

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 3 Mai 2013

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 3 May 2013

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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 Diwylliant a Chwaraeon
To ask the Minister for Culture and Sport

Peter Black (Gorllewin De Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog amlinellu sut y bydd yn sicrhau nad yw'r toriadau i gyllideb Amgueddfa Cymru yn effeithio ar swyddogaethau craidd yr Amgueddfa i gasglu ein treftadaeth faterol, i ofalu am hynny a'i ddehongli, ac a wnaiff ddatganiad? (WAQ64616)

Peter Black (South Wales West): Will the Minister outline how he will ensure that the National Museum of Wales core functions of collecting, caring for and interpreting our material heritage are not affected by the cuts to the Museum's budget and will he make a statement? (WAQ64616)

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The Minister for Culture and Sport (John Griffiths): The Museum and the Welsh Government are committed to caring for, interpreting and making access to our rich heritage, through our seven national museums.

The public sector is going through an unprecedented period of budgetary pressure and the Welsh Government has seen its overall grant from Westminster reduced. There are inevitably knock-on effects for the bodies we ourselves fund and many difficult decisions must be made.

I and my officials have taken a close interest in the current restructuring process.

The proposed changes are designed to support the Museum's strategic objectives and ensure the sustainability of the organisation going forward.

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

Angela Burns (Gorllewin Caerfyrddin a De Sir Benfro): O ran y Bil Addysg Bellach ac Uwch (Cymru), a wnaiff y Gweinidog gyhoeddi pob ymateb unigol a gafodd i'r Papur Gwyn pan oedd yr ymgynghoriad ar agor? (WAQ64615)

Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): With regards to the Further Education and Higher Education (Wales) Bill, please would the Minister publish each individual response he received to the White Paper while the consultation was open? (WAQ64615)

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The Minister for Education and Skills (Leighton Andrews): I received 55 responses to the White Paper and 17 from the young persons' survey which sought views on proposals for a Further and Higher Education (Wales) Bill and on 06 March 2013 I issued a summary of the responses to the White Paper. I am publishing the responses in the link below, other than four that under the Data Protection Act 1998 had requested that their responses not to be published.

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/education/feandhebill/?status=closed&lang=en>

Gofyn i'r Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A oes polisi Cymru gyfan ar gyfer staff y GIG yn llofnodi cytundebau dim datgelu (cymalau cyfrinachedd) pan fyddant yn rhoi'r gorau i weithio i Fwrdd Iechyd Lleol? (WAQ64617)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Is there an All-Wales policy with regards to NHS staff signing non-disclosure agreements (confidentiality clauses) when they stop working for a Local Health Board? (WAQ64617)

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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Mark Drakeford): The Welsh Government has previously issued guidance to NHS organizations regarding confidentiality clauses and compromise agreements (non disclosure agreements).

The guidance reflects the Welsh Government's expectation that confidentiality clauses should not be included in such agreements where they seek to prevent the disclosure of information in the public interest. The Public Disclosure Act provides statutory protection to employees who disclose information reasonably and responsibly in the public interest.

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddarparu'r ganran ar gyfer nifer yr achosion o roi gwybod bod yr ambiwlans wedi cyrraedd i drosglwyddo cleifion, a gyflawnwyd o fewn y targed amser o 15 munud ar gyfer Cymru dros y 12 mis diwethaf, ac a all gadarnhau a oes unrhyw dargedau mewnol eraill ar gyfer y mesur hwn? (WAQ64618)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister provide the notification of ambulance arrival to handover percentage within the 15 minute target time for Wales for the past 12 months, and can he confirm if there are there any other internal targets for this measure? (WAQ64618)

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Mark Drakeford: There is no target for the handover of patients although 15 minutes is considered to be best practice. There are no other measures related to the handover of patients. WAST monitor the turnaround times of ambulance crews at hospitals through their command and control system.

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y cynnydd o ran gweithredu argymhelliad 1 yr Ymchwiliad i leihau'r risg o strôc gan y Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol, "bod Llywodraeth Cymru yn cynnal gwerthusiad llawn a thrylwyr o'r modd y caiff cynllun Llywodraeth Cymru i Leihau'r Risg o Strôc ei roi ar waith, gan gynnwys yr holl randdeiliaid"? (WAQ64619)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the progress on the implementation of recommendation 1 of the Health and Social Care Committee, Inquiry into stroke risk reduction to "undertake a full and robust evaluation of the implementation of the Stroke Risk Reduction Action Plan, involving all stakeholders"? (WAQ64619)

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y cynnydd o ran gweithredu argymhelliad 2 yr Ymchwiliad i leihau'r risg o strôc gan y Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol, "bod Llywodraeth Cymru yn cyfeirio'n glir at atal strôc eilaidd yn y Cynllun Cyflawni

Cenedlaethol ar gyfer Strôc, ac at drin a gwneud diagnosis o TIA, o ran ei gysylltiad â'r gwaith i leihau'r risg o strôc"? (WAQ64620)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the progress on the implementation of recommendation 2 of the Health and Social Care Committee, Inquiry into stroke risk reduction to "include within the National Stroke Delivery Plan clear references to the prevention of secondary strokes and the treatment and diagnosis of TIAs as they relate to stroke risk reduction work"? (WAQ64620)

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y cynnydd o ran gweithredu argymhelliad 3 yr Ymchwiliad i leihau'r risg o strôc gan y Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol, "bod Llywodraeth Cymru, erbyn Ebrill 2012, ac yn unol â'r hyn a gyhoeddwyd, yn sicrhau bod clinigau TIA ar agor saith diwrnod yr wythnos a bod canllawiau clinigol mewn perthynas ag endarterectomi carotid yn cael eu dilyn ledled Cymru"? (WAQ64621)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the progress on the implementation of recommendation 3 of the Health and Social Care Committee, Inquiry into stroke risk reduction that "by April 2012, the Welsh Government ensures patients have access to seven day TIA clinics and that clinical guidelines in relation to carotid endarterectomies are adhered to across Wales"? (WAQ64621)

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y cynnydd o ran gweithredu argymhelliad 5 yr Ymchwiliad i leihau'r risg o strôc gan y Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol, "bod Llywodraeth Cymru yn datblygu arweiniad clir ar gyfer timau gofal cychwynnol a thimau adnoddau cymunedol o ran gwneud diagnosis o ffibriliad atrïaidd a thrin a rheoli'r cyflwr a'i bod yn cynnig diffiniad clir o gyfrifoldebau proffesiynol ym mhob maes"? (WAQ64622)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the progress on the implementation of recommendation 5 of the Health and Social Care Committee, Inquiry into stroke risk reduction that "the Welsh Government develops clear guidance for primary care and community resource teams on the diagnosis, treatment and management of AF and clearly identifies professional responsibilities in each area"? (WAQ64622)

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am y cynnydd o ran gweithredu argymhelliad 4 yr Ymchwiliad i leihau'r risg o strôc gan y Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol, "bod Llywodraeth Cymru yn sicrhau ei bod yn arfer safonol mesur pwls cleifion sy'n ymweld â lleoliad gofal cychwynnol os daw ffactorau risg cysylltiedig â strôc i'r amlwg. Os oes angen unrhyw driniaeth yn dilyn hynny, dylai'r driniaeth gydymffurfio â chanllawiau NICE, ac mae angen i Lywodraeth Cymru gymryd camau ychwanegol i sicrhau bod hyn yn digwydd. Dylid monitro i ba raddau mae'r canllawiau'n cael eu dilyn drwy ddefnyddio archwiliadau Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru o ddata cofnodion gofal cychwynnol"? (WAQ64623)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Will the Minister make a statement on the progress on the implementation of recommendation 5 of the Health and Social Care Committee, Inquiry into stroke risk reduction that "the Welsh Government ensures that pulse checks are offered as standard to patients presenting stroke risk factors when attending primary care. Any necessary treatment which then follows should comply with NICE guidelines, and further action by the Welsh Government is needed to ensure that this takes place. Compliance should be monitored through Public Health Wales' audits of primary care record data"? (WAQ64623)

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Mark Drakeford: Both the recommendations from the Health and Social Care Committee Inquiry and those from an evaluation of the Stroke Risk Reduction Plan, carried out by Public Health Wales, informed the development of the Stroke Delivery Plan, launched in December 2012. These issues you raise are covered in sections 6.1 and 6.2, Preventing a Stroke and Detecting a Stroke. Health Boards are now working with their partners to develop and implement local action plans. Compliance will be monitored through the outcomes set out in the plan and a report will be published annually outlining progress, commencing November 2013.

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Pa ystyriaeth a roddwyd i gynnwys sgrinio ar gyfer Ffibriliad Atriaidd yn y Fframwaith Ansawdd a Chanlyniadau? (WAQ64624)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): What consideration has been given to include Atrial Fibrillation (AF) screening in the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF)? (WAQ64624)

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Mark Drakeford: The National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) manage the process to develop the clinical and health improvement indicators for the General Medical Services contract, Quality and Outcome Framework (QOF) on behalf of the four UK Health Departments. This involves prioritising areas for new indicator development, developing and selecting indicators, and ensuring consultation with individuals and stakeholder groups. The NICE led process provides an independent and transparent process for reviewing and developing indicators before a menu of recommendations is made available to the Health Departments and BMA for negotiation into the GMS Contract.

Details of all suggested topics for indicator development, indicators currently in development, the consultation on QOF indicators and NICE menu of indicators are available on the NICE website at <http://www.nice.org.uk/aboutnice/qof/qof.jsp>

There are currently four Atrial Fibrillation (AF) indicators in the clinical domain of QOF. Screening for AF is not included in the current 2013/14 QOF and has not been recommended for inclusion in the menu of NICE recommendations for negotiation with BMA in relation to 2014/15 GMS contract changes.