

European and External Affairs Committee

Minutes: EUR(3)-03-09

Date: 24 February 2009

Time: 09:10 - 10:55

Venue: Committee Room 1, Senedd

Assembly Members in Attendance

Sandy Mewies, Delyn (Chair)
Jeff Cuthbert, Caerphilly

Mike German, South Wales East

Rhodri Glyn Thomas, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr

William Graham, South Wales East

Committee Service
Lara Date, Clerk
Annette Millett, Deputy Clerk

Committee Specialists

Gregg Jones, Members' Research Service

Others in Attendance

Paul Williams, Chief Executive, NHS Wales

Chris Riley, Department of Health and Social Services, Welsh Assembly Government

Mike Ponton, Director, NHS Confederation

Dr Andrew Dearden, Chair, British Medical Association - Welsh Council

Dr Tony Calland, Former Chair, British Medical Association - Welsh Council

Andy Klom, European Commission Office in Wales

1: Introduction, Apologies and Substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee members and members of the public.

1.2 The Chair had sent a letter of condolence on behalf of the Committee to the family of the Czech Ambassador HE Jan Winkler, who had attended the previous Committee meeting.

1.3 The Committee noted that Christine Chapman, who represented Wales within the UK delegation to the Committee of the Regions, had been selected to write an own-initiative report for the Committee of the Regions on the future of the Lisbon Strategy post 2010.

2: Oral update on European Commission Activities in Wales

2.1 The Committee welcomed Andy Klom who provided an oral update of recent European Commission activities in Wales.

2.2. Mr Klom responded to questions from the Committee.

Action:

The Chair would explore the most appropriate channel to follow up on concerns about the availability of resources to teach the 'Wales, Europe and the World' element of the Welsh Baccalaureate within schools.

3: Scrutiny Inquiry: Patients' Rights in Cross-Border Healthcare and Cohesion Policy - Evidence gathering

Papers:

EUR(3)-03-09 - Paper 1

EUR(3)-03-09 - Paper 2

3.1 The witnesses responded to questions from the Committee.

4: Scrutiny Inquiry: Patients' Rights in Cross-Border Healthcare and Cohesion Policy - Evidence gathering

Paper:

EUR(3)-03-09 - Paper 3

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Paper to note

Minutes of the last meeting

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The Committee noted the minutes of the 3 February 2009 meeting.

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