

Concise Minutes – Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue:

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

Meeting date: 4 February 2026

Meeting time: 09.30 – 11.51

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peter Fox MS (Chair) Mabon ap Gwynfor MS Lesley Griffiths MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Jeremy Miles MS, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care Sarah Murphy MS, Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing Jacqueline Totterdell, Welsh Government Nick Wood, Welsh Government Isabel Oliver, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Sarah Beasley (Clerk) Karen Williams (Deputy Clerk) Sarah Hatherley (Researcher) Philippa Watkins (Researcher)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed Russell George MS, who attended the meeting as a guest.
- 1.3 Apologies were received from James Evans MS.

2 General scrutiny session with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Minister for Children and Social Care and Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing.

2.1 The Committee received evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Minister for Children and Social Care and Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing, the Director General, Health/ NHS Executive, Deputy Chief Executive NHS Wales, Chief Medical Officer and Chief Social Care officer for Wales.

2.2 The Ministers agreed to provide data on:-

- The local authority responses regarding unpaid carers & carers' assessments
- Specific data on oncologist training
- The Sanctuary model (mental health)
- NHS recovery and planned care funding – a summary of the funding that was promised; how much was allocated each year of this Senedd; how much was actually spend; and what difference it made to waiting times
- Details of Powys residents waiting longer than two years for treatment, as per the Patient Tracking List
- Details of the Rutherford Cancer Centre, including the site and the unused equipment
- Consultant contracts – details of the ratio of NHS to private sessions

3 Papers to note

3.1 Welsh Government interim update on the work of the NHS Value and Sustainability Board

3.1.1 The Committee noted the letter.

3.2 Letter from the Petitions Committee to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care re Petition P-06-1562 Improve breast screening uptake for women in Wales

3.2.1 The Committee noted the letter.

3.3 Welsh Government's response to the Committee's report on the 2026-27 Welsh Government draft budget

3.3.1 The Committee noted the response.

3.4 Letter from the Petitions Committee re Petition P-06-1456 I demand a full public enquiry into the closure of Welsh Air Ambulance bases in mid and North Wales

3.4.1 The Committee noted the letter.

3.5 Letter from the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip, in relation to the Legislative Consent Motion Debate on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

3.5.1 The Committee noted the letter.

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

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

5 Legislative Consent: Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No.3): consideration of draft report

5.1 The Committee discussed and considered the draft report.

6 Ophthalmology Services in Wales: Welsh Government response to the Committee's report

6.1 The Committee discussed the Welsh Government response on the Committee's report: Ophthalmology Services in Wales.

7 Legislative Consent: Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill: Oral briefing

7.1 The Committee received an oral briefing on the Legislative Consent: Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill during the pre-meeting