

# Concise Minutes – Health and Social Care Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 3 Senedd and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 21 September 2022

Meeting time: 09.31 – 12.31

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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 Sarah Murphy MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Carl Cooper, Candidate for the role of Chair of Powys Teaching Health Board Dr Frank Atherton, Chief Medical Officer, Welsh Government Dr Rob Orford, Welsh Government Dr Brendan Collins, Welsh Government Chris Roberts, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Helen Finlayson (Clerk) Claire Morris (Second Clerk) Dr Paul Worthington (Researcher)



	Amy Clifton (Researcher) Rebekah James (Researcher) Sarah Hatherley (Researcher) Steven Williams (Official)
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## **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 The Chair welcomed Sarah Murphy and thanked Mike Hedges for his work on the Committee.

## **2 Pre-appointment hearing for the role of Chair of Powys Teaching Health Board: evidence session with the Welsh Government's preferred candidate**

- 2.1 The Committee received evidence from Carl Cooper, the Welsh Government's preferred candidate for the role of Chair of Powys Teaching Health Board.

## **3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 4,7,8, 9 and 10**

- 3.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

## **4 Pre-appointment hearing for the role of Chair of Powys Teaching Health Board: consideration of evidence**

- 4.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

4.2 The Committee would agree its report via email, prior to publication on 22 September 2022.

## **5 COVID-19: Evidence session with Welsh Government**

5.1 The Committee received evidence from Sir Frank Atherton, Chief Medical Officer, Dr Rob Orford, Chief Scientific Adviser for Health, Brendan Collins, Head of Health Economics, Welsh Government, and Chris Roberts, Joint Social Research Lead – Health, Welsh Government.

## **6 Papers to note**

**6.1 Letter from the Petitions Committee to the Deputy Minister for Social Services regarding P-06-1161**

6.1 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.2 Letter from the Finance Committee to Committee Chairs regarding the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023-24**

6.2 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.3 Letter from the Finance Committee regarding scrutiny of the Welsh Government's First Supplementary Budget 2022-23 – Pressures in the NHS**

6.3 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.4 Letter to the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding provisional common frameworks**

6.4 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.5 Response from the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding provisional common frameworks**

6.5 The Committee noted the response.

**6.6 Letter to the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing regarding the Food Compositional Standards and Labelling provisional common framework**

6.6 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.7 Response from the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing regarding the Food Compositional Standards and Labelling provisional common framework**

6.7 The Committee noted the response.

**6.8 Letter to the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the Optometry Bill**

6.8 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.9 Response from the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the Optometry Bill**

6.9 The Committee noted the response.

**6.10 Letter from Chair to Stakeholders regarding the NHS Executive for Wales**

6.10 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.11 Response from Chair to stakeholders regarding the NHS Executive for Wales**

6.11 The Committee noted the response.

**6.12 Letter from the Professional Standards authority**

6.12 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.13 Letter from the General Medical Council regarding its annual report**

6.13 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.14 Letter to Baroness Hallett regarding the UK COVID-19 Inquiry**

6.14 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.15 Letter to the First Minister regarding the UK COVID-19 Inquiry**

6.15 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.16 Letter from the First Minister regarding the UK COVID-19 Inquiry**

6.16 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.17 Letter to the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding Fifth Senedd  
Committee recommendations relating to endoscopy services**

6.17 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.18 Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding Fifth Senedd  
Committee recommendations relating to endoscopy services**

6.18 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.19 Letter to the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing regarding Fifth Senedd Committee recommendations relating to mental health and wellbeing**

6.19 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.20 Letter from the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing regarding Fifth Senedd Committee recommendations relating to suicide prevention**

6.20 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.21 Letter to the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding Fifth Senedd Committee recommendations relating to Hepatitis C**

6.21 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.22 Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding Fifth Senedd Committee recommendations relating to Hepatitis C**

6.22 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.23 Letter to the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding Fifth Senedd Committee recommendations relating to the provision of health and social care in the adult prison estate**

6.23 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.24 Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding Fifth Senedd Committee recommendations relating to the provision of health and social care in the adult prison estate**

6.24 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.25 Letter to Health Education and Improvement Wales and Social Care Wales regarding their joint mental health workforce plan**

6.25 The Committee noted the letter.

**6.26 Letter from Health Education and Improvement Wales and Social Care Wales regarding their joint mental health workforce plan**

6.26 The Committee noted the letter.

## **7 COVID-19: Consideration of evidence**

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

## **8 Forward work programme**

8.1 The Committee considered its forward work programme.

## **9 Impact of the waiting times backlog on people in Wales who are waiting for diagnosis or treatment: consideration of draft note of stakeholder discussion on 29 June 2022**

9.1 The Committee agreed the draft note

9.2 The Committee agreed that the note should be published on the website

## **10 Hospital discharge and its impact on patient flow through hospitals: Consideration of Welsh Government response**

10.1 The Committee considered the Welsh Government's response.