

Concise Minutes – Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee Room 3, Senedd
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 14 May 2025

Meeting time: 09.33 – 12.04

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peter Fox MS (Chair) Mabon ap Gwynfor MS John Griffiths MS
Witnesses:	
Committee Staff:	Sarah Beasley (Clerk) Karen Williams (Deputy Clerk) Sarah Hatherley (Researcher)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Joyce Watson MS.
- 1.3 The Chair thanked Russell George MS for his work on the Committee and wished him well in his new role.
- 1.4 The Chair paid tribute to Claire O'Shea and recognised her invaluable contribution to the Committee's inquiry into gynaecological cancer, and her determination to see changes made to the way that women's health is treated.



2 Ophthalmology Services in Wales – evidence session – panel 5

2.1 The Committee heard evidence from Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW); and digital directorate representatives from Cardiff & Vale University Health Board (CAVUHB).

3 Ophthalmology Services in Wales – evidence session – panel 6

3.1 The Committee heard evidence from representatives of Local Health Boards.

4 Papers to note

4.1 Letter to Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care requesting an update on the actions being taken to improve complaints handling by NHS Wales

4.1.1 The Committee noted the letter.

4.2 Reply from Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care regarding actions to improve handling of complaints about NHS Wales

4.2.1 The Committee noted the response.

4.3 Welsh Government's response to the Committee's report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Tobacco & Vapes Bill

4.3.1 The Committee noted the response.

4.4 Letter from Tenovus Cancer Care regarding request to hold a short inquiry into the implementation of the Committee's report on gynaecological cancers

4.4.1 The Committee noted the letter.

4.5 Letter to Tenovus Cancer Care regarding request to hold a short inquiry into the implementation of the Committees' report on gynaecological cancers

4.5.1 The Committee noted the letter.

4.6 Letter from Tenovus Cancer care and Claire's Campaign, regarding request for short inquiry into the implementation of the Committees' report on gynaecological cancers

4.6.1 The Committee noted the response.

4.7 Letter from the Petitions Committee re petition: P-06-1435: We're calling on the Welsh Government to commit to implementing targeted lung cancer screening

4.7.1 The Committee noted the letter.

4.8 Letter from the Minister for Children and Social Care in response to stage one scrutiny report on the Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill and recommendations associated with the eliminating profit provisions contained within the legislation

4.8.1 The Committee noted the letter.

4.9 Letter to Welsh Local Government Association requesting information to inform the inquiry into prevention of ill health –obesity

4.9.1 The Committee noted the letter.

4.10 Reply from Welsh Local Government Association providing information to inform the inquiry into prevention of ill health– obesity

4.10.1 The Committee noted the response.

4.11 Letter from the Minister for Children and Social Care in response to Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill report, recommendation 9, on the progress being made with the transition to a not-for-profit model

4.11.1 The Committee noted the letter.

4.12 Letter to NHS Wales Chief Executive regarding the NHS Executive Strategic Clinical Network for Diabetes

4.12.1 The Committee noted the letter.

4.13 Reply from the NHS Wales Chief Executive regarding the NHS Executive Strategic Clinical Network for Diabetes

4.13.1 The Committee noted the response.

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

5.1. The Committee agreed the motion.

6 Ophthalmology Services in Wales: consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.