

Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee

Minutes : HWLG(3)-10-10 : 27 May 2010

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Time: 12.52 - 15.00

Venue: Committee Room 2, Senedd

Assembly Members in attendance

Darren Millar, Clwyd West (Chair)
Andrew R.T. Davies, South Wales Central
Lorraine Barrett, Cardiff South and Penarth
Peter Black, South Wales West
Helen Mary Jones, Llanelli
Val Lloyd, Swansea East
Irene James, Islwyn
Ann Jones, Vale of Clwyd

Witnesses

Beverlea Frowen, Director of Social Services and Health Improvement, Welsh Local Government Association (Item 2)
Parry Davies, Joint Policy Lead for Children and Families, Association of Directors for Social Services Cymru (Item 2)

Liz Best, Business Manger, Newport Safeguarding Children Board (Item 3)
Gabrielle Heeney, Business Manager, Conwy and Denbighshire Safeguarding Children Board (Item 3)

Dr Hywel Williams, Designated Doctor (Item 4)
Lin Slater, Designated Nurse (Item 4)

Committee Staff

Marc Wyn Jones, Clerk
Sarita Marshall, Deputy Clerk
Siân Thomas, MRS (Items 1-4 only)

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.

1.2 Apologies had been received from Dai Lloyd.

Item 2: Inquiry into local safeguarding children boards - evidence gathering from local government

Paper: HWLG(3)-10-10(p.1)

2.1 The Committee took evidence from local government, focussing on progressing the safeguarding agenda; the Welsh Government LSCB Review Group Report; the funding, role, representation and scope of LSCBs; front-line practitioners; dissemination of information; the role of the LSCB Chair; the self audit and improvement tool; and the CSSIW LSCB Report, as part of their inquiry into local safeguarding children boards.

Item 3: Inquiry into local safeguarding children boards - evidence gathering from LSCB Co-ordinators

Paper: HWLG(3)-10-10(p.2)

3.1 The Committee took evidence from LSCB co-ordinators, focussing on the role, representation, scope, and membership of LSCBs; partnerships; vulnerable groups; the role of the LSCB Chair; front-line practitioners; information sharing; and involving children and young people, as part of their inquiry into local safeguarding children boards.

Item 4: Inquiry into local safeguarding children boards - evidence gathering from Public Health Wales

Paper: HWLG(3)-10-10(p.3)

4.1 The Committee took evidence from a designated doctor and designated nurse, focussing on Welsh Government guidance, the role, scope, membership and funding of LSCBs, NHS reorganisation, partnerships, and vulnerable groups, as part of their inquiry into local safeguarding children boards.

Item 5: Inquiry into neonatal services - draft report

Paper: HWLG(3)-10-10(p.4)

5.1 The Chair moved a motion, under Standing Order 10.37(ix), to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting, to discuss matters relating to the Committee's internal business.

5.2 The Committee agreed to the motion.

Actions

The Clerking team to incorporate Members' amendments into the draft recommendations of the Report on Inquiry into Neonatal Care in Wales.

MRS to provide a briefing on optician and pharmacist representation on LSCBs.

6: Papers Noted

6.1 The Committee noted the following papers:

HWLG(3)-09-10 : Minutes of meeting held 13 May 2010

HWLG(3)-10-10 : Paper 6, Wrexham LSCB Funding Formula