

**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)0250(HSS) a gyhoeddwyd gan Mark Drakeford, y
Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, ar 2 Mai 2013
Information further to OAQ(4)0250(HSS) issued by Mark Drakeford, the Minister for
Health and Social Services, on 2 May 2013**

At/To Suzy Davies:

During Health Questions on 17 April we discussed the *Designed to Smile* programme and you raised the issue of Local Health Boards (LHBs) publishing information on the expenditure incurred in delivering the scheme.

LHBs have a statutory requirement to publish general expenditure within primary care although this is generally at a higher level than which to readily identify specific programmes such as *Designed to Smile*.

Separately, however, LHBs report their expenditure on *Designed to Smile* in both their monthly operating expenditure returns and annual accounts to the Welsh Government. This is monitored by officials and the scheme is also subject to independent evaluation by the Welsh Oral Health Information Unit (WOHIU) at Cardiff University (as part of the wider evaluation of the programme)

I accept however, that accessing information on *Designed to Smile* expenditure is not clearly or easily accessible from LHBs' published accounts. Rather than require LHBs to add to the length and detail of these current reports, I will arrange for the independent report of the WOHIU to be published on the Welsh Government website. This will show by LHB the total level of resources allocated for *Designed to Smile* and the level of expenditure.

I hope this has helped clarify the situation.

**Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at OAQ(4)0253(HSS) a gyhoeddwyd gan Mark Drakeford, y
Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, ar 8 Mai 2013
Information further to OAQ(4)0253(HSS) issued by Mark Drakeford, the Minister for
Health and Social Services, on 8 May 2013**

At Alun Ffred Jones:

Yn ystod y sesiwn Cwestiynau Iechyd ar 17 Ebrill, fe ofynnwyd cwestiwn gennych ynglŷn â chasglu gwaed yng ngogledd Cymru, gan holi am sicrwydd ynghylch cyflenwadau gwaed ar gyfer pobl sy'n dioddef o haemoffilia.

Fel y gwyddoch, bwriad Llywodraeth Cymru yw cael un gwasanaeth ar waith a fydd yn casglu a chyflenwi gwaed ar gyfer Cymru gyfan erbyn 2016.

Mae Ymddiriedolaeth GIG Felindre, sy'n cynnal Gwasanaeth Gwaed Cymru, a Gwaed a Thrawsblaniadau'r GIG yn cydweithio â'i gilydd mewn rhaglen o waith a fydd yn sicrhau bod

y broses o gasglu a chyflenwi gwaed yn cael ei throsglwyddo'n ddiogel. Bydd adolygiad llawn o'r cyfleusterau presennol sy'n cael eu defnyddio gan Waed a Thawsblaniadau'r GIG yn cael ei gynnal, gan y byddai angen newid rhai o'r cyfleusterau hyn ymhen amser- er enghraifft y mae prydles y safle yng Nghaernarfon yn dod i ben cyn hir. Fodd bynnag, gallaf gadarnhau nad ydym wedi dod ar draws unrhyw beth sy'n awgrymu bod angen newid y gwasanaeth a ddarperir gan y timau sy'n casglu gwaed yng ngogledd-orllewin a gogledd-ddwyrain Cymru.

Ledled y DU, mae nifer o gynhyrchion gwaed masnachol yn cael eu prynu gan y GIG i gefnogi'r rhai hynny sy'n dioddef o haemoffilia. Mae Gwasanaeth Gwaed Cymru'n gallu dosbarthu amrywiaeth o'r cynhyrchion gwaed masnachol hyn. Yr hyn sydd dan drafodaeth ar hyn o bryd â Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr yw'r ffordd orau o wasanaethu cymunedau yng ngogledd Cymru, fel eu bod yn cael eu gwasanethau yn yr un modd â chymunedau yn ne a chanolbarth Cymru.

Rwy'n gobeithio bod hyn yn egluro'r sefyllfa.

To Alun Ffred Jones:

During Health Questions on 17 April you asked about the collection of blood in North Wales, seeking a reassurance about blood supplies for haemophiliacs.

As you are aware, it is the Welsh Government's intention to have a single all Wales blood collection and delivery service in place by 2016.

The Velindre NHS Turst, of which the existing Welsh Blood Service is a part and NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) are fully collaborating in a programme of work that will ensure there is a safe transfer of blood collection and supply. There will be a full review of the facilities currently used by NHSBT as some of these, such as the site in Caernarfon where the lease is expiring, would in the ordinary course of events, need changing. I can confirm, however, that we have identified nothing to suggest that the communities served by the blood collection teams in north west and north east Wales will not remain essentially the same.

Throughout the UK, a number of commercial blood products are purchased by the NHS to support those suffering from haemophilia. The Welsh Blood Service is able to distribute a variety of these commercial blood products. It is currently in discussion with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board about how best it can serve the health community in north Wales, as it does for south and mid Wales.

I hope this has helped clarify the position.

Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at OAQ(4)0002(CTP) a gyhoeddwyd gan Gwenda Thomas, y Dirprwy Weinidog Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, ar 14 Mai 2013
Information further to OAQ(4)0002(CTP) issued by Gwenda Thomas, the Deputy Minister for Social Services, on 14 May 2013

At/To Rebecca Evans:

During oral questions to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty on 17 April, you raised concerns about the changes to Disability Living Allowance, and, in particular, the fact that the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) had instructed the new assessment provider, Capita, not to offer audio recordings of the assessments for the new Personal Independence Payment (PIP). In his response, the Minister stated that he would ask officials

to raise this issue with the DWP and that either he or I would provide you with a detailed response.

The DWP has confirmed that it has asked PIP assessment providers not to offer audio recording of consultations or to provide recording equipment at present. Although a limited audio recording service is currently in place for Employment and Support Allowance this is a temporary measure which will need to be evaluated fully before a final decision is taken on the future of the service. If, following this evaluation, there is evidence in support of a more proactive approach to audio recording the DWP has confirmed that it will review the arrangements for PIP.

The DWP acknowledges that some individuals have concerns that the health professional's report may not reflect the discussion held and that these individuals feel an audio recording would give them peace of mind. During assessments health professionals will therefore sit side-by-side with the claimant so they can see what is being recorded on the screen. In addition, claimants are encouraged to bring a companion with them to the consultation who, as well as supporting the claimant, can verify the content of the discussion. It is hoped that this will reassure those individuals concerned that both the Department and the providers are committed to making the assessment process transparent.

However, where claimants do still feel an audio recording would be helpful, they may record the consultation using their own equipment, subject to a few conditions. These conditions are:

- The claimant must inform the provider in advance that they wish to record their consultation.
- The claimant must be able to provide a complete and accurate copy of the recording to the Health Professional at the end of the consultation in CD or cassette format.
- The claimant must sign a form in which they agree that they will provide a copy of the recording and not use the recording for unlawful purposes.

The requirement is that claimants must be able to provide a copy of the recording at the end of a consultation in such a way as to ensure that the recording has not been tampered with and is a reliable and accurate record of the assessment.

Claimants and companions attending the consultation with the claimant are entitled to take notes for their own purposes. The claimant or companion may keep the notes and does not have to provide a copy to the health professional, although the health professional may record that notes were taken. The notes are for the claimant or companion's own purposes and are not an official record of the process.

The policy will be revisited in the autumn when the results of the evaluation of the arrangements for Employment and Support Allowance are available. In addition, the All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers of People with a Learning Disability has been invited to sit on Capita's Expert Support Group. This Group is made up of a number of voluntary organisations from across the UK and its role will be to help Capita in the development of the new assessment process. Officials have asked the All Wales Forum to provide any feedback on this issue both from the discussion at Group meetings, and from individuals who have been subject to the assessment process.

**Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at OAQ (4)0007(CTP) a gyhoeddwyd gan Huw Lewis, y
Gweinidog Cymunedau a Threchu Tlodi, ar 22 Mai 2013**
**Information further to OAQ (4)0007(CTP) issued by Huw Lewis, the Minister for
Communities and Tackling Poverty, on 22 May 2013**

At/To Jocelyn Davies:

In Assembly questions on 17 April, I said that I would write to you after my meeting with Wales TUC inform you of the outcomes of that discussion.

I met with Martin Mansfield and Julie Cook from Wales TUC on 9 May. This meeting took place after the Workforce Partnership Council (WPC) had endorsed the appointment for the All Wales Trade Union Equality Representatives Network Project Officer and I thanked them for their proactive approach in working with the Welsh Government on this Programme for Government Commitment.

At the meeting, I informed Wales TUC that I will be writing to Public Sector organisations across Wales informing them of this appointment of the Project Officer and the work that they will be undertaking and developing to encourage trade union, employer and employee participation in a range of initiatives to address inequality in the workplace.

I also asked Wales TUC to attend a number of relevant forums I am bringing together which will be focused on reducing inequalities and tackling poverty.