

Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 10 December 2014

Meeting time:

09.30

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Agenda

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3 Motion under Standing Orders 17.42(vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting (09.35)

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5 The Committee's forward work programme (10.20 – 11.05) (Pages 63 – 76)

**6 Inquiry into new psychoactive substances (“legal highs”):
consideration of the key issues (11.05 – 11.45) (Pages 77 – 90)**

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Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel**

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 26 November 2014**

Meeting time: **09.06 – 12.09**

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John Griffiths AM
Elin Jones AM
Darren Millar AM
Lynne Neagle AM
Gwyn R Price AM
Lindsay Whittle AM
Kirsty Williams AM

Witnesses:

Sarah Rochira, Older People's Commissioner for Wales
Mark Drakeford AM, The Minister for Health and Social Services
Tracey Breheny, Welsh Government
Dr Sarah Watkins, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Llinos Madeley (Clerk)
Helen Finlayson (Second Clerk)
Rhys Morgan (Deputy Clerk)
Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser)
Amy Clifton (Researcher)

Transcript

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1 The Committee's forward work programme

1.1 The Members discussed the forward work programme and agreed to return to this item at a later date

2 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2.1 There were no apologies.

3 General scrutiny of the Older People's Commissioner for Wales

3.1 The Commissioner responded to questions from Members.

3.2 The Commissioner agreed to provide a note to the Committee outlining the points of most relevance to the forthcoming Social Services Regulation and Inspection (Wales) Bill arising from her review into the quality of life and care for older people living in care homes in Wales.

4 Inquiry into new psychoactive substances ("legal highs"): evidence session 7

4.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

4.2 The Minister agreed to provide a note to the Committee outlining the estimated costs to NHS Wales of the proposed prison in North Wales.

5 Papers to note

5.0a The Committee noted the minutes of the meetings on 6 and 12 November.

5.1 Scrutiny of the Minister for Health and Social Services and Deputy Minister for Health: correspondence from the First Minister

5.1a The Committee noted the correspondence from the First Minister.

5.2 General scrutiny session with the Chief Medical Officer: additional information from the Chief Medical Officer

5.2a The Committee noted the additional information provided by the Chief Medical Officer.

5.3 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2015–16: correspondence from the Finance Committee

5.3a The Committee noted the correspondence from the Finance Committee and agreed to discuss the letter in more detail at its next meeting on the 10 December.

5.4 Inquiry into the contribution of community pharmacy to health services in Wales: additional information from the Minister for Health and Social Services

5.4a The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services.

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

6.1 The motion was agreed.

7 General scrutiny of the Older People's Commissioner for Wales: consideration of evidence received

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

8 Inquiry into new psychoactive substances ("legal highs"): consideration of evidence received

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 1 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 20 November 2014**

Meeting time: **09.47 – 12.35**

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Witnesses:

Margaret Provis, Welsh Government
Alistair Davey, Welsh Government
Anthony Jordan, Welsh Government
Mike Lubienski, Welsh Government
Mark Drakeford AM, The Minister for Health and Social Services
Dr Sarah Watkins, Welsh Government
Andrea Gray, Welsh Government

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1 The Committee's forward work programme

1.1 The Members discussed the forward work programme and agreed to return to this item at a later date.

2 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2.1 Apologies were received from Darren Millar.

3 Implementation of the Social Services and Well–being (Wales) Act 2014: factual briefing from Welsh Government officials

3.1 The officials responded to questions from Members.

3.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee to indicate that it intended to consider the draft regulations to be laid under the Social Services and Well–being (Wales) Act 2014 in relation to eligibility.

4 Post–legislative scrutiny of the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010: Ministerial scrutiny session

4.1 The Minister responded to questions from Members.

5 Papers to note

5.1 Scrutiny of the Minister for Health and Social Services and the Deputy Minister for Health: additional information from the Minister for Health and Social Services

5.1a The Committee noted the additional information from the Minister for Health and Social Services in relation to the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust's recruitment plan.

5.2 General scrutiny session with the Chief Medical Officer: additional information from the Chief Medical Officer

5.2a The Committee noted the additional information from the Chief Medical Officer regarding the Primary Care Plan.

5.3 Inquiry into the NHS complaints process: additional information from the Minister for Health and Social Services

5.3a The Committee noted the response from the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the Committee's inquiry into the NHS complaints process.

5.4 The Committee's forward work programme

5.4a The Committee noted the Committee's outline forward work programme from January to March 2015.

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

6.1 The motion was agreed.

6.2 The Chair also proposed in accordance with Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from item 1 of the meeting on 26 November 2014. This was agreed.

7 Post-legislative scrutiny of the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010: consideration of evidence received

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

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Minister for Health and Social Services

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Chair
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December 2014

Dear David,

Thank you for your letter dated 26 November 2014 regarding my attendance at the Health and Social Care Committee's meeting on 20 November 2014 to discuss the Committee's post-legislative scrutiny of the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010.

In response to your request for details of the numbers of patients referred under various mental health pathways, and the performance against the target referral times for each pathway, I can confirm it is the Local Primary Mental Health Support Service (LPMHSS) that has a target of 28 days from referral to assessment (currently at over 71%) and one of 56 days from assessment to intervention (currently at over 85%).

The referrals to this service by a GP would not be of an urgent nature. They would typically be for those experiencing mild to moderate depression for example. If, following assessment by the LPMHSS, it was decided the patient needs were such that they could not be met at a primary care level then they would be referred to secondary mental health services.

A GP's ability to refer to secondary mental health services was not changed by the introduction of the Measure. Interim guidance for community mental health teams was issued in July 2010 and remains extant. That guidance makes explicit when a community mental health team receives a referral the timescales referred to by Dr Watkins apply.

These timescales are not part of the NHS tier 1 targets and as such performance is not collated centrally.

*Best wishes,
Mark*

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