

**Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at y Cyfarfod Llawn
Information Further to Plenary**

Cyhoeddir ymatebion yn yr iaith y'u darparwyd, gyda chyfieithiad Saesneg o ymatebion yn y Gymraeg.

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

**Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at OAQ(4)0133(HSS) a gyhoeddwyd gan Lesley Griffiths, y
Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, ar 31 Mai 2012
Information further to OAQ(4)0133(HSS) issued by Lesley Griffiths, the Minister for
Health and Social Services, on 31 May 2012**

At/To Darren Millar:

During Health Questions on 23 May I agreed to write to you regarding waiting times for adult wheelchairs in North Wales.

As at 30 April 2012, the waiting time for assessment for adults in North Wales was 51 weeks. I recognise there is a significant difference in the waiting times for service users in North and South Wales, and can assure you work is being undertaken to redress this.

The National Leadership and Innovation Agency for Healthcare (NLIAH) will shortly be undertaking a capacity and demand analysis with the North Wales wheelchair service, which is expected to identify efficiency improvements through the optimised use of clinical staff. Findings from a similar exercise in the South Wales Service identified 15% of clinical time could be released following reallocation of administrative duties.

**Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at y Ddadl Fer ar Blant sy'n Ceisio Lloches a Sut y Cânt eu
Hamddiffyn yng Nghymru a gyhoeddwyd gan Gwenda Thomas, y Dirprwy Weinidog
Plant a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, ar 12 Mehefin 2012
Information further to Short Debate on Child Asylum Seekers and their Protection in
Wales issued by Gwenda Thomas, the Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services,
on 12 June 2012**

At/To Joyce Watson:

At the short debate on child asylum seekers and their protection in Wales on 23 May I undertook to respond to your concerns about the level of awareness of the All Wales Protocol on Child Trafficking.

I welcomed the publication of this protocol by the All Wales Child Protection Procedures Review Group (AWCPPRG) last September. The protocol recognises the importance of statutory and voluntary agencies working together to monitor, report and share information on child trafficking. I firmly believe that by standardising procedures and sharing intelligence across Wales we can help child victims and prosecute traffickers.

As you say, it is essential that practitioners are aware of and use the protocol if it is to be effective and help safeguard victims. I have asked my officials to write to all LSCBs in Wales to again inform them of the need to promote and make use of this important tool. In addition, we have previously asked the AWCPPRG to identify measures the Welsh Government might take to support the implementation of the protocol across Wales. Once this proposal is submitted it will receive careful consideration.

On your general point on the need to challenge the age assessment policy of the UK Border Agency, I am committed to the principle that the welfare and interests of the child comes first in relation to support to asylum seekers. I am content that the UKBA guidance on age assessments is clear that unless the 'child' is obviously over 18 they should receive the benefit of the doubt on their age until proven otherwise and should be referred to Children's Social Services to complete their age assessment process.

Thank you again for your contributions at this important short debate and in particular your continued commitment to helping to ensure that Wales has a robust response in helping to protect the victims of trafficking.

**Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at OAQ(4)0125(HSS) a gyhoeddwyd gan Lesley Griffiths, y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, ar 22 Mehefin 2012
Information further to OAQ(4)0125(HSS) issued by Lesley Griffiths, the Minister for Health and Social Services, on 22 June 2012**

At/To Paul Davies:

During Health Questions on 23 May I agreed to write to you regarding the monitoring of schemes such as 'Health Challenge Pembrokeshire'.

'Health Challenge Pembrokeshire' has been supported by the Welsh Government through the Health Challenge Wales Well-being Activity Grant Scheme. Between 2008-09 and 2011-2012, the grant scheme has been monitored through half-year and end-of-year progress reports, which have included outcomes delivered.

The grant scheme was last evaluated in 2007. From 2012-13, the grant scheme has been re-aligned to Public Health Wales. The Programme Level Agreement between the Welsh Government and Public Health includes commissioning an evaluation of the effectiveness of the grant scheme, to report by 31 January 2013. More generally, a wide range of health improvement evaluations have been conducted and published, including the provision of free breakfasts and the National Exercise Referral Scheme.

I hope this is helpful.