

Concise Minutes – Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue:

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

Meeting date: Thursday, 21 September
2023

Meeting time: 09.34 – 13.26

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Russell George MS (Chair) Mabon ap Gwynfor MS Gareth Davies MS Sarah Murphy MS Jack Sargeant MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Eluned Morgan MS, Minister for Health and Social Services Dr Chris Jones, Welsh Government Nick Wood, Welsh Government Mark Dayan, Nuffield Trust Professor Scott Greer, University of Michigan
Committee Staff:	Sarah Beasley (Clerk) Claire Morris (Second Clerk) Lowri Jones (Deputy Clerk) Sarah Hatherley (Researcher)



	Philippa Watkins (Researcher) Amy Clifton (Researcher) Rebekah James (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the first meeting of the Autumn term.

2 Gynaecological cancers: evidence session with the Minister for Health and Social Services

2.1 The Committee received evidence from the Minister for Health and Social Services.

2.2 Nick Wood, Deputy Chief Executive NHS Wales agreed to write to the Committee with details on the Welsh Government's targets for gynaecological cancer survival rates.

2.3 Nick Wood, Deputy Chief Executive NHS Wales agreed to liaise with Public Health Wales and to write to the Committee with details of the publication of up- to date referral data relating to the single cancer pathway.

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

3.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

4 Gynaecological cancers: consideration of evidence

4.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received and identified areas for inclusion in its report.

5 European models of health and social care: evidence session with academics

5.1 The Committee received evidence from Mark Dayan and Professor Scott Greer.

6 Papers to note

6.1 Letter from the Finance Committee to the Minister for Finance and Local Government regarding the draft Budget timetable for 2024–25

6.1 The Committee noted the letter.

6.2 Response from the Minister for Finance and Local Government to the Finance Committee regarding the draft Budget timetable for 2024–25

6.2 The Committee noted the response.

6.3 Joint letter from the Chairs of the Health and Social Care Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee to Minister for Health and Social Services regarding Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

6.3 The Committee noted the letter.

6.4 Response from the Minister for Health and Social Services to the Chairs of the Health and Social Care Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee regarding Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

6.4 The Committee noted the response.

6.5 Letter from the Chair to the Chief Nursing Officer regarding the committee's inquiry into the Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) act 2016– post legislative scrutiny

6.5 The Committee noted the letter.

6.6 Letter from the Chief Nursing Officer to the Chair regarding the committee's inquiry into the Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) act 2016– post legislative scrutiny

6.6 The Committee noted the letter.

6.7 Letter to the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the committee's report recommendations on its inquiry into dentistry

6.7 The Committee noted the letter.

6.8 Response from the Minister for Health and Social Services to the Chair regarding the committee's report recommendations on its inquiry into dentistry

6.8 The Committee noted the response.

6.9 Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding correspondence received from Community Pharmacy Wales regarding the introduction of the Electronic Prescription Service in Wales

6.9 The Committee noted the letter.

6.10 Response from the Minister for Health and Social Services to the Chair regarding Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) for Wales

6.10 The Committee noted the response.

6.11 Letter from the Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee to Welsh Government Ministers regarding the Primary Care Electronic Prescription Service

6.11 The Committee noted the letter.

6.12 Joint letter from the Chairs of the Health and Social Care Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee to the Deputy Minister for Social Services regarding the Evaluation Of Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

6.12 The Committee noted the letter.

6.13 Response from the Deputy Minister for Social Services to the Chairs of the Health and Social Care Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee regarding the Evaluation Of Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

6.13 The Committee noted the response.

6.14 Letter from the Chair to Professor Dyfed Wyn Huws regarding follow up questions from the evidence session on 29 June 2023 regarding gynaecological cancers

6.14 the Committee noted the letter.

6.15 Response from Professor Dyfed Wyn Huws to the Chair regarding follow up questions from the evidence session on 29 June 2023 regarding gynaecological cancers

6.15 The Committee noted the response.

6.16 Response from Professor Dyfed Wyn Huws to the Chair regarding follow up questions from the evidence session on 29 June 2023 regarding gynaecological cancers

6.16 The Committee noted the response.

6.17 Letter from Cerebral Palsy Cymru to the Chair regarding a Cerebral Palsy Register for Wales

6.17 The Committee noted the letter.

6.18 Response from the Chair to Cerebral Palsy Cymru regarding a Cerebral Palsy Register for Wales

6.18 The Committee noted the response.

6.19 Letter from the Health and Social Services Health Group regarding the Reluctant Discharge Guidance: The Management of Reluctant Discharge/ Transfer of Care to a More Appropriate Care Setting

6.19 The Committee noted the letter.

6.20 Letter from the Professional Standards Authority to the Chair regarding its Annual Report and Accounts for 2022/23

6.20 The Committee noted the letter.

6.21 Joint letter from the Chairs of the Health and Social Care Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee to Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) regarding the publication of the committees' report on their inquiry into the Scrutiny of Digital Health Care Wales (DHCW)

6.21 The Committee noted the letter.

6.22 Response from Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) to the joint letter from the Chairs of the Health and Social Care Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee regarding the publication of the committees' report on their inquiry into the Scrutiny of Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW)

6.22 The Committee noted the response.

6.23 Letter from the Chairs of the Health and Social Care Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee to the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the publication of the committees' report on the Scrutiny of Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW)

6.23 The Committee noted the letter.

6.24 Response from the Minister for Health and Social Services to the join letter from the Chairs of the Health and Social Care Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee regarding the publication of the committees' report on the Scrutiny of Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW)

6.24 The Committee noted the response.

6.25 Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding NHS waiting times

6.25 The Committee noted the letter.

6.26 Response from the Minister for Health and Social Services to the Chair regarding NHS waiting times

6.26 The Committee noted the response.

6.27 Letter from the Chair to the Chief Executives of NHS Health Boards regarding waiting times

6.27 The Committee noted the letter.

6.28 Response from the Chief Operating Officer, Cardiff & Vale University Health Board to the Chair regarding NHS waiting times

6.28 The Committee noted the response.

6.29 Response from the Chief Executive, Swansea Bay University Health Board to the Chair regarding NHS waiting times

6.29 The Committee noted the response.

6.30 Letter from the Interim Chief Executive Officer, Powys Teaching Health Board to the Chair regarding NHS waiting times

6.30 The Committee noted the letter.

6.31 Letter from the Chief Executive, Hywel Dda University Health Board to the Chair regarding NHS waiting times

6.31 The Committee noted the letter.

6.32 Letter from the Chief Executive, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Boards to the Chair regarding NHS waiting times

6.32 The Committee noted the letter.

6.33 Letter from the Chief Executive, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board to the Chair regarding NHS waiting times

6.33 The Committee noted the letter.

6.34 Joint letter from the Chairs of the Health and Social Care Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee to the Interim Chair, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board regarding the current situation

6.34 The Committee noted the letter.

6.35 Response from the Interim Chief Executive, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to the Chairs of the Health and Social Care Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee regarding the current situation

6.35 The Committee noted the response.

7 European models of health and social care: consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received and agreed to return to the matter at a future meeting.

8 Supporting people with chronic conditions: approach to phase 2

8.1 The Committee agreed the approach to the second phase of its inquiry into supporting people with chronic conditions.

9 Forward work programme

9.1. The Committee agreed its programme of work for the Autumn term.