

The Welsh NHS Confederation Weekly Activity Report, 16th – 20th March 2020



A weekly look back at the health issues and policies being discussed and debated in the National Assembly and the work of the Welsh NHS Confederation.

Protective equipment, critical care and herd immunity

Despite Dr Atherton offering assurances that processes are in place to secure more protective equipment and training, AMs said they heard there were still instances where staff had not yet been fitted. On critical care, Dr Atherton outlined plans to double capacity and said repurposing the NHS estate could help increase it further. He said the current effort is to ensure that NHS capacity and the peak of cases align but this will not happen if the public do not follow latest social distancing advice. Concerns were expressed that the virus could return after a potential lockdown, with Rob Orford, chief scientific adviser, saying the first human trials of a vaccine have started.