

# Concise Minutes – Health and Social Care Committee

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Meeting Venue:

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

Meeting date: Thursday, 2 December  
2021

Meeting time: 09.30 – 15.02

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## Hybrid

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Russell George MS (Chair) Rhun ap Iorwerth MS Gareth Davies MS Mike Hedges MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Dai Davies, Royal College of Occupational Therapists Calum Higgins, Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Dr Christian Egeler, Faculty of Pain Medicine Richard Pugh, Wales Cancer Alliance Andy Glyde, Wales Cancer Alliance Mary Cowern, Cymru versus Arthritis Joseph Carter, British Lung Foundation Elin Edwards, Royal National Institute of Blind People Cymru Gemma Roberts, British Heart Foundation Alyson Thomas, Board of Community Health Councils



	Helen Twidle, Age Cymru Kate Young, Wales Carers Alliance
Committee Staff:	Helen Finlayson (Clerk) Claire Morris (Clerk) Lowri Jones (Deputy Clerk) Sarah Hatherley (Researcher) Philippa Watkins (Researcher) Aled Evans (Legal Adviser) Steven Williams (Citizens Engagement)

## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Jack Sargeant MS.

1.3 Apologies were received from Mike Hedges MS for the afternoon part of the meeting.

## **2 Impact of waiting times backlog on people who are waiting for diagnosis or treatment: evidence session with allied health professionals**

2.1 The Committee received evidence from representatives of allied health professionals.

## **3 Impact of waiting times backlog on people who are waiting for diagnosis or treatment: evidence session with Wales Cancer Alliance**

3.1 The Committee received evidence from representatives of the Wales Cancer Alliance.

3.2 Andy Glyde, agreed to write to the Committee to provide further information about where resources and investment in cancer services should be targeted.

#### **4 Paper(s) to note**

**4.1 Letter from Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution regarding common frameworks**

4.1 The Committee noted the letter.

**4.2 Response from the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution to Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding common frameworks**

4.2 The Committee noted the response.

**4.3 Letter from Chair, Petitions Committee to the Chair regarding petition P-05-1045: to make shared-decision making and monthly mental health care-plan reviews a legal requirement**

4.3 The Committee noted the letter.

**4.4 Response from the Chair to Chair, Petitions regarding petition P-05-1045: to make shared-decision making and monthly mental health care-plan reviews a legal requirement**

4.4 The Committee noted the response.

**4.5 Letter from the UK Minister for Health to the Chair regarding the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Health and Care Bill**

4.5 The Committee noted the letter.

**4.6 Letter from the Chair 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.

#### **4.7 Response from the Minister for Health and Social Services to the Chair regarding the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Health and Care Bill**

4.7 The Committee noted the response.

#### **5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 6,7,8 and 11 of today's meeting**

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

#### **6 Inquiry into mental health inequalities: consideration of approach**

6.1 The Committee agreed the proposals set out in the scoping paper for this inquiry.

#### **7 Sixth Senedd Health and Social Care Committee Strategy**

7.1 The Committee agreed the proposed approaches to the use, publication and communication of the Committee's Sixth Senedd strategy.

#### **8 Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Health and Care Bill: consideration of draft report**

8.1 The Committee agreed the report subject to minor amendments.

#### **9 Impact of waiting times backlog on people who are waiting for diagnosis or treatment: evidence session with organisations representing people with different health conditions**

9.1 The Committee received evidence from organisations representing people with different health conditions.

9.2 Gemma Roberts, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, British Heart Foundation agreed to provide details of the computerised cognitive behavioural therapy programme implemented by the Scottish Government to increase support for patients who have been placed on a waiting list for heart conditioned related surgeries.

## **10 Impact of waiting times backlog on people who are waiting for diagnosis or treatment: evidence session with organisations representing the patient's voice**

10.1 The Committee received evidence from organisations representing the patient's voice.

## **11 Impact of waiting times backlog on people who are waiting for diagnosis or treatment: consideration of evidence**

11.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.