Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee

Concise Minutes: HWLG(3)-20-10: 1 December 2010

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Time: 9.00 - 11.00

Venue: Committee Room 1, Senedd

Assembly Members in attendance

Jonathan Morgan, Cardiff North (Chair)
Lorraine Barrett, Cardiff South and Penarth
Veronica German, South Wales East
Irene James, Islwyn (Items 2-5 only)
Ann Jones, Vale of Clwyd
Helen Mary Jones, Llanelli
Dai Lloyd, South Wales West
Val Lloyd, Swansea East
Sandy Mewies, Delyn (Items 1-2 only)
Nick Ramsay, Monmouth

Witnesses

Elwyn Price-Morris, Interim Chief Executive, Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust (Item 2) Carl James, Director of Service Development (Item 2) Dr Eamonn Jessup, Vice Chair, North Wales Local Medical Committee (Item 3) Pat Billingham, Chief Officer, Betsi CadwaladrCommunity Health Council (Item 4) Carol Williams, Deputy Chief Officer, Betsi CadwaladrCommunity Health Council (Item 4) Christine Jones, Deputy Chief Officer, Betsi CadwaladrCommunity Health Council (Item 4)

Committee Staff

Marc Wyn Jones, Clerk Sarita Marshall, Deputy Clerk Steve Boyce, Members' Research Service

Item 1: Election of Chair

- 1.1 The Committee Clerk asked for nominations for Chair, in accordance with Standing Order 10.18
- 1.2 Dai Lloyd nominated Jonathan Morgan; there were no other nominations. Jonathan Morgan was elected as Chair.
- 1.3 The Chair paid tribute to the work of the former Chair, Darren Millar.

Item 2: Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.
- 2.2 There were no apologies.
- 2.3 The Chair expressed his thanks to Andrew R.T. Davies for his work on the Committee and welcomed Nick Ramsay who was replacing him.

Item 3: Inquiry into NHS Reviews: Evidence Gathering

Paper: HWLG(3)-20-10-p1

3.1 The witnesses answered the Committee's questions on the process of engagement and consultation on changes to NHS services in North Wales; reviews of services undertaken by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board; and Welsh Government guidance on the conduct of NHS reviews.

Item 4: Inquiry into NHS Reviews: Evidence Gathering

Paper: HWLG(3)-20-10-p2

4.1 The witness answered the Committee's questions on engagement with primary care practitioners in reviews of services undertaken by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board; and Welsh Government guidance on the conduct of NHS reviews.

Item 5: Inquiry into NHS Reviews: Evidence Gathering

Paper: HWLG(3)-20-10-p3

5.1 The witnesses answered the Committee's questions on the role of the Community Health Council in public engagement and consultation around NHS services; service reviews undertaken by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board; and Welsh Government guidance on the conduct of NHS reviews.

Item 6: Motion under Standing Order 10.37 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for Item 6

6.1 The Chair moved a motion, under Standing Order 10.37, to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting, to discuss the key issues of the Inquiry into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Treatment for Veterans.

6.2 The Committee agreed to the motion.

Actions

The Clerking team to draft the report, incorporating Members' amendments.

MRS to draft scoping papers for potential future inquiries.

7: Papers Noted

The Committee noted the following papers:

HWLG(3)-20-10-p4 Letter from Minister - Posture and Mobility Services Review

HWLG(3)-20-10-p5 Letter from BMA on Inquiry into PTSD Treatment for Services Veterans

HWLG(3)-19-10-Minutes of previous meeting