

Health & Social Services Committee

(HSS(2)-13-06)

Meeting date: Thursday 28 September 2006

Meeting time: 9.30 am to 12.00 pm

Meeting venue: Committee Room 1, 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
Jenny Randerson	Cardiff Central
Karen Sinclair	Clwyd South

Officials in Attendance

Name	Job title
Ann Lloyd	Head, Department for Health and Social Services
Dr Tony Jewell	Chief Medical Officer
Richard Tebboth	Acting Chief Inspector, Social Services Inspectorate Wales
Ken Alexander	Department for Health and Social Services
Natalie Cooper	Care Standards Inspectorate for Wales
Denise Puckett	Department for Health and Social Services

In Attendance

Name	Organisation
Dr Andrew Fowell (Chair)	Chair of the Expert Reference Group advising the Committee on the Review of Cancer Services / Consultant in Palliative Medicine, Ysbyty Gwynedd

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 An apology was received from Lynne Neagle. There was no substitute.

1.2 There were no declarations of interest.

1.3 A verbatim record of the meeting will be available.

Item 2: Minister's Report

HSS(2)-13-06(p1)

2.1 The Committee considered the Minister's report.

2.2 The Minister responded to questions from Members.

2.3 The Chair reminded Members to contact him should there be any issues they would like to receive an update on in the Minister's report.

Action

The Minister would provide a paper to note on the stolen bones situation.

The Minister would provide an update on hospital car parking charges in a future report to the Committee.

Item 3: Schedule of Secondary Legislation

HSS(2)-13-06(p2a) and HSS(2)-13-06(p2b)

3.1 Members identified the following items for scrutiny from the Schedule of secondary Legislation:

HSS31 (06) The Smoke-Free Premises etc (Wales) Regulations 2007, and

HSS32 (06) – Local Authority Adoption Services (Wales) Regulations 2006

Action

The Clerk would notify Business Committee of the secondary legislation identified for scrutiny.

The Minister would provide papers to note detailing the reasons for the delay in making The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (HSS39(04)).

Item 4: National Assembly for Wales Annual Equality report HSS(2)-13-06(p3)

4.1 The Minister's official responded to Members' questions on the report.

Item 5: Secondary Legislation - The Care Standards Act 2000 and the Children Act 1989 (Regulatory Reform and Complaints) (Wales) Regulations 2006 HSS(2)-13-06(p4) and HSS(2)-13-06(p4)

5.1 Members scrutinised the regulations. No amendments or points of clarification had been raised in advance, but the Minister responded to ad hoc queries raised at the meeting.

Action

Committee report to be tabled and the Chair to write to the Chair of the Business Committee

Item 6: Committee's review of Cancer Services

6.1 Dr Fowell updated Members on the Expert Reference Group's consideration of the consultation responses and responded to questions posed by Members.

6.2 The Committee agreed that the main areas they would focus on for the remainder were the development of the CaNISC system, the commissioning of services, new treatments and drugs, supporting patients through care, the role of the voluntary sector, living well with cancer and the development of a cancer plan.

Action

The Minister would provide a paper to note on the work being undertaken on horizon scanning for

the Committee meeting on 11 October.

The Expert Reference Group would provide questions for Members ahead of the oral evidence sessions.

Papers to Note

Bournewood Safeguards
HSS(2)-13-06(p6)

Minutes of the meeting on 5 July 2006
HSS(2)-11-06-min

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