

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 1 December 2009

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To ask the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing

Mick Bates (Montgomeryshire): Will the Minister give an update on the development of a Marine Policy statement. (WAQ55182)

Answer issued on 01 December 2009

The Assembly Government is working with the UK Government and the other Devolved Administrations on developing the Marine Policy Statement (MPS), with the aim being to achieve joint adoption by the four countries if possible.

The intention is to have the MPS in place by November 2011 ie within two years of the Act receiving Royal Assent. A Statement of Public Participation (SPP) is required under the Marine and Coastal Access Act, formally setting out how and when interested parties can engage in developing the MPS. We intend publishing the SPP in the coming weeks and will continue engaging with stakeholders, including those represented on the Wales Maritime and Coastal Partnership, in order to produce a draft MPS for consultation during 2010.

To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How many registered nurses on the staff electronic register are listed as having just one job and how many populate the nurse bank. (WAQ55178)

Answer issued on 02 December 2009

The Electronic Staff Record (ESR) data dashboard as at March 2009 shows 21,553 full time equivalent registered nurses and midwives. There were 25,048 assignments (jobs) and there were 24,510 people in those jobs, therefore there were 538 people with more than one assignment.

The centrally held ESR data in the data warehouse does not show how many staff there are in the nurse bank in Wales as some bank nurses are part time nurses who register to do extra hours on the bank.

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): How much money has the Welsh Assembly Government given to the NHS Blood and Transplant Special Health Authority for each financial year since 2006/07. (WAQ55179)

Answer issued on 02 December 2009

Funding provided by the Welsh Assembly Government to NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) in the years 2006/07 to 2008/09 is set out below.

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We do not have a detailed breakdown of the funding provided by Wales for each of the years specified.

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister make a statement on the services provided by the NHS Blood and Transplant Special Health Authority. (WAQ55180)

Answer issued on 02 December 2009

NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) is an England and Wales Special Health Authority in the NHS with responsibility for optimising the supply of blood, organs, plasma and tissues and raising the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of blood and transplant services. Detailed information on its services is set out on the NHSBT website at <http://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/>.

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of funding to the NHS Blood and Transplant Special Health Authority for each year since 2006/07. (WAQ55181)

Answer issued on 02 December 2009

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Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): What steps are being taken in forensic mental health service units to support individuals who wish to give up smoking. (WAQ55183)

Answer issued on 02 December 2009

The Smoke-free Premises etc (Wales) Regulations 2007, which prohibit smoking in enclosed and substantially enclosed public places, provide an exemption in relation to certain workplaces that are also a person's place of residence. Residential mental health units are therefore able to provide a designated smoking room, provided that it meets certain conditions. The decision whether or not to provide such a designated smoking room rests with the relevant NHS body.

Guidance issued by the Welsh Assembly Government at the time of the introduction of the smoke-free legislation emphasised the need for NHS bodies to address the smoking cessation needs of patients.

GPs provide a health check review for patients with schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and other psychoses and offer health promotion and prevention advice appropriate to their age, gender and health status. Also, those who smoke should have smoking cessation advice or referral to a specialist service where available. Both are part of the Quality & Outcomes Framework (QOF) in the GMS Contract.

Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central): Does the Minister expect the NHS Blood and Transplant Special Health Authority to agree memorandums of understanding to clarify their relationship with organisations undertaking work for the Welsh Assembly Government on issues surrounding transplants and organ donation. (WAQ55184)

Answer issued on 02 December 2009

I have not directed the NHS Blood and Transplant Special Health Authority (NHSBT) to agree memorandums of understanding to clarify its relationship with organisations it works with but I do expect

these relationships to be effective partnerships. The NHSBT has published its Strategic Plan for 2009 – 2012 and this is available on their website at <http://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/index.html>. The Strategic Plan sets out the NHSBT's objectives, information about the services it will provide and how it will work with other organisations.

To ask the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government

Jenny Randerson (Cardiff Central): What discussions has the Minister had with the UK Government about meeting the policing requirements of South Wales during the Olympics, including the policing of events such as Olympic football, when many officers will be drafted to London for the duration of the Olympics. (WAQ55185)

Answer issued on 03 December 2009

South Wales Police are currently working closely with the Olympic Policing Co-ordination Team in London and the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG) to establish the demand profile for police resources for the Millennium Stadium. Similarly, work is ongoing to establish the demand profile for the London centred games.

At this stage the demands that the Olympics will place on the Welsh forces are still being determined. 11 police force areas (including South Wales) will be hosting Olympic competition events. In some cases host forces will be able to manage through their own resources but others will need to draw on mutual aid. All forces are likely to be involved in meeting the mutual aid requirements. Precise details of this will be organised and the reimbursement rates are still being worked out.

Once this information is available I will keep Assembly members informed.