

Health & Social Services Committee

(HSS(2)-17-06)

Meeting date: Thursday 30 November 2006

Meeting time: 9.30 am to 12.00 pm

Meeting venue: Committee Room 2, 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
Ann Jones	Vale of Clwyd
Jonathan Morgan	South Wales Central
Jenny Randerson	Cardiff Central

Officials in Attendance

Name	Job title
Ann Lloyd	Head, Department for Health and Social Services
Dr Tony Jewell	Chief Medical Officer
Stuart Moncur	Health and Social Services Department
Mark Partridge	Assistant Director Legal Services
Ginny Blakey	Office of the Chief Medical Officer
Elizabeth Lockwood	Older People and Long-term Care Policy Directorate
Amanda Jones	Legal Services
Rachael Stephens	Legal Services

Assembly Parliamentary Service

Name	Job title
Jane Westlake	Committee Clerk
Sara Mansour	Deputy Committee Clerk
Kathryn Potter	Members Research Service
Peter Jones	Counsel to the Assembly

Item 1: Apologies and Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 Apologies were received from Karen Sinclair and Lynne Neagle. Ann Jones substituted for Karen Sinclair.

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)-17-06(p1)

2.1 The Committee considered the Minister's report.

2.2 The Minister responded to questions from Members.

Action

The Minister to provide further information as follows:

The costs incurred as a result of the delay in resettling people from Bryn y Neuadd Hospital; the timescale for the further evaluation of disease modifying therapies for Multiple Sclerosis".

Item 3: Schedule of Secondary Legislation HSS(2)-17-06(p2a) and HSS(2)-17-06(p2b)

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

- HSS 44 (06) The Directions to Local Health Boards as to the Statement of Financial Entitlements (Amendment No. 3) Directions 2006, and
- HSS 45 (06) Local Health Board (Childhood Immunisation Programme) Directions 2006.

Action

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

Item 4: Secondary Legislation: The Commissioner for Older People in Wales Regulations 2007 and The Commissioner for Older people in Wales (Appointment) Regulations 2007 HSS(2)-17-06(p3)

4.1 No amendments had been proposed but Jenny Randerson had notified a point of clarification on Part VI of the Commissioner for Older People in Wales Regulations 2007, relating to paragraph 16 (1) and (2). She asked whether it is envisaged that there would be an annual report to the Assembly as well as the First Minister.

The Deputy Minister accepted that there was an inconsistency in the drafting of paragraphs 16 (1) and (2) and agreed that sub -paragraph (2) would be amended to refer to the Assembly not the First Minister.

The Committee took the view that the same wording should apply to regulations relating to the Children's Commissioner.

4.2 Subject to this amendment the Committee was content with the draft legislation.

Action

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

Item 5: Secondary Legislation: The Smoke-Free Premises etc (Wales) Regulations 2007 HSS(2)-17-06(p4)

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

Item 6: Developing Emergency Care Services HSS(2)-17-06(p5)

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

Action

The Minister to provide a paper on the detailed implementation plan.

Item 7: Committee Forward Work Programme – January to March 2007 HSS(2)-17-06(p6)

7.1 The detailed forward work programme for the remainder of the autumn term was discussed. The following amendments were submitted;

The "Report of the Chief Inspector, Healthcare Inspectorate Wales" to be curtailed to thirty minutes;

The "Fulfilled Lives Supportive Communities – The Welsh Assembly Government's detailed proposals following consultation", to be moved to the 25 January meeting.

7.2 The Committee agreed to hold an additional meeting in early January to discuss the Auditor General's report into the Welsh Ambulance Services Trust and the Trust's modernisation proposals.

Action

The Clerk to make these amendments to the Committee's Forward Work Programme.

The Clerk to arrange the additional meeting.

Papers to Note

Information from the RCN - Quantitative Evidence of instances where job matching had been related to finance

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Minutes of the meeting on 15 November 2006

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