

# Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee

## Minutes : HWLG(3)-11-10 : 10 June 2010

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**Time: 12.50 - 15.50**

**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  
Dai Lloyd, South Wales West  
Irene James, Islwyn  
Ann Jones, Vale of Clwyd

### Witnesses

Catriona Williams, Chief Executive, Children in Wales (Item 2)  
Christine Walby OBE, Former Chair of Children in Wales (Item 2)

Catrin Williams, Executive Director, Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service Cymru (Item 3)  
Dr Peter Higson, Chief Executive, Health Inspectorate Wales (Item 3)  
Mandy Collins, Deputy Chief Executive and Head of Service Review, Health Inspectorate Wales (Item 3)

Gwenda Thomas AM, the Deputy Minister for Social Services (Item 4)  
Julie Rogers, Director of Children's Health and Social Services (Item 4)

Edwina Hart AM, the Minister for Health and Social Services (Item 5)  
Paul Williams, Director General for Health and Social Services, Welsh Government (Item 5)

### 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 Val Lloyd.

### Item 2: Inquiry into local safeguarding children boards - evidence gathering from Children in Wales

#### Paper:

HWLG(3)-11-10(p.1)

2.1 The Committee took evidence from Children in Wales, focussing on progressing the safeguarding agenda; the scope, Chair, role and representation of local safeguarding children boards; partnerships; front-line practitioners; vulnerable children; and involving children and young people, as part of their inquiry into local safeguarding children boards.

#### Action

The Clerking team to request information from the UK Border Agency on its engagement with LSCBs.

### Item 3: Inquiry into local safeguarding children boards - evidence gathering from CAFCASS and HIW

#### Papers:

HWLG(3)-11-10(p.2) and HWLG(3)-11-10(p.3)

3.1 The Committee took evidence from the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service Cymru and Health Inspectorate Wales, focussing on the role, representation and scope of local safeguarding children boards; front-line practitioners; information sharing;

the role of the NHS; and vulnerable groups as part of their inquiry into local safeguarding children boards.

#### **Item 4: Inquiry into local safeguarding children boards - evidence gathering from the Welsh Government**

**Paper:**

HWLG(3)-11-10(p.4)

4.1 The Committee took evidence from the Deputy Minister for Social Services, focussing on progressing the safeguarding agenda, the role, representation, scope, Chair and funding of local safeguarding children boards; partnerships; front-line practitioners; vulnerable children; and involving children and young people, as part of their inquiry into local safeguarding children boards.

#### **Item 5: Scrutiny of the Minister for Health and Social Services**

**Paper:**

HWLG(3)-11-10(p.5)

5.1 The Committee held a general scrutiny session with Edwina Hart AM, Minister for Health and Social Services.

**Actions**

The Minister to provide a paper on the work that her Department is doing with the education service to provide preventative healthcare for young people.

The Minister to provide a paper on the work undertaken by Chris Martin's task and finish group when completed, and on the role and responsibilities of the various groups established to consider drugs and medicines in Wales.

The Minister to provide a report on the outcome of work undertaken on chronic conditions management.

The Minister to share with Committee information on proposed sunbed legislation when available.

The Minister to provide Committee with an update on the implementation of 'One Wales' commitments, including the commitment to eliminate the use of private sector hospitals in the NHS.

#### **6: Papers Noted**

6.1 The Committee noted the following papers:

HWLG(3)-11-10-p6 Draft Report on Neonatal Care in Wales

HWLG(3)-10-10 Minutes of previous meeting