

Concise Minutes – Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee Room 5, Ty Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 17 September 2025

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.22

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peter Fox MS (Chair) Lesley Griffiths MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Dr Rowena Christmas, Royal College of General Practitioners Dr Tom Kneale, Royal College of General Practitioners Wales Dr Ian Harris, BMA Cymru Wales Dr Gareth Oelmann, BMA Cymru Wales
Committee Staff:	Sarah Beasley (Clerk) Claire Morris (Second Clerk) Karen Williams (Deputy Clerk) 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 John Griffiths MS and James Evans MS.



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2 Inquiry into the future of general practice in Wales: evidence session

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from the Royal College of General Practitioners Cymru Wales and the British Medical Association Cymru Wales.

3 Paper(s) to note

3.1 Additional information from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care re inquiry into Ophthalmology Services in Wales

3.1.1 The Committee noted the response.

3.2 Letter from Chair of Petitions Committee re petition: P-06-1512 – Call on the Welsh Government to recognise and address the dental crisis facing patients in Wales

3.2.1 The Committee noted the letter.

3.3 Letter from Chair of Petitions Committee re petition: P-06-1528 – Prevent Powys patients who are treated in English hospitals from facing increased waiting times

3.3.1 The Committee noted the letter.

3.4 Letter from Chair of Petitions Committee re petition: P-06-1488 – Establish a ‘Care Society’ to Tackle the Long COVID Crisis in Wales

3.4.1 The Committee noted the letter.

3.5 Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care from the Chair of Petitions Committee re Petition: P-06-1240 – Improve health services for people with epilepsy living in Wales

3.5.1 The Committee noted the letter.

3.6 Letter from Chair of Petitions Committee re petition: P-06-1505 – Review the Carr Hill Formula in Wales – the funding system for primary care

3.6.1 The Committee noted the letter.

3.7 Supplementary evidence from Marie Curie, re Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

3.7.1 The Committee noted the response.

3.8 Response from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care to the Chair of Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee re visit to Parc Prison in June 2025

3.8.1 The Committee noted the response.

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

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

5 Inquiry into the future of general practice in Wales: consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received.