

Concise Minutes – Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue:

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

Meeting date: Thursday, 8 February
2024

Meeting time: 09.30 – 12.11

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Russell George MS (Chair) Gareth Davies MS Mabon ap Gwynfor MS Sarah Murphy MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Dr Rowena Christmas, Royal College of GPs Dr Hilary Williams, Royal College of Physicians Lisa Turnbull, Royal College of Nursing Dai Davies, Royal College of Occupational Therapists Calum Higgins, Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
Committee Staff:	Sarah Beasley (Clerk) Claire Morris (Second Clerk) Lowri Jones (Deputy Clerk) Angharad Lewis (Researcher) Philippa Watkins (Researcher)



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.

2 Supporting people with chronic conditions: evidence session with primary and secondary care representatives

- 2.1 The Committee received evidence from primary and secondary care representatives.
- 2.2 Lisa Turnbull, RCN Wales, agreed to provide details of a national postgraduate, post-registration commissioning strategy for nursing the RCN have been calling for.

3 Supporting people with chronic conditions: evidence session with Allied Health Professionals

- 3.1 The Committee received evidence from allied health professional representatives.
- 3.2 Dai Davies, Royal College of Occupational Therapists, agreed to share a copy of the report submitted to the Welsh Government from a number of the Royal Colleges regarding the link between chronic conditions and people living in deprived areas with the Committee. Dai Davies also agreed to share a copy of the Welsh Government's response, when available.
- 3.3 Dai Davies agreed to share copies of reports detailing how accessing services provided by occupational therapists can alleviate the pressure on and be cost-effective to the Welsh NHS.

4 Paper(s) to note

4.1 Update from the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing to the Chair regarding the Welsh Government's response to the Committee's report:

Connecting the dots: tackling mental health inequalities in Wales

4.1 The Committee noted the update.

5 Motion under Standing Orders 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of today's meeting and for the meeting on 28 February 2024

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

6 Supporting people with chronic conditions: consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7 Prevention of ill health – obesity: scoping paper

7.1 The Committee agreed the scoping paper subject to minor changes.

8 Procedures for the scrutiny of legislation relating to the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (UKIMA)

8.1 The Committee agreed to write to the Business Committee.