

# Health & Social Services Committee

**(HSS(2)-16-06)**

**Meeting date: Wednesday 15 November 2006**

**Meeting time: 9.30 am to 12.05 pm**

**Meeting venue: Committee Room 1, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales**

## Assembly Members in Attendance

<b>Assembly Member</b>	<b>Constituency</b>
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

## Officials in Attendance

<b>Name</b>	<b>Job title</b>
Ann Lloyd	Head, Department for Health and Social Services
Dr Tony Jewell	Chief Medical Officer
Rosemary Kennedy	Chief Nursing Officer
Steve Elliot	Department for Health and Social Services
Sian Evans	Department for Health and Social Services
Karen Morgan	Department for Health and Social Services
Alastair Meredith	Department for Health and Social Services

## In Attendance

Name	Organisation
Muriel Barber	Claire House Children's Hospice
Viv Cooper	George Thomas Hospice Care
Gill Devereaux	Professional Officer CPHVA Wales
Tina Donnelly	Director, RCN Wales
Dr Andrew Fowell	Chair of the Expert Reference Group advising the Committee on the Review of Cancer Services / Consultant in Palliative Medicine, Ysbyty Gwynedd
Helen Rogers	Secretary to the RCM UK Board for Wales
Karen Wright	Claire House Children's Hospice

## Assembly Parliamentary Service

Name	Job title
Jane Westlake	Committee Clerk
Catherine Lewis	Deputy Committee Clerk
Carolyn Eason	Members Research Service
Peter Jones	Counsel to the Assembly

### 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.

### Item 2: Report of the Chief Nursing Officer HSS(2)-16-06(p1)

2.1 Rosemary Kennedy introduced the report and responded to questions from Committee members.

### **Item 3: Secondary Legislation: Independent Prescribers Regulations HSS(2)-16-06(p2a) and HSS(2)-16-06(p2b)**

3.1 The Minister responded to questions from Members.

3.2 The Committee agreed that any future papers relating to secondary legislation where Members had not identified any amendments or raised any points of clarification should be taken as papers to note.

#### **Action**

The Minister would provide a paper to note detailing the preparatory work being undertaken by local commissioners in advance of the implementation of the Regulations.

### **Item 4: Secondary Legislation: NHS (Charges for Drugs and appliances) Regulations HSS(2)-16-06(p3a) and HSS(2)-16-06(p3b)**

4.1 No amendments were identified nor any points of clarification raised.

### **Item 5: The NHS Wales Pharmaceutical Services (Advanced and Enhanced Services) (Wales) (Amendment) Directions HSS(2)-16-06(p4a) and HSS(2)-16-06(p4b)**

5.1 No amendments were identified nor any points of clarification raised.

### **Item 6: Scrutiny of the Budget HSS(2)-16-06(p5)**

6.1 The Minister and officials responded to questions from Committee members.

#### **Action**

The Minister would provide an update in his next report to the Committee on the timescale for implementing the Townsend formula, and the ad hoc arrangements in place for the current financial year.

The Minister would provide an update on the consultation on the funding of foster carers.

The Minister would provide a paper to note on the transfers out of the primary care budget for the dental contract.

### **Item 7: Committee Review of Cancer Services HSS(2)-16-06(p6) and HSS(2)-16-06(p7)**

7.1 Viv Cooper, Karen Wright and Muriel Barber responded to questions from Committee members.

## **Action**

The Minister would provide details of the results of the mapping exercise being undertaken into the number of healthcare posts being funded by the voluntary sector in Wales when available.

## **Papers to Note**

Report on the Deputy Minister's attendance at the International Federation on Ageing Conference  
HSS(2)-16-06(p.8)

Recall of Certain US Tissue Products  
HSS(2)-16-06(p.9)

Additional Information from Cancer Services Co-ordinating Group.  
HSS(2)-16-06(p.10)

Additional Information from Disability Rights Commission on Health Inequalities Investigation  
HSS(2)-16-06(p.11)

Minutes of the meeting on 26 October 2006  
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