

Concise Minutes – Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 5 Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 4 November
2021

Meeting time: 09.15 – 13.13

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Russell George MS (Chair) Rhun ap Iorwerth MS Gareth Davies MS Mike Hedges MS Jack Sargeant MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Emrys Elias, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Alex Howells, Health Education and Improvement Wales (HIEW) Julie Rogers, Health Education and Improvement Wales (HIEW) Sue Evans, Social Care Wales Sarah McCarty, Social Care Wales
Committee Staff:	Helen Finlayson (Clerk) Claire Morris (Second Clerk)



	Lowri Jones (Deputy Clerk)
	Evan Jones (Deputy Clerk)
	Amy Clifton (Researcher)
	Sarah Hatherley (Researcher)
	Rebekah James (Researcher)
	Philippa Watkins (Researcher)
	Dr Paul Worthington (Researcher)
	Aled Evans (Legal Adviser)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

2 Post appointment scrutiny session with the interim Chair, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

2.1 The Committee received evidence from Emrys Elias, interim Chair of Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board.

2.2 Mr Elias agreed to provide further information on how he intends to improve information sharing and communication with patients, and how he will improve services for the local population in the Cwm Taf region, especially those in the hardest to reach, and less fit and less healthy groups.

3 Health and social care workforce: evidence session with Health Education and Improvement Wales and Social Care Wales

3.1 The Committee received evidence from Health Education and Improvement Wales and Social Care Wales on the health and social care workforce.

3.2 Health Education and Improvement Wales and Social Care Wales agreed to provide a briefing paper to the Committee on the We Care recruitment campaign, along with details of the national resources made available through the strategy to support health and social care staff wellbeing.

4 Papers to note

4.1 Letter from Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitutional Committee regarding the scrutiny by Senedd Committees of common frameworks

4.1 The Committee noted the letter

4.2 Letter from the UK Statistics Authority regarding the publication of their report: Improving health and social care statistics: lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic

4.2 The Committee noted the letter.

4.3 Letter to the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the proposed Velindre Cancer Centre

4.3 The Committee noted the letter.

4.4 Response from the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the proposed Velindre Cancer Centre

4.4 The Committee noted the response.

4.5 Letter to Chair from Pancreatic Cancer UK

4.5 The Committee noted the letter.

4.6 Letter from Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Health and Care Bill

4.6 The Committee noted the letter.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

6 Post appointment scrutiny session: consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received and agreed to write to Emrys Elias and to the Minister for Health and Social Services to seek additional information on a number of points.

7 Health and social care workforce: consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received and agreed to write to Health Education and Improvement Wales, Social Care Wales, Digital Health and Care Wales and relevant trade unions to seek additional information on a number of points.

8 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Health and Care Bill: consideration of written evidence

8.1 The Committee considered the written evidence received and noted that the Business Committee had indicated that it intended to extend the reporting deadline. The Committee agreed that should the extension be sufficient to allow time to seek further evidence, it would write to the Minister for Health and Social Services to request additional information.

9 COVID-19 recovery

9.1 The Committee agreed to publish the notes of issues discussed on the Committee's webpage, and to share the notes with the Minister for Health and Social Services.

10 Forward work programme

10.1 The Committee considered its forward work programme for the remainder of the Autumn term.

11 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23: approach to scrutiny

11.1 The Committee considered its approach to scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23.

12 Inquiry into patient flow: consideration of approach

12.1 The Committee considered its approach to the inquiry into patient flow.

13 Pre-appointment hearing: Chair of Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust: consideration of approach

13.1 The Committee considered its approach to the pre-appointment hearing for the Chair of the Welsh Ambulance Service NHS trust.