

Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 1 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 15 January 2015**

Meeting time: **09.30 – 12.40**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

David Rees AM (Chair)
Alun Davies AM
Janet Finch–Saunders AM
John Griffiths AM
Elin Jones AM
Darren Millar AM
Lynne Neagle AM
Gwyn R Price AM
Kirsty Williams AM (for items 1 – 5)
Peter Black AM (in place of Kirsty Williams AM for items 7 and 10)

Witnesses:

Dan Greaves, Home Office
Angela Scrutton, Home Office
Kirsty Williams AM
Philippa Watkins
Lisa Salkeld

Committee Staff:

Llinos Madeley (Clerk)
Helen Finlayson (Second Clerk)
Sian Giddins (Deputy Clerk)
Enrico Carpanini (Legal Adviser)

Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser)

Amy Clifton (Researcher)

Transcript

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Lindsay Whittle.

2 Papers to note

2.0a The Committee noted the minutes of the meeting on 10 December.

2.1 Inquiry into the NHS complaints process: correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services

2.1a The Committee noted the correspondence.

2.2 Follow up inquiry into the contribution of community pharmacy to health services in Wales: correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services

2.2a The Committee noted the correspondence.

2.3 Inquiry into new psychoactive substances (“legal highs”): correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services

2.3a The Committee noted the correspondence.

2.4 The Committee's forward work programme: correspondence from the Children, Young People and Education Committee

2.4a The Committee noted the correspondence.

2.5 Scrutiny of the Older People’s Commissioner for Wales: correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services

2.5a The Committee noted the correspondence.

2.6 Correspondence from the Petitions Committee: P-04-570 Inequitable Access to Treatments That Have Not Been Nationally Appraised in NHS Wales

2.6a The Committee noted the correspondence and agreed to write to the Chair of the Petitions Committee to highlight recent work it has undertaken in relation to the Individual Patient Funding Request process.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from items 4 and 5 of the meeting

3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 Inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse: preparation for engagement activity

4.1 The Committee agreed the arrangements for the engagement activity for the inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse.

5 Follow up on the one-day inquiry into stillbirths in Wales: consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received and the update report from the Minister for Health and Social Services. Members agreed to write to the Minister to note the progress made to date, and to request further information on some specific issues raised in the evidence.

6 Inquiry into new psychoactive substances (“legal highs”): evidence session 8

6.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

6.2 The witnesses agreed to provide further information on the process by which Home Office colleagues have consulted the devolved administrations on proposed European legislation in the field of new psychoactive substances.

7 Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: evidence session 1

7.1 The Member in Charge of the Bill (Kirsty Williams) responded to questions from Members.

7.2 The Member in Charge agreed to supply the Committee with an outline of which of the safe nursing indicators outlined in section 3(5) of the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill were derived from the CNO’s guidelines, the NICE guidelines and which were included as a result of the responses to her consultations on the Bill.

8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

8.1 The motion was agreed.

9 Inquiry into new psychoactive substances (“legal highs”): consideration of evidence received

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

10 Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: consideration of evidence received

10.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.