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Venue: Committee Rooms 3&4, National Assembly for Wales

Title: Policy Review: Interface between Health and Social Care Services

Aims

To evaluate the effectiveness of joint working and co-operation between the health and social care services; to identify good practice and to offer recommendations to improve joint working and co-operation between the key agencies.

Terms of Reference

To review the mechanisms for joint planning and provision of services in health and social care and the quality of the evidence base.

To examine the accountability arrangements for joint planning and service provision.

To evaluate the effects (both positive and negative) that decisions in one service can have on another.

To examine key areas that impact on the quality and provision of a seamless service, particularly:

- hospital discharge
- intermediate care
- residential and nursing home services
- domiciliary care services
- involvement of the independent and private sectors
- support for carers.

To review the role of health and social services in promoting the independence of patients and the prevention of unnecessary admission or re-admission to hospital.

