

Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar: The future of health services in Wales

Timing: Morning, Monday, 25th June 2012

Venue: Balmoral Suite, Mercure Cardiff, Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0DD



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Mark Drakeford AM, Chair, Health and Social Care Committee, National Assembly for Wales
- 9.05 - 9.15 **The challenges for the Welsh health sector**
Professor Marcus Longley, Director, Welsh Institute for Health and Social Care and Professor, Applied Health Policy, University of Glamorgan
- 9.15 - 10.05 **Collaboration in the health service - delivering joined-up services, raising efficiency and improving outcomes**
Has the 2009 restructuring of NHS Wales, creating seven LHBs, succeeded in improving efficiency? Will the 'Together for Health' Strategy achieve its aim of improving quality of NHS services despite the need for reduced public spending? What are the greatest areas of financial pressure for NHS Wales and how can costs in these areas be reduced? What should the future role be for local government, third sector organisations and the private sector in delivering healthcare in Wales? How can hospital visits be reduced and more care be delivered in the community? How should the Welsh Government support people with non-emergency transport to hospitals and the proposed new Centres for Excellence? What role can technology play in improving efficiency across NHS Wales? Are hospitals and other NHS Wales services adequately prepared to cope with an ageing population? In what ways could the Welsh Ambulance Trust work with LHBs to both improve response rates and reduce A&E admissions?
Paul Roberts, Chief Executive, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board
Steve Bartley, Regulatory Responsible Individual, Ludlow Street Healthcare and Vice-Chair, Welsh Independent Healthcare Association (WIHA)
Elwyn Price-Morris, Chief Executive, Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust
John Savage, Chief Executive, Nightingale House Hospice
Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Marcus Longley**, Director, Welsh Institute for Health and Social Care and Professor, Applied Health Policy, University of Glamorgan
- 10.05 - 10.35 **Next steps for NHS Wales**
David Sissling, Chief Executive, NHS Wales and Director General, Health, Social Services & Children, Welsh Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chairman's closing remarks**
Mark Drakeford AM, Chair, Health and Social Care Committee, National Assembly for Wales
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- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chairman's opening remarks**
William Graham AM, Shadow Minister for Social Services, Welsh Conservatives and Member, Health and Social Care Committee, National Assembly for Wales
- 11.15 - 12.00 **Improving public health**
Perspectives on the future of public health policy in Wales and the development of the proposed new 'compact' between the Welsh Government, NHS Wales and the public. What actions can Local Health Boards (LHBs), local authorities and other service providers take to reduce health inequalities in Wales? Should the new 'compact' increase personal responsibility for patients, and if so, what kind of practical measures could this include? How should the Change4Life scheme be extended? What measures should the Welsh Government consider implementing to tackle high levels of obesity, smoking, drug and alcohol abuse? Will the Cancer Plan deliver its aim of lowering cancer incidence rates in Wales to match the lowest rates in the EU?
Wynford Ellis Owen, Chief Executive, The Welsh Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs
Susan Morris, General Manager, Wales, Macmillan Cancer Support
Allison Williams, Chief Executive, Cwm Taf Local Health Board
Bob Hudson, Chief Executive, Public Health Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 - 12.45 **The next steps for primary care services**
How could out of hours care be improved? What should be the role of local pharmacies in supporting patients with minor ailments? How should Government balance meeting local needs and delivering access to healthcare of equal range and quality between the 7 Local Health Board areas? In what ways can 'clinical leadership and empowerment' be increased? How should the outcomes of major services be monitored? Will the introduction of personal care plans for patients with cancer, mental health and chronic health conditions raise levels of patient satisfaction? Will the Quality Delivery Plan, published in March 2012, adequately address the quality concerns of patients? What form should the proposed annual Patient Audits for LHBs take? How can access to NHS dentists and opticians be improved?
Ann Lloyd, Trustee, Patients Association
Dr Paul Myres, Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners Wales and Chair, Primary Care Quality Forum and Clinical Lead, Primary Care Quality Information Service and Professional Lead, Primary Medical Care Advisory Team, Public Health Wales
Tina Donnelly, Director, RCN Wales
Paul Gimson, Director for Wales, Royal Pharmaceutical Society
Dr Charlotte Jones, Deputy Chair, General Practitioners Committee Wales and Manager, Out of Hours Service, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 - 12.55 **Implementing the Together for health vision - the next steps for health policy**
Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Health and Social Services, Welsh Government
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Policy Forum for Wales thanks and closing remarks**
William Graham AM, Shadow Minister for Social Services, Welsh Conservatives and Member, Health and Social Care Committee, National Assembly for Wales
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales