

# 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, 19 October  
2023

Meeting time: 09.34 – 15.09

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## Hybrid

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### Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Russell George MS (Chair) Mabon ap Gwynfor MS Gareth Davies MS Sarah Murphy MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Helen Whyley, Royal College of Nursing Wales Lisa Turnbull, Royal College of Nursing Jackie Davies, Royal College of Nursing Wales Jennifer Winslade, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Gareth Howells, Swansea Bay University Health Board Nicola Williams, Velindre University NHS Trust Lisa Llewelyn, Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW) Ruth Walker, Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW)



	<p>Joanna Doyle, Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW)</p> <p>Julie Rogers, Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW)</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Sarah Beasley (Clerk)</p> <p>Claire Morris (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Lowri Jones (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Philippa Watkins (Researcher)</p> <p>Sarah Hatherley (Researcher)</p> <p>Rebekah James (Researcher)</p>

## **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 Joyce Watson MS declared that a family member is a member of the Royal College of Nursing.

## **2 Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Act 2016: post-legislative scrutiny: evidence session with the Royal College of Nursing Wales**

- 2.1 The Committee received evidence from representatives of the Royal College of Nursing in Wales.

## **3 Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Act 2016: post-legislative scrutiny: evidence session with nursing directors**

- 3.1 The Committee received evidence from nursing directors from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Swansea Bay University Health Board and Velindre University NHS Trust.

#### **4 Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Act 2016: post-legislative scrutiny: evidence session with the All Wales Nurse Staffing Programme**

4.1 The Committee received evidence from representatives of the All Wales Nurse Staffing Programme.

#### **5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public for items 6, 9 and 10 of today's meeting**

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

#### **6 Gynaecological cancers: draft report**

6.1 The Committee discussed the report and agreed to consider a second iteration at its meeting on Wednesday 8 November.

#### **7 Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Act 2016: post-legislative scrutiny: evidence session with Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW)**

7.1 The Committee received evidence from Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW).

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

##### **8.1 Letter from Chair, Finance Committee to the Minister for Finance and Local Government regarding evidence papers supporting the 2024-25 draft Budget**

8.1 The Committee noted the letter and agreed to write to the Minister for Health and Social Services.

##### **8.2 Letter from Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Chair regarding the UK-Norway-Liechtenstein-Iceland Convention on Social Security Coordination**

8.2 The Committee noted the letter.

**8.3 Letter from Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to Mark Drakeford MS, First Minister for Wales regarding the UK–Norway–Liechtenstein–Iceland Convention on Social Security Coordination**

8.3 The Committee noted the letter.

**8.4 Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services to the Chair with follow up questions from the evidence session of 21 September 2023**

8.4 The Committee noted the letter.

**8.5 Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services to the Chairs of the Health and Social Committee and the Equality and Social Justice Committee regarding sexual harassment in surgical settings**

8.5 The Committee noted the letter.

**8.6 Letter from the Chair to Professor Arianna Di Florio regarding the SAIL databank**

8.6 The Committee noted the letter.

**8.7 Letter from the Chair to Professor Arianna Di Florio regarding the SAIL databank**

8.7 The Committee noted the letter.

**8.8 Letter from Chair, Children, Young People and Education Committee to the Minister for Health and Social Services, the Deputy Minister for Social Services and the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing regarding written information to support the scrutiny of the Welsh Government's draft Budget for 2024–25**

8.8 The Committee noted the letter.

**8.9 Response from the interim Chief Executive, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to the Chair regarding NHS waiting times**

8.9 The Committee noted the letter.

## **9 Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Act 2016: post-legislative scrutiny: consideration of evidence**

9.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received.

## **10 Forward work programme: Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board: next steps**

10.1 The Committee agreed next steps in relation to its scrutiny of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.