

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 27 Ebrill 2012

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 27 April 2012

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[R] *yn nodi bod yr Aelod wedi datgan buddiant/signifies that the Member has declared an interest.*

[W] *yn nodi bod y cwestiwn wedi'i gyflwyno yn Gymraeg/signifies that the question was tabled in Welsh.*

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

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): Pa ysgolion ym mandiau pedwar a phump sydd eto i gyflwyno cynlluniau gwella'r ysgol a beth sy'n cael ei wneud i'w hannog i'w cyflwyno. (WAQ60111)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): Which schools in bands four and five have not yet submitted school improvement plans and what is being done to encourage their submission. (WAQ60111)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): The Welsh Government has plans for all band 4 and 5 schools. These do, however, vary in their level of detail, with some being relatively short, particularly where interventions have been across the whole authority or consortium with a limited amount of adaptation for individual schools. I have arranged for £10k to be made available to all band 4 and 5 schools in 2012/13. A condition of the payment of this grant is that detailed plans must be submitted to officials for consideration by the end of May 2012. Schools will not be able to access the grant unless they submit a robust, detailed plan.

The School Standards and Organisation Bill 2012 proposes making it a statutory requirement for all schools to draw up school development plans. Statutory guidance will set out what we expect to see included in the plans. The bill is expected to receive Royal Assent early in 2013.

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

Aled Roberts (Gogledd Cymru): At ddibenion Bil Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol (Cymru), sut y mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn bwriadu diffinio a mesur "lles". (WAQ60112)

Aled Roberts (North Wales): For the purposes of the Social Services (Wales) Bill, how does the Welsh Government intend to define and measure "wellbeing". (WAQ60112)

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The Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services (Gwenda Thomas): The consultation on the Bill seeks views of how we will define wellbeing for the purpose of social services. This draws on definitions used in existing law in relation to children, namely the Children Act 2004, and Government of Wales Act 2006. The working definition set out for consultation is:

In relation to individuals, wellbeing may relate to any of the following:

- 1) health and emotional well being;
- 2) protection from harm or neglect;
- 3) education, training and recreation;
- 4) the contribution made by them to society;
- 5) social and economic well-being; and,
- 6) securing their rights.

The proposed definition of wellbeing of "people in need" will build on existing broad powers under the Local Government Act 2000 for local authorities to promote the improvement of the economic, social and environmental well-being of their area.

A new framework of national outcomes is being developed. This will reflect the commitment to wellbeing set out in the Bill. It will be underpinned by a performance framework which will allow us to measure our progress in achieving the national outcomes framework and measure how a social services intervention is contributing to an individual's wellbeing.

We will introduce the Bill this autumn and I will keep members fully informed of its development including the outcome of the public consultation process that closes on 1 June 2012.

Darren Millar (Gorllewin Clwyd): Fesul bwrdd iechyd lleol ac ym mhob un o'r pum mlynedd diwethaf, faint o gleifion a fu'n disgwyl mewn adrannau Damweiniau ac Achosion Brys am dros wyth awr, 12 awr, a 24 awr. (WAQ60115)

Darren Millar (Clwyd West): By local health board and in each of the past 5 years, how many patients waited in Accident and Emergency departments for more than 8 hours, 12 hours, and 24 hours. (WAQ60115)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): The attached link gives historic and current data for the number of patients spending more than the target times (4 and 8 hours) in A&E departments, by Local Health Board and Type of A&E department.

http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/ReportFolders/reportfolders.aspx?IF_ActivePath=P,280,281,3470

The number of patients spending more than 12 and 24 hours are not held centrally by the Welsh Government.

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Llywodraeth Leol a Chymunedau
To ask the Minister for Local Government and Communities

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): Pa delerau a osododd Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer y Gronfa Arallgyfeirio Swyddfeydd Post a) yn 2009 a b) ar hyn o bryd (os ydynt yn wahanol). (WAQ60113)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): What terms did the Welsh Government set for the Post Office Diversification Fund for Wales a) in 2009 and b) currently (if different). (WAQ60113)

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The Minister for Local Government and Communities (Carl Sargeant): The Post Office Diversification Fund was re-opened in January 2009 in order to provide access to funding to sub-postmasters/mistresses seeking to improve the overall sustainability of their businesses. Grants of up to £20,000 are available to improve the retail side of the of the post office business in order to increase footfall and turnover for the whole business.

Two documents outline the terms and conditions of the PODF; the schedule of terms and conditions and the offer letter. Copies of the original documents are attached. To date these have only been amended to

change Welsh Assembly Government to Welsh Government; however, the documents will be reviewed before offers are made in the forthcoming April 2012 round of the PODF.

Mark Isherwood (Gogledd Cymru): Pa waith monitro sy'n cael ei wneud gan Lywodraeth Cymru o'r Gronfa Arallgyfeirio Swyddfeydd Post i sicrhau cydymffurfiad â'r telerau a roddwyd a) wrth wneud cais am grantiau a ddyfarnwyd yn 2009 a b) ar hyn o bryd (os yw'n wahanol). (WAQ60114)

Mark Isherwood (North Wales): What monitoring is carried out by the Welsh Government of the Post Office Diversification Fund to ensure compliance with the terms on which they were granted a) in applying to grants awarded in 2009 and b) currently (if different). (WAQ60114)

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Carl Sargeant: a) As private businesses all post offices funded are paid in arrears. In order to release payment the sub-postmaster/mistress must supply a completed claim form and a copy of the relevant invoice(s) for the work carried out or equipment purchased. The claim form also contains a section for the post master to complete which provides officials with an update on the work being done as a result of the grant. This can also be used to provide early warning of any issues which may affect the grant. In addition to this a selection of post offices (around 10%) are visited by a case officer and the work/equipment is inspected as part of the visit. Those post offices not visited are asked to provide photographic evidence of the work carried out.

Should a post office close within five years of receiving a PODF grant then we will seek to claw back the grant on a sliding scale as detailed in the offer letter (attached to WAQ60113). Should the sub-postmaster not advise us of this development then we would pick up the details from the notification of closure automatically sent to us by Post Office Limited whenever there is a change to any post office service in Wales.

b) The PODF was independently evaluated in summer of 2011 and the report published in February 2012. The report contains several case studies showing the outcome for post offices receiving PODF funding. Its recommendations have been used to improve the PODF for the next three years. For the future of PODF the Welsh Government is keen to capture and measure many more of these outcomes. In order to do this officials will contact successful applicants one and two years after the completion of the grant using a mixture of visits and postal/telephone questionnaires to capture information. The PODF application form has been amended in order to collect baseline information to aid this process.