

# Health & Social Services Committee

## **Agenda: HSS(2)-12-04(agd))**

Thursday 14 October 2004

1.30pm to 4.00pm

Committee Rooms 3 & 4, National Assembly for Wales

### **Item 1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest (1.30 to 1.35pm)**

### **Item 2: Draft Mental Health Bill**

#### **Purpose**

The Committee will consider the Draft Mental Health Bill, which was published by the United Kingdom Government on 8 September 2004 for pre-legislative scrutiny. The Committee will focus its examination of the draft Bill on the changes from the draft Mental Health Bill that was published in 2002. It will receive evidence from organisations that gave evidence to the Health and Social Services Committee of the First Assembly in September 2002.

#### **Oral Evidence (1.05 to 3:00pm)**

#### **In attendance**

#### **Association of Directors of Social Services**

Bruce McLernon, Director of Social Care & Housing, Carmarthenshire County Council

#### **Royal College of Nursing**

Gareth Phillips, Steward

Lisa Turnbull, Policy Adviser

## **Royal College of Psychiatrists**

Prof. Richard Williams, Chair, Welsh Division  
Dr Anthony Zigmond, Vice President

## **Hafal**

Vicky Yates  
Richard Lawson

## **MIND Cymru**

Lindsay Foyster, Director  
Ruth Coombs, Policy Manager

## **Officials in attendance**

Peter Lawler, Community, Primary Care and Health Service Directorate  
Ann Lloyd, Head of Health and Social Care in Wales  
Dr Sarah Watkins, Senior Medical Officer

## **Break (3:00 to 3:15)**

## **Item 2 cont'd: Draft Mental Health Bill**

### **Discussion of evidence, conclusions and recommendations (3.15 to 4.00pm)**

The Committee will consider the evidence and report its conclusions and recommendations to the United Kingdom Government through the Minister for Health and Social Services

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