

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 8 February 2011

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To ask the Minister for the Economy and Transport

Brynle Williams (North Wales): Will the Minister confirm how many days the A55 in North Wales was free from roadworks during 2010. (WAQ57057)

Answer issued on 11 February 2011

51 days.

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Will the Minister make a statement on the implications of the NICE Guidance on postnatal care in Wales. (WAQ57056)

Answer issued on 08 February 2011

NICE's clinical guideline on postnatal care, published in 2006, provides best practice advice on the core care that women and their babies should be offered during the first 6-8 weeks after the birth. The implications of implementing these are a matter for Local Health Boards.

Lynne Neagle (Torfaen): Will the minister make a statement detailing any changes made to the commissioning of cross border cancer services in Wales during the third Assembly, including the commissioning of diagnostic services. (WAQ57058)

Answer issued on 08 February 2011

Most health care services are provided as close to patients' homes as possible with more complex and specialised treatments provided at centres of excellence around the country, some of which are outside Wales. Until the NHS reforms Local Health Boards (LHBs) were responsible for commissioning cancer care for their residents, except for the most specialised or complex services which were commissioned by the former Health Commission Wales. Since the reforms the new LHBs are responsible for local services and work together through the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee to commission specialised and complex services.