

Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 1 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 20 March 2014**

Meeting time: **09.25 – 12.00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

David Rees AM (Chair)
Leighton Andrews AM
Rebecca Evans AM
Janet Finch–Saunders AM
Elin Jones AM
Darren Millar AM
Lynne Neagle AM
Gwyn R Price AM
Lindsay Whittle AM
Kirsty Williams AM

Witnesses:

Professor Peter Barrett–Lee, Velindre NHS Trust
Dr Richard Clements, Royal College of Radiologists
Standing Welsh Committee
Dr Martin Rolles, Royal College of Radiologists
Standing Welsh Committee
Dr Alan Rees, Royal College of Physicians
Dr Miles Allison, Welsh Association for Gastroenterology
and Endoscopy
Jared Torkington, Royal College of Surgeons
Dr Nazia Hussain, Royal College of General Practitioners

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1. No apologies were received.

2 Consideration of the Minister for Health and Social Services' response to the Committee's letter regarding the follow-up inquiry into stroke risk reduction

2.1. The Committee noted the response from the Minister for Health and Social Services to its letter.

2.2. Committee Members agreed that the Chair should write to the Minister on the following matters:

- to request clarification on timescales for the delivery of carotid surgery;
- to express the Committee's hope that the Minister would consider bringing forward the start time of the targeted campaign on stroke awareness, outlined as 2014/15 in the letter.

3 Inquiry into access to medical technologies in Wales: Evidence session 12

3.1. The witnesses responded to questions from Committee members.

4 Inquiry into access to medical technologies in Wales: Evidence session 13

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4.2. Leighton Andrews AM requested a note from the Welsh Government on the example cited by Jared Torkington of a training scheme introduced in Wales for laparoscopic colorectal surgery.

5 Inquiry into access to medical technologies in Wales: Evidence session 14

5.1. The witness responded to questions from Committee members.

5.2. Dr Nazia Hussain indicated that she would provide:

- a note on how the Royal College of General Practitioners considers the voice of patients in developing its approaches to technologies and innovation, and how the College believes the voice of patients should be considered in the appraisal and commissioning process;
- a note clarifying whether the use of medical technologies does or will form part of the revalidation process for GPs.

6 Papers to note

6.1. The Committee noted the minutes of its meeting on 6 March 2014.

THE WORK OF HEALTHCARE INSPECTORATE WALES REPORT

Members noted their significant disappointment about the premature disclosure of the findings of the Committee's report on the work of Healthcare Inspectorate Wales.

Members discussed a ministerial statement that had been issued that morning relating to new arrangements for dealing with serious concerns about NHS services and organisations. Members queried the timing of the statement given its relevance to the Committee's report on the work of Healthcare Inspectorate Wales. It was clarified after the meeting that the statement emanated from work undertaken by the Wales Audit Office and Healthcare Inspectorate Wales about governance arrangements in Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

7 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for items 1 and 2 of the meeting on 26 March

7.1. The Committee agreed the Motion.