

Health & Social Services Committee

(HSS(2)-06-06)

Meeting date: Thursday 23 March 2006

Meeting time: 9.30 am to 12. 50 pm

Meeting venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

Assembly Members in Attendance

Assembly Member	Constituency
Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Chair)	Carmarthen East & Dinefwr
Brian Gibbons (Minister)	Aberavon
John Griffiths	Newport East
Helen Mary Jones	Mid & West Wales
Jonathan Morgan	South Wales Central
Lynne Neagle	Torfaen
Jenny Randerson	Cardiff Central
Karen Sinclair	Clwyd South

In Attendance

Professor Baroness Ilora Finlay	Medical Director – Health Commission Wales
Professor Malcolm Mason	Chief Executive – Health Commission Wales
Professor Tim Maughan	Chair – Health Commission Wales

Officials in Attendance

Name	Job title
Ann Lloyd	Head of Health and Social Care Department

Dr David Salter	Acting Chief Medical Officer
Christine Daws	Health and Social Care Department
Professor Richard Williams	Special Adviser for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Assembly Parliamentary Service

Name	Job title
Jane Westlake	Committee Clerk
Catherine Lewis	Deputy Committee Clerk
Kathryn Potter	Members Research Service

Item 1: Apologies and Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

- 1.1 There were no apologies or substitutions.
- 1.2 There were no declarations of interest.
- 1.3 A verbatim record of the meeting will be available.

The Chair and Minister agreed to bring forward the item on the Oxygen contract.

Item 4: Oxygen Contract

Paper: HSS(2)-06-06(p.4);

- 2.1 The Minister provided an update on the implementation on the new oxygen contract.
- 2.2 The Committee requested a paper detailing the plan to deal with problems emerging in the first weeks of the contract.

Action

The Minister would provide a paper for Committee.

Item 2: Policy Review – Cancer Services

Paper: HSS(2)-06-06(p.1) & HSS(2)-06-06(p.2);

3.1 The Chair welcomed Professor Baroness Ilora Finlay, Professor Malcolm Mason and Professor Tim Maughan from the Department of Oncology and Palliative Care at Cardiff University.

3.2 The witnesses outlined possible areas for consideration in the Committee's review, and answered questions from Members.

3.3 The Committee considered the possibility of using an expert reference group to advise them on their review.

Action

The Clerk and Members Research Service would draft terms of reference for the Committee's approval.

Professors Mason, Finlay and Maughan to be consulted about the constitution of an expert reference group.

Item 3: Mental Health Services for Children and Young People

Paper: HSS(2)-06-06(p.3);

4.1 The Minister made a statement on the joint announcement by the Department of Health and the Home Office to proceed with a short Bill to amend the Mental Health Act 1983.

4.2 Members questioned the Minister on his statement.

Action

The Committee would scrutinise the Bill when published. The Secretariat to liaise with WAG officials over timing.

Item 5: Schedule of Secondary Legislation

Paper: HSS(2)-04-06(p5);

5.1 The Committee did not identify any items for consideration.

5.2 An update on the scrutiny of the welfare foods legislation was requested.

Action

Legislation schedule to be updated in respect of timing of the Welfare Foods legislation.

Papers to Note

The Care Council for Wales - Additional Information
HSS(2)-06-06(p6)

Changes to the budgets effecting the Health and Social Services MEG
HSS(2)-06-06(p7)

6.1 Members raised points of clarification on the transfers detailed in the paper.

Minutes of the meeting on 16 February 2006

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