Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue: Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 12 November 2014

Meeting time: 09.33 – 11.45

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:
David Rees AM (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM (In place of Darren Millar AM)
Alun Davies AM
Janet Finch–Saunders AM
John Griffiths AM
Elin Jones AM
Lynne Neagle AM
Gwyn R Price AM
Lindsay Whittle AM
Kirsty Williams AM

Witnesses:
Richie Jones, Police Federation of England & Wales
Gary Phillips, TARIAN, the Southern Wales Regional Organised Crime Unit
Paul Roberts, Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Prisons

Committee Staff:
Llinos Madeley (Clerk)
Helen Finlayson (Second Clerk)
Sian Giddins (Deputy Clerk)
Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser)
Amy Clifton (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions
1.1 Apologies were received Darren Millar. Mohammad Asghar substituted.

2 Inquiry into new psychoactive substances (“legal highs”): Evidence session 5
2.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.
2.2 The witnesses agreed to provide the Committee with additional information about:
   • actions being taken by police forces across Wales to prevent the use of new psychoactive substances;
   • actions being taken by relevant public services to collaborate and to co-ordinate support services for individuals who want to stop taking new psychoactive substances; and
   • an outline of any gaps in new psychoactive substances support services provided by Community Safety Partnerships.

3 Inquiry into new psychoactive substances (“legal highs”): Evidence session 6
3.1 The witness responded to questions from Members.

4 Papers to note
4.1 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2015–16: follow up from 16 October 2014
   4.1a The Committee noted the correspondence received from the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the Welsh Government’s Draft Budget 2015–16.

5 Motion under Standing Orders 17.42(ix) and (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and for item 1 of the meeting on 20 November 2014
5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Inquiry into new psychoactive substances (“legal highs”): Consideration of evidence received
6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received on the inquiry.
7 Inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse: consultation arrangements
7.1 The Committee considered and agreed the consultation arrangements for the inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse.

8 Inquiry into access to medical technologies in Wales: consideration of draft report
8.1 The Committee considered and agreed the draft report, subject to minor changes, for its inquiry into access to medical technologies in Wales.