Cronig”? (WAQ65049)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister provide an update on how he will be progressing the 2007 and 2008 reports “Service Development and the Commissioning Directives for Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Conditions” and “Service Development and Commissioning Directives for Chronic Non-Malignant Pain”? (WAQ65049)

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Mark Drakeford: The raising of awareness and improvements in early diagnosis of musculoskeletal conditions are the responsibility of LHBs in Wales and continued compliance with the current commissioning directives are key to maintaining the progress made on these issues. Health Boards have been encouraged to establish more robust community pain services linked with secondary care to support more effective pain management. Through my Orthopaedic Board we specifically tasked LHBs to improve community pain services and I will be looking at what progress we have made through this work. LHBs and NHS Trusts will also ensure effective modern technologies are in place to facilitate early assessment and diagnosis of arthritis and musculoskeletal conditions. LHBs were set a target of a minimum of 95% compliance against the directives, and in an audit of progress against all the chronic conditions service directives, conducted in 2011, LHBs achieved 97% compliance with the Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Directive, and 87% of the actions within the Pain Directive. I will be asking the Pain Sub Group of the National Specialist Advisory Group for Anaesthesia to carry out audit of pain services, to understand progress since 2011 with the intention of reporting by October 2013.

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ystyried adolygu'r broses bresennol o hunanasesu perfformiad yn y GIG, o blaid gweithredu model newydd lle gellir archwilio perfformiad y GIG yn erbyn Safonau Ansawdd priodol? (WAQ65059)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Will the Minister consider reviewing the current process of self-assessment of performance within the NHS, in favour of implementing a new model where NHS performance can be audited against appropriate Quality Standards? (WAQ65059)

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Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): A yw'r Gweinidog yn ymwybodol o unrhyw ardaloedd o Gymru lle nad oes cymorth epilepsi oherwydd methiannau i lofnodi cytundebau arbenigol? (WAQ65060)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Is the Minister aware of any areas of Wales where there is no epilepsy support because of failures to sign specialist agreements? (WAQ65060)

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Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Cyfoeth Naturiol a Bwyd
To ask the Minister for Natural Resources and Food

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog nodi faint o Swyddogion Datblygu Tir Comin a gyflogir ar gyfer elfen Tir Comin Glastir ac a ydynt yn ymwneud ag agweddau eraill ar gymorth 'ar y fferm' y rhaglen Glastir? (WAQ65038)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister detail how many Commons Development Officers are employed for the Common Land element of Glastir and whether they are involved in other aspects of Glastir on-farm support? (WAQ65038)

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The Minister for Natural Resources and Food (Alun Davies): There are 18 Commons Development Officers currently employed by three Local Action Groups across Wales. They are mainly involved in facilitating common land Grazing Associations to enter Glastir Commons and negotiating, on behalf of the Welsh Government, Glastir Advanced contracts on common land. They also provide technical support at local Glastir Entry Drop-in Surgeries and supporting the Glastir On-farm training events for which the feedback forms demonstrates that the participants valued the services given.