

Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee

Concise Minutes : HWLG(3)-14-10 : 22 September 2010

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Time: 9.00 – 11.40

Venue: Committee Room 1, Senedd

Assembly Members in attendance

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

Witnesses

Pamela Stephenson, British Orthodontic Society (Item 2)
Peter Nicholson, British Orthodontic Society (Item 2)
Ian Hulatt, Mental Health Adviser, Royal College of Nursing (Item 3)
Lisa Turnbull, Policy and Public Affairs Adviser, Royal College of Nursing (Item 3)
John Davies, Practice Leader, Hafal (Item 3)
Paul Cleary, Staff Volunteer, Hafal (Item 3)
Chris Jones, Rhondda Veterans Support Group (Item 4)
Paul Estebanez, Rhondda Veterans Support Group (Item 4)
Chris O'Neill, Forces for Good (Item 4)
Neil Kitchiner, UK Psychological Trauma Society Board Member, Mental Health Service for Veterans Pilot Lead, and Community Veterans Mental Health Therapist (Item 5)
Dr Steven Hughes, Pathways (Item 5)

Committee Staff

Marc Wyn Jones, Clerk
Sarita Marshall, Deputy Clerk
Steve Boyce, Members' Research Service (Items 3 to 5 only)

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

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.
- 1.2 No apologies had been received.

Item 2: Inquiry into Orthodontic Services in Wales: Evidence Gathering

Paper:

HWLG(3)-14-10-p1 British Orthodontic Society

2.1 The Committee took evidence from the British Orthodontic Society on orthodontic capacity in Wales; general dental practitioners; the impact of the NHS dental contract; the co-ordination of orthodontic treatment; the orthodontic workforce; maintaining standards of delivery and outcomes within the NHS and the independent sector; and the priorities for orthodontic services

Actions

The Clerking team to forward questions not asked to the witnesses due to lack of time for written response.

Item 3: Inquiry into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Treatment for Veterans: Evidence Gathering (9.40-10.20)

Papers:

HWLG(3)-14-10-p2 Royal College of Nursing

HWLG(3)-14-10-p2 Annex A

HWLG(3)-14-10-p3 Hafal

3.1 The Committee took evidence from the RCN and Hafal on the prevalence and impact of PTSD; information and awareness-raising; treatment; specialist and generic services; future services; veterans with additional diagnoses; and links between the armed forces and services in the community.

Actions

The Clerking team to clarify the details of the deregistering of armed forces personnel from GP practices.

Item 4: Inquiry into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Treatment for Veterans: Evidence Gathering (10.20-11.00)

Papers:

HWLG(3)-14-10-p4 Rhondda Veterans Group

HWLG(3)-14-10-p5 Forces for Good

4.1 The Committee took evidence from the Rhondda Veterans Support Group and Forces for Good on the work of the Rhondda Veterans Support Group and Forces for Good; information and awareness-raising; existing services for veterans with PTSD; specialist and generic services; and future services.

Action

The Clerking team to write to the Department for Work and Pensions seeking information on Statement of Fitness for Work arrangements for veterans.

The Clerking team to forward a question not asked to Forces for Good due to lack of time for written response.

Item 5: Inquiry into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Treatment for Veterans: Evidence Gathering

Papers:

HWLG(3)-14-10-p6 Neil Kitchiner

HWLG(3)-14-10-p6 Annex A

HWLG(3)-14-10-p7 Pathways

5.1 The Committee took evidence from Neil Kitchiner and from Dr Steven Huges of Pathways on the veterans' mental health pilot project; the need for services; information and awareness raising; existing services; future services; and veterans with additional diagnoses.

6 Papers Noted

The Committee noted the following papers:

HWLG(3)-14-10-p8 UK Borders Agency Information

HWLG(3)-14-10-p9 Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services on Plenary debate on stroke services

HWLG(3)-14-10-p10 Response from the Minister for Health and Social Services to actions arising from 8 July 2010

HWLG(3)-14-10-p11 Response from the Minister for Health and Social Services to Actions Arising from 10 June 2010

HWLG(3)-14-10-p12 Letter from the Deputy Minister for Social Services on safeguarding children

HWLG(3)-13-10-Minutes of previous meeting