

Notices of Motions and Amendments for Future Debate on 29 January 2002

Motions tabled on 22 January 2002

NDM937 Jonathan Morgan (South Wales Central)

1. The National Assembly acknowledges the growing pressures facing social services in Wales and notes with particular concern:
 - a. The accelerating decline in the number of residential and nursing home places in Wales;
 - b. The inadequate level of the fees paid to residential and nursing homes in the independent sector compared to the level of funding given by Local Authorities to their own care homes;
 - c. The high and increasing number of assessments that do not lead to the provision of community care services;
 - d. The difficulties in recruiting and retaining staff in the social care sector, and especially in children's services;
 - e. The decline in the numbers applying for social work qualifying training.

2. The National Assembly recognises the need to:
 - a. Raise the level of fees paid to residential and nursing homes in the independent sector;
 - b. Increase the proportion of assessments that lead to the provision of community care services;
 - c. Value and support the social care workforce in Wales;
 - d. Allocate sufficient funds to help facilitate higher standards and better quality in the social care sector.

NDM938 Jocelyn Davies (South East Wales)

The National Assembly:

1. Notes that the creation of safe communities is a key objective in a Plan for Wales;
2. Is concerned at the public perception that crime in many communities is on the increase
3. Calls for a review of the effectiveness of current strategies in combating crime and
4. Believes that such a review should consider the appropriateness of devolving

responsibilities for the police to the National Assembly.