

Public Accounts Committee

Minutes PAC(3)-01-10

Date: Thursday 13 January 2010

Time: 09.13 - 12.00

Venue: Committee Room 3

Assembly Members in Attendance

Jonathan Morgan (Chair), Cardiff North

Lorraine Barrett, Cardiff South and Penarth

Alun Davies, Mid and West Wales

Michael German, South Wales East

Bethan Jenkins, South Wales West

Sandy Mewies, Delyn

Nick Ramsay, Monmouth

Janet Ryder, North Wales

Committee Service

Alun Davidson, Clerk

Andrew Minnis, Deputy Clerk

Joanest Jackson, Legal Adviser

Others in Attendance

Jeremy Colman, Auditor General for Wales (Items 2 to 6)

Matthew Hockridge, Policy Research Officer, Wales Audit Office (Item 2)

Rob Powell, Director of Innovative Studies, Wales Audit Office (Item 3)

Paul Dimplebee, Engagement Partner, Wales Audit Office (Item 4)

Paul Williams, Director General, Health and Social Services and Chief Executive, NHS Wales (Item 4)

Rob Pickford, Director of Social Services Wales (Item 4)

Professor Richard Williams, Children and Mental Health Service Advisor (Item 4)

Keith Ingham, Head of Children's Health and Social Services (Item 4)

1. Apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies had been received from Irene James and Jeff Cuthbert

2. Wales Audit Office consultation on Audit Practice

2.1 The Auditor General for Wales and Matthew Hockridge briefed the Committee on the Code of Audit Practice of the Auditor General for Wales and sought the Committee's input to the consultation process.

2.2 The Committee considered the code and suggested amendments

3. Unscheduled care: developing a whole systems approach - Briefing from the Auditor General for Wales

Papers - PAC(3) 01-10 (p2) Wales Audit Office Report on Unscheduled Care: developing a whole systems approach

3.1 The Auditor General for Wales and Rob Powell briefed the Committee on Unscheduled care: developing a whole systems approach.

3.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Accounting Officer seeking a response to the issues raised by the report.

4. Services for Children and Young People with Emotional and Mental Health Needs: Accounting Officer evidence session

4.1 The Committee took evidence from the witnesses.

4.2 The Accounting Officer agreed to provide further information required by the Committee.

Under Standing Order 10.37(vi) the Committee resolved to hold the remainder of the meeting in private session.

5. Evaluation of evidence session

5.1 The Committee considered evidence taken during the meeting and agreed to write to the Permanent Secretary seeking clarity on the issues raised during the evidence session. The Committee agreed to return to the topic in six months.

5.2 The Committee considered evidence taken during the inquiry into Communities First and agreed to prepare a draft report.

6. Draft report on Maternity Services

6.1 The Committee considered the draft report on Maternity Services.