

Date: 29 May 2002

Venue: Committee Room 3, National Assembly for Wales

Title: Draft NHS (Wales) Bill – Schedule of Proposed Amendments

Amendment 1 – proposed by Plaid Cymru - the Party of Wales.

Amend the **long title of the Bill** as follows:

In the final line delete the words "*and for connected purposes*" and replace with:

"and for other purposes associated with the NHS, including making provision for health audit; and health promotion in Wales; including the prevention of tobacco use in appropriate buildings used by the public; and permissive powers to allow free personal care by the elderly; and for connected purposes."

Amendment 2 - proposed by Plaid Cymru - the Party of Wales.

Clause 1 (1) Community Health Councils. In the new section 20A (3) add (line 14):

"(c) that Community Health Councils in Wales be co-terminous with Local Health Boards."

Amendment 3 – proposed by Brian Gibbons AM

Clause 2 (3) Wales Centre for Health. Line 7: amend "*chairman*" to "*chair*".

Amendment 4 – proposed by Ann Jones AM

Clause 3 (1) Functions of the Centre. After line 19 add:

"(e) undertake research into the causes of health inequalities among the population of

Wales and provide information on, and evaluate the impact of, public health initiatives on reducing such inequalities."

Amendment 5 – proposed by Brian Gibbons AM.

Clause 3(2) Functions of the Centre. This clause states to whom information may be given, but does not outline how investigation may be requested. There should be some mechanism whereby legitimate community groups, eg, trade unions etc, might request the Wales Health Centre to look into some matter.

Amendment 6 –Brian Gibbons AM

Clause 4(5) Health Professions Wales. The definition of a health care professional is vague, but presumably there is a precedent for these words.

Amendment 7 – Plaid Cymru – the Party of Wales

Schedule 1. In the new Schedule 7A to the National Health Service Act 1977:

After para 1 (a) insert:

"secure advocacy services: and"

Amendment 8 - Ann Jones AM

Schedule 1. In the new Schedule 7A to the National Health Service Act 1977:

Para 2 (a) amend "*chairman*" to "*chairperson*".

Amendment 9 – Brian Gibbons AM

Schedule 1. In the new Schedule 7A to the National Health Service Act 1977:

Paras 2 (e) and 2 (f) - Why are there no proposals to give powers to trusts?

Amendment 10 – Brian Gibbons AM

Schedule 1. In the new Schedule 7A to the National Health Service Act 1977:

Para 2 (g) is there any more detail on the advocacy services?

Amendment 11 – David Melding AM

Schedule 1. In the new Schedule 7A to the National Health Service Act 1977:

Immediately after para 2 (g) there should be inserted:

"(h) the provision of a patient support service for National Health Service patients."

Amendment 12 – Brian Gibbons AM

Schedule 1. In the new Schedule 7A to the National Health Service Act 1977

Para 3 (1) (h) – are these references to local pharmacy schemes?

Amendment 13 – David Melding AM

Schedule 1. In the new Schedule 7A to the National Health Service Act 1977

Para 4 - In the first line (line 25 on page 6), insert *"(1)"* before *"The"* and the word *"shall"* shall be substituted for the word *"may"*.

Amendment 14 - David Melding AM

Schedule 1. In the new Schedule 7A to the National Health Service Act 1977:

Para 4(1)(a)(i), (line 27 on page 6), the words *"support and"* shall be inserted before the word *"advise"*.

Amendment 15 - David Melding AM

Schedule 1. In the new Schedule 7A to the National Health Service Act 1977:

Para 4(1)(b), (line 32 on page 6), the words *"the membership"* shall be deleted.

Amendment 16 - David Melding AM

Schedule 1. In the new Schedule 7A to the National Health Service Act 1977:

Para 4(1)(b) immediately after this paragraph there shall be inserted the following paragraphs –

"(2) Any body established under this paragraph shall -

(a) in each calendar year prepare a report outlining the views of National Health Service patients in Wales which report shall as soon as possible after the end of the calendar year be laid before the Assembly;

(b) consider the implications of any change to a National Health Scheme of which it is notified under paragraph 5(b) of this Schedule.

(3)The membership of any body established under this paragraph shall comprise the chairpersons of each Community Health Council in Wales and the chairperson of that body shall be elected by its members."

Amendment 17 - David Melding AM

Schedule 1. In the new Schedule 7A to the National Health Service Act 1977:

Para 5 – immediately after this paragraph insert:

"5. Before a substantial change is made to a local National Health Service Scheme in relation to the district of a Council, that Council –

(a) shall consult with such members of the public who may be affected by the change; and

(b) shall ensure that a body established under paragraph 4 of this Schedule is notified of any such change."