

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 1 Gorffennaf 2011

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 1 July 2011

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To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Yn dilyn WAQ57519, pa rôl y mae'r Adran Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol (AIGC) wedi'i chwarae o ran sefydlu polisi Cymru gyfan ar gyfer ceisiadau cyllido cleifion unigol. (WAQ57619)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Further to WAQ57519, what role has the DHSS played in establishing an all Wales policy for individual patient funding requests. (WAQ57619)

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Yn dilyn WAQ57519, pa feini prawf y byddai'r Gweinidog yn disgwyl i'r gweithdrefnau ar gyfer ceisiadau cyllido cleifion unigol eu cynnwys o ran a) amserlen ar gyfer gwneud penderfyniadau, b) cyfansoddiad paneli ac c) pa mor hawdd yw cael gafael ar wybodaeth, ffurflenni cais, a ffurflenni apêl. (WAQ57618)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Further to WAQ57519, what criteria would the Minister expect the procedures for individual patient funding requests to cover in terms of a) timescale for decision-making, b) composition of panels and c) ease of access to information, application forms and appeal forms. (WAQ57618)

Kirsty Williams (Brycheiniog a Sir Faesyfed): Yn dilyn WAQ57519, a yw'r Gweinidog wedi cyhoeddi unrhyw gyfarwyddiadau i Fyrddau Iechyd Lleol neu i Bwyllgor Gwasanaethau Iechyd Arbenigol Cymru ynghylch ceisiadau cyllido cleifion unigol ac os yw, beth oedd cynnwys y cyfarwyddiadau hynny. (WAQ57617)

Kirsty Williams (Brecon and Radnorshire): Further to WAQ57519, has the Minister issued any instructions to LHBs or Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee regarding individual patient funding requests and if so what did those instructions say. (WAQ57617)

Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 04 Gorffennaf 2011
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The Minister for Health and Social Services (Lesley Griffiths): The Department of Health, Social Services and Children issued interim guidance to Health Boards and the former Health Commission Wales in October 2009 asking them to ensure decision-making processes relating to individual patient funding requests were robust, fair, open and patient-centred.

In August 2010, the Department developed a framework document defining the potential requirements for an all-Wales individual patient funding request policy. Subject to an Equality Impact Assessment, I expect the policy to be finalised in the next few weeks.

Health Boards will be publicising the all-Wales policy so that it is easily accessible, with clear, published information to advise and guide patients and clinicians in making an individual patient funding request. I have placed a copy of the final draft policy in the Library.

Antoinette Sandbach (Gogledd Cymru): A wnaiff y Gweinidog ddatganiad am gynnydd y Cynllun Datblygu Gwledig. (WAQ57620)

Antoinette Sandbach (North Wales): Will the Minister make a statement on the progress of the Rural Health Plan. (WAQ57620)

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Lesley Griffiths: The Rural Health Plan was published in 2009, and a Rural Health Implementation Group was set up in early 2010, to support its delivery. A Rural Health Innovation Fund of £1m was launched in April 2010 which has provided funding to: 15 local innovation projects, national developments and establishing two rural health development sites.

The 15 Rural Health Innovation Fund projects are wide ranging and deliver to a broad cross section of client groups as well as addressing acute to long term conditions and engage volunteers and professionals across the board. The projects will be providing an evaluation report in July with a view to sharing the learning gained at a national event in September this year.