

Equality of Opportunity Committee

Minutes EOC(3)-16-09

Date: Tuesday 1 December 2009

Time: 9.30 - 10.50am

Venue: Committee Room 2, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

Assembly Members in Attendance

Ann Jones, Vale of Clwyd (Chair)
Eleanor Burnham, North Wales
Jonathan Morgan, Cardiff North
Janet Ryder, North Wales
Joyce Watson, Mid and West Wales

Officials in Attendance

Bethan Webber, Clerk
Catherine Hunt, Deputy Clerk
Helen Roberts, Legal Adviser

Others in Attendance

Item 2

Lisa Turnbull, Royal College of Nursing Wales
Martin Semple, Royal College of Nursing Wales
Julie Richards, Royal College of Midwives
Stuart Bonar, Royal College of Midwives

Item 3

Dr Andrew Freedman, Cardiff University School of Medicine

Item 4

Edwina Hart AM, Minister for Health and Social Services
Dr Jane Wilkinson, Deputy Chief Medical Officer

Item 1: Introduction, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee members and members of the public.
- 1.2 There were no apologies or substitutions.
- 1.3 There were no declarations of interest.

Item 2: Inquiry into Discrimination against People Living with HIV by Healthcare Professionals and Providers - Evidence from the Royal College of Nursing and the Royal College of Midwives

Papers: EOC(3)-16-09(p1) and EOC(3)-16-09(p4)

- 2.1 The witnesses responded to questions from the Committee.
- 2.2 The witnesses agreed to provide additional information as requested by the Committee.

Action

Stuart Bonar would provide information on the uptake of the HIV test offered to pregnant women.
Martin Semple would provide a copy of the article referred to on the discrimination encountered by healthcare professionals.

Item 3: Inquiry into Discrimination against People Living with HIV by Healthcare Professionals and Providers - Evidence from Cardiff University School of Medicine

Paper: EOC(3)-16-09(p2)

3.1 Dr Freedman responded to questions from the Committee.

3.2 Dr Freedman agreed to provide additional information as requested by the Committee.

Action

Dr Freedman would provide a copy of the paper he referred to on HIV testing.

Item 4: Inquiry into Discrimination against People Living with HIV by Healthcare Professionals and Providers - Evidence from the Minister for Health and Social Services

Paper: EOC(3)-16-09(p3)

4.1 The Minister and Deputy Chief Medical Officer responded to questions from the Committee.

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