

Health & Social Services Committee HSS-11-01(p.5)

Date: 4 July 2001
Venue: Committee Room 3, National Assembly for Wales
Title: **Forward Work Programme – October to December 2001**

Purpose

1. The Committee is invited to agree the attached forward work programme which sets out proposals for the meetings in the autumn, and flags up issues for consideration in the new year.

Consideration

2. There are only four meetings scheduled for the Committee between October and December. An additional formal meeting has therefore been scheduled in for the afternoon of Thursday, 18 October in order to undertake all the work planned. This date has been set aside in the Assembly calendar for additional business of the Health and Social Services Committee, but the approval of the Business Committee is needed if a formal meeting is planned. The Business Committee requires the agreement of the majority of Health and Social Services Committee members to the meeting.

Action

3. If the Committee is content with the draft programme it will be copied to other Committees and the Chair will write to other Chairs inviting involvement as appropriate.

Committee Secretariat

June 2001

Annex

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

OCTOBER to DECEMBER 2001

Item	Time (mins)	Comment
Thursday 18 October		
Assembly Minister's monthly report	45	
Health of School Age Children	60	<i>Initial consideration of work programme</i>
Wednesday 24 October		
Workforce Planning		
Budget Proposals	60	<i>Consideration of the Minister's proposals in the light of the Committee's priorities</i>
Care Standards Inspectorate for Wales	60	<i>Comments on proposed regulations and standards, following consultation</i>
Children and Young People – A framework for partnership	nil	<i>Paper to note following consultation</i>
Report on Procedures for sterilising surgical instruments	nil	<i>Paper to note</i>
Report of Audit of Use of Agency Staff in the NHS	nil	<i>Paper to note</i>
Expansion of Medical Education and Research in Wales	nil	<i>Paper to note</i>
Wednesday 7 November		
Prescribing Practices Task and Finish Group	60	<i>Prioritisation of recommendations and proposals for implementation</i>
Commission for Health Improvement Report on Cancer Services	80	
Health and Social Care Research and Development Strategy	30	<i>Comments on the proposed R&D Strategy for the next 5 years, prior to consultation.</i>
Food Standard Agencies Nutrition Strategy for Wales	nil	<i>Paper to note</i>
Wednesday 21 November		
Assembly Minister's Monthly Report	45	
National Childcare Strategy	60	
Wednesday 5 December		
Care Standards Inspectorate for Wales	60	<i>Comments on further proposed regulations and standards, following consultation</i>

Other possible items for scheduling in:

NHS Bill (following publication)

Health and Social Care Charter

Annual Report of the Commission for Health Improvement

The Structure of Primary Care and recommendations of Task and Finish group for future oversight

Proposals for New GP Contract

Response to consultation on composition of Health Professions Council. (*October*)

Fluoridation of Water – how it might work in Wales (paper to note)

Report on sterilisation and decontamination of surgical instruments (paper to note) (*October*)

Domiciliary Care – guidance to local authorities on charging

Forward Look to 2002

Health of School Age Children – *evidence taking and conclusions*

Resource Allocation Review – *response to consultation (January)*

Joint Working and Flexibilities – *progress report*

Report of the Carlile review on Safeguarding Children in the NHS

Scrutiny of Health Authority / NHS Trust etc

Strategy for Older People

Health and Housing – *possible joint policy review with local Government Committee*