

Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 9 July 2013**

Meeting time: **09: – 11:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM
Mike Hedges
Julie Morgan
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts
Jocelyn Davies
Sandy Mewies

Witnesses:

Angela Hopkins, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Geoff Lang, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Dr Martin Duerden, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Helen Simpson, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Mike Usher, Wales Audit Office
Dave Thomas, Wales Audit Office

Committee Staff:

Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)
Gareth Price (Clerk)

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.
- 1.2 Julie Morgan declared an interest as her daughter was part of the Public Health Wales NHS team which investigated incidents involving *C Difficile* at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

2 Governance Arrangements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

2.1 The Chair welcomed Geoff Lang, Acting Chief Executive, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board; Dr Martin Duerden, Acting Medical Director, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board; Angela Hopkins, Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Patient Services, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board; and Helen Simpson, Director of Finance, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

2.2 The Committee scrutinised the witnesses on the findings of the joint Wales Audit Office/ Healthcare Inspectorate Wales 'An Overview of Governance Arrangements – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board'.

Action points:

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board agreed to provide:

- Further detail on the frequency of meetings between the Chief Executive of the NHS in Wales and the Chief Executive and senior management at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board took place.
- Further detail on the frequency of meetings between the Director of Finance at the Health Board and the current and former Finance Director at the Welsh Government.
- Figures highlighting how many patients had their operations delayed as a result of the reduction in the number of elected procedures towards the end of the financial year based on the movement in performance standard.
- Copies of the external reviews conducted by Chris Hurst in April 2012 and by Allegra in December 2012.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The Committee noted the following papers:

- Correspondence from the Welsh Government on 'Consultant Contract in Wales';
- Correspondence from the Welsh Government on an update on 'Progress in Implementing the Welsh Housing Quality Standard'
- Correspondence from the Auditor General for Wales regarding the 'Local Audit and Accountability Bill: Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM)';
- Correspondence from the Assistant Auditor General for Wales on 'Caldicot and Wentlooge Levels Internal Drainage Board';
- the work programme for the remainder of the summer term;
- the minutes of the meeting of 2 July 2013.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:

5 Consideration of evidence on Governance Arrangements at Betsi

Cadwaladr University Health Board

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received on its inquiry into Governance Arrangements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

5.2 The Committee would take further evidence on its inquiry on Thursday 18 July 2013.

6 Consideration of draft report 'The Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services'

6.1 Owing to time restrictions, the Committee agreed to postpone its consideration of the draft Committee report 'The Procurement and Management of Consultancy Services' to its meeting on 16 July 2013.

7 Local Audit and Accountability Bill: Consideration of Legislative Consent Memorandum

7.1 The Committee considered its draft report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum relating to the Local Audit and Accountability Bill.