Health & Social Services Committee

Minutes (HSS(2)-10-05)

Meeting date: Wednesday 5 October 2005 Meeting time: 9.00am to 12.15pm Meeting venue: Committee Room 3, National Assembly for Wales

Assembly Members in Attendance

| Assembly Member | Constituency |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| David Melding (Chair) | South Wales Central |
| Jocelyn Davies | South Wales East |
| Brian Gibbons (Minister) | Aberavon |
| John Griffiths | Newport East |
| Jonathan Morgan | South Wales Central |
| Lynne Neagle | Torfaen |
| Jenny Randerson | Cardiff Central |
| Karen Sinclair | Clwyd South |
| Rhodri Glyn Thomas | Carmarthen East and Dinefwr |

Officials in Attendance

| Name | Job title |
|-----------------|---|
| Ann Lloyd | Head of Health and Social Care Department |
| Dr Mike Simmons | Office of the Chief Medical Officer |

Others in Attendance

| Name | Representing (if applicable) | Agenda item |
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| | | (s) |

| Dr Tony Howard | Director, Infection and Communicable Disease Service, National Public Health Service | Item 4 |
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| Peter Johns | Director, Board of Community Health Councils in Wales | Item 4 |
| Dr Nick Looker | Infection Control Doctor, Glan Clwyd Hospital | Item 4 |
| Cllr John MacLennan | Chair of the Board of Community Health Councils in Wales | Item 4 |
| David Owen | Chair, Conwy West Community Health Council | Item 4 |
| Dr Kunnathur Rajan | Member, Cardiff Community Health Council | Item 4 |
| Martin Turner | Chief Executive, Gwent Healthcare NHS Trust | Item 4 |

Committee Service

| Name | Job title |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| Jane Westlake | Committee Clerk |
| Claire Morris | Deputy Committee Clerk |
| Peter Jones | Counsel to the Committee |

Item 1: Apologies and Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

- 1.1 An apology was received from Val Lloyd. There was no substitution.
- 1.2 There were no declarations of interest.
- 1.3 A verbatim record of the meeting is available.

Item 2: Policy Review of the National Service Framework for Mental Health - Standard 2: User and Carer Participation

Paper: HSS(2)-10-05(p.1)

2.1 The final draft report was agreed, subject to minor amendment.

2.2 The report would be published in the week commencing 17 October.

Action

• Clerk to amend draft report.

Item 3: Report of the Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Paper: HSS(2)-10-05(p.2)

3.1 The report of the Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting held on 16 June was noted.

3.2 The Minister suggested that if Members they had any questions arising out of the Ministerial Update they should notify the Clerk by lunchtime of the Monday before the meeting and he would endeavour to supply more information.

Action

• Members to notify Clerk of any questions arising out of the Ministerial Update.

Item 4: Hospital Acquired Infection

Paper: HSS(2)-10-05(p.3)

4.1 The Committee considered the written and oral evidence received from the National Public Health Service; Gwent Healthcare NHS Trust; Dr Nick Looker and the Board of Community Health Councils in Wales.

Action

• The Minister would provide a paper to note on the regulation of infection control regimes in nursing homes.

Item 5: Forward Work Programme

Paper: HSS(2)-10-05(p.4)

5.1 The detailed forward work programme for the remainder of the autumn term was agreed.

Item 6: Schedule of Proposed Secondary Legislation

Paper: HSS(2)-10-05(p.5a) and HSS(2)-10-05(p.5b)

6.1 The Committee identified the following item for consideration:

| Reference No: | Title |
|---------------|---|
| HSS 24(05) | LHB (Constitution, Membership & Procedures) (Amendment) (Wales) 2006 Regulations |

Action

• Clerk to notify Chair of Business Committee of items identified.

Item 7: The Social Services Complaints Procedures (Wales) Regulations 2005

Paper: HSS(2)-10-05(p.6)

7.1 The Committee identified the Regulations for detailed scrutiny at its meeting on 3 March 2004. The Regulations were considered in accordance with the Committee's agreed protocol for scrutinising legislation. No amendments were proposed or points of clarification raised.

7.2 The Committee recommended approval of the draft Regulations.

Action

• Chair to send the Committee's report to the Chair of the Business Committee.

Item 8: The Representations Procedure (Children) (Wales) Regulations 2005

Paper: HSS(2)-10-05(p.7)

8.1 The Committee identified the Regulations for detailed scrutiny at its meeting on 25 May 2005. The Regulations were considered in accordance with the Committee's agreed protocol for scrutinising legislation. No amendments were proposed or points of clarification raised.

8.2 The Committee recommended approval of the draft Regulations.

Action

• Chair to send the Committee's report to the Chair of the Business Committee.

Item 9: Minutes of Previous Meeting

Papers: HSS(2)-09-05(min)

9.1 The minutes of 13 July 2005 were agreed.