

# Concise Minutes – Health and Social Care Committee

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Meeting Venue:

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

Meeting date: Wednesday, 24 January  
2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.19

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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 Jack Sargeant MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Dyfed Edwards, Welsh Government's preferred candidate Professor Jim McManus, Public Health Wales Zoe Wallace, Public Health Wales
Committee Staff:	Claire Morris (Second Clerk) Lowri Jones (Deputy Clerk) Angharad Lewis (Researcher)

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

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.



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

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from Dyfed Edwards, the Welsh Government's preferred candidate for the role of Chair of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

## **3 Motion under Standing Orders 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 4 and 7 of today's meeting and for the meeting on 1 February 2024**

3.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

## **4 Pre-appointment hearing: consideration of evidence**

4.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received.

4.2 The Committee would agree its report via email, prior to publication on Friday 26 January.

## **5 Supporting people with chronic conditions: evidence session with Public Health Wales**

5.1 The Committee received evidence from representatives of Public Health Wales.

5.2 Professor McManus agreed to write to the Committee on the following;

- what rare diseases and chronic conditions newborns are screened for
- findings of the review of the national exercise referral scheme
- information on how Finland reversed its rates of heart disease
- further examples of areas that can support prevention that don't have a financial cost or actually bring a financial saving.

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

6.1 Letter from the Chair to the Minister for Health and Social Services, the Deputy Minister for Social Services and the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and

## **Wellbeing with follow up questions from the general Ministerial scrutiny session of 8 November 2023**

6.1 The Committee noted the letter.

6.2 **Response from the Minister for Health and Social Services, the Deputy Minister for Social Services and the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing to the Chair with follow up questions from the general Ministerial scrutiny session of 8 November 2023**

6.2 The Committee noted the response.

## **7 Supporting people with chronic conditions: consideration of evidence**

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.