

Atebion i Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad i'w hateb ar 18 Hydref 2013

Answers to the Written Assembly Questions for answer on 18 October 2013

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Answers are published in the language in which they are provided, with a translation into English of responses provided in Welsh.*

[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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To ask the Minister for Health and Social Services***

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Pa gamau y mae'r Gweinidog yn eu cymryd i roi cefnogaeth i deuluoedd y mae 'tloedi yn sgil cancer' yn cael effaith arnynt? (WAQ65645)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): What action is the Minister taking to provide support to families affected by 'Cancer Poverty'? (WAQ65645)

***Derbyniwyd ateb i'w gyhoeddi ar 23 Hydref 2013
Answer received for publication on 23 October 2013***

The Minister for Health and Social Services (Mark Drakeford): The Together for Health- Cancer Delivery Plan launched in June 2012, acknowledges that the financial impact of cancer can be great. The Plan highlights that people affected by cancer should be routinely offered the opportunity to access financial advice and support as part of the care assessment and planning process, from diagnosis onwards. Macmillan's published 'Counting the Cost of Cancer Campaign' makes clear the problems people have to face whilst being treated for a disease which can have a lasting and devastating effect on people's lives.

One of the key actions in the Cancer Delivery Plan is that Local Health Boards are expected to assign a named Key Worker to each patient. There is also a requirement to record in a care plan, to be reviewed regularly, the clinical and non clinical needs (such as information needs on accessing financial, emotional and spiritual help) of people following a diagnosis of cancer.

The Welsh Government and Macmillan Cancer Support have worked together to undertake a national cancer patient experience survey. Question 33 specifically asks whether hospital staff provided information about how to get financial help or any benefits an individual might be entitled to. The results of the survey will allow organisations to identify areas where improvements are needed.