

Audit Committee

Minutes AC(2) 09-05

Meeting date: 10 November 2005

Meeting time: 9:30am – 12:45pm

Meeting venue: Committee Rooms 3 & 4, National Assembly Building

Assembly Members in Attendance

Assembly Member	Constituency
Janet Davies (Chair)	South Wales West
Leighton Andrews	Rhondda
Mick Bates	Montgomeryshire
Alun Cairns	South Wales West
Jocelyn Davies	South Wales East
Mark Isherwood	North Wales
Irene James	Islwyn
Denise Idris Jones	Conwy
Carl Sargeant	Alyn and Deeside
Catherine Thomas	Llanelli
Officials in Attendance	
Jeremy Colman	Auditor General For Wales
Gillian Body	Wales Audit Office
Paul Dimblebee	Wales Audit Office

Elaine Matthews	Wales Audit Office
Ian Gibson	Assembly Compliance Office

Committee Service

Name	Job title
Kathryn Jenkins	Committee Clerk
Ruth Hatton	Deputy Committee Clerk

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions, Quorum and Declarations of Interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public to the meeting

Item 2: Protecting NHS Trust staff from violence and aggression

Paper: AC(2) 09-05(p1)

2.1 The Committee took evidence from Ann Lloyd, Head of Health and Social Care Department, Welsh Assembly Government and Gren Kershaw, Chief Executive of Conwy and Denbighshire NHS Trust.

Actions:

- Gren Kershaw to provide Committee with information on whether incidents of violence and aggression reported by Accident and Emergency departments within his trust are greater during the summer months.
- Ann Lloyd to provide a note to Committee on how NHS Trusts are working with police to reduce possible breakdowns in communication when attempting to prevent or deal with incidents.

Item 3: Contract for the provision of the out-of-hours GP service in Cardiff

Papers: AC(2) 09-05(p2), AC(2) 09-05(p3) and AC(2) 09-05(p4)

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Ann Lloyd, Head of Health and Social Care Department, Welsh Assembly Government; Siân Richards, Chief Executive of Cardiff Local Health Board; and Alison Gerrard, Director of Finance, Cardiff Local Health Board.

Actions:

- Sian Richards to provide a copy of the paper prepared by the LHB detailing the methodology for

which future contracts should be decided by the Board.

3.2 The Committee did not have comments or questions on the correspondence received and the Auditor General for Wales' advice upon it.

Item 4: Minutes of the previous meeting

Paper: AC(2) 08-05(mins)

4.1 The Committee approved the minutes of its meeting on 6 October 2005.

The Committee resolved to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 8.24 (vi)

Item 5: To consider the draft Committee Reports:

'The Finances of NHS Wales 2005'

Paper: AC(2) 09-05(p5)

'The General Report of the Auditor General for Wales 2005 '

Paper: AC(2) 09-05(p6)