

Date: Thursday 27 June 2002

Venue: Committee Room 1, National Assembly for Wales

Title: NHS Reform and Health Care Professions Bill
Proposed Draft Order: Local Health Board (Wales) Regulations –
Constitution, Membership & Procedures
Members’ Queries, Comments and Proposed Amendments

1. Queries and Comments

i. Val Lloyd

Section 2 – Definition of "carer" - a query on definition as someone who "intends to provide"

ii. Val Lloyd

Section 2 – Definition of "first members".....could further clarification be given on this?

iii. Val Lloyd

Section 3(4) sub paras (e) to(j). Is the number of each professional group on an LHB proportional to the number of practitioners working within the area covered by the LHB? If not how was the representation arrived at?

iv. Val Lloyd

Section 3(4)(m) Could an explanation be given of "associate members"?

v. Plaid Cymru

Section 4 –query on the appointment of chair, vice chair and members subsequent to the initial appointment. They may also raise the possibility of an Assembly veto of appointed members.

vi. Val Lloyd

Section 15(5) line 16, What about persons living together who are not married?

vii. Val Lloyd

Section 15(6)(b) What constitutes remote or insignificant?

2. Amendments

All amendments notified have been proposed by **David Melding**

i. **In Section 2., under para. starting "carer":** delete "aged 18 or over".

ii. **In Section 3, under sub para. (4)(c):** delete "four" and insert "three".

iii. **In Section 3, under sub para. (4)(m):** delete "three" and insert "four".

iv. **In Section 3, under sub para. (5):** delete whole sub para. and insert

"(5) The Board may appoint observers to assist the Board to discharge its functions".

v. **In Section 14:** delete "co-opted members" and insert "observers"

and add extra sentence:

"Observers may only speak when invited to do so by the Chair of the Board".

vi. **In Schedule 1,** add new points 3 and 4:

"(3) The Board shall submit arrangements for the selection and appointment of members to the Assembly for approval".

"(4) Any proposed changes to arrangements for the selection and appointment of members shall be submitted by the Board to the Assembly for approval".

vii. **In Schedule 2, para. 17:** delete "three" and insert "four".

And add new sub para. (d):

"d). one must be an NHS consultant working for an NHS Trust".

viii. **In Schedule 3:** add new paras. 8 and 9:

"(8) Subject to the exceptions listed in (9) below, Board meetings shall be held in public. Subject to the exceptions listed in (9) below, the minutes of Board meetings shall be publicly available".

"(9) The Chair of the Board may deem that specified items of business shall be restricted for legal or public interest reasons. In making such a determination, the Chair must be satisfied that it is reasonable to exclude the public for the discussion of such items. The Chair shall give notice of such items that are to be restricted and shall arrange the Board's agenda so that restricted items are separated from all other business. Under no circumstances shall the public be excluded from any part of Board meetings that deal with non-restricted items. The minutes of restricted items shall not be publicly available".