

Concise Minutes – Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee Room 3 Ty Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Wednesday, 17 January
2024

Meeting time: 10.03 – 12.35

This meeting can be viewed

on [Senedd TV](#) at:

<http://senedd.tv/en/13850>

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Russell George MS (Chair) Mabon ap Gwynfor MS Gareth Davies MS Sarah Murphy MS Jenny Rathbone MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Eluned Morgan MS, the Minister for Health and Social Services Julie Morgan MS, Deputy Minister for Social Services Lynne Neagle MS, Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing Matt Downton, Welsh Government Albert Heaney, Welsh Government Hywel Jones, Welsh Government Irfon Rees, Welsh Government



	Nick Wood, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Sarah Beasley (Clerk) Claire Morris (Second Clerk) Amy Clifton (Researcher) Philippa Watkins (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the Committee.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Jack Sargeant MS, Jenny Rathbone MS attended in his place.

2 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–2025: evidence session with the Minister for Health and Social Services, the Deputy Minister for Social Services and the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing

2.1 The Committee received evidence from the Minister for Health and Social Services, the Deputy Minister for Social Services and the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing.

2.2 The Minister and her Deputies agreed to write to the Committee with the following;

- a copy of the letter and NHS Wales planning framework issued to health boards in December.
- figures for the estimated cost of offering an additional 1% uplift to medical and dental staff.
- details of the cost of the recent industrial action broken down by health board, both in terms of staffing and levels of activity.
- details of how much of the agency spend over the last years represented profits for private companies.
- details of how the resources for the children and family pilots were being targeted.
- further information on substance misuse services.

3 Paper(s) to note

3.1 Letter to the Chair from the interim Chair and Chief Executive, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board regarding the meeting of 23 November 2023

3.1 The Committee agreed the letter.

3.2 Letter to the Chair from the Nursing and Midwifery Council regarding the Anaesthesia Associates and Physician Associates Order 2024

3.2 The Committee agreed the letter.

3.3 Letter to y Llywydd from the Rt Hon David TC Davies MP, Secretary of State for Wales regarding the Health Service Procurement (Wales) Bill

3.3 The Committee agreed the letter.

3.4 Letter to y Llywydd from the Counsel General regarding the Health Service Procurement (Wales) Bill

3.4 The Committee agreed the letter.

3.5 Letter to the Chairs of the Health and Social Care Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee from Digital Health and Care Wales regarding the scrutiny of Digital Health and Care Wales

3.5 The Committee agreed the letter.

3.6 Letter to the Chair from Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW) with follow-up information from the evidence session on 19 October 2023

3.6 The Committee agreed the letter.

3.7 Letter to the Chair from Chair, Children, Young People and Education Committee invitation Committee members to join a scrutiny session with Social Care Wales and Care Inspectorate Wales

3.7 The Committee agreed the letter.

3.8 Letter to the Chair from the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the health impact assessment regulations

3.8 The Committee agreed the letter.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

5 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024–25: consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received and agreed areas for inclusion in the report.