

Health and Social Care Committee

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

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 10 December 2014**

Meeting time: **09.30 – 11.27**

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Transcript

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Alun Davies. Joyce Watson substituted.

2 Papers to note

2.0a The Committee noted the minutes of the meetings on 20 and 26 November.

2.1 Post-legislative scrutiny of the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010:

Correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services

2.1a The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services.

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

3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 Post-legislative scrutiny of the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010: consideration of draft report

4.1 The Committee considered and agreed the draft report, of its post-legislative scrutiny of the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010, subject to minor changes.

5 The Committee's forward work programme

5.1 The Committee discussed the forward work programme and agreed to:

- seek a factual briefing from Welsh Government officials on the *Independent Living Fund – future arrangements to support recipients in Wales* consultation;
- write to the Minister for Health and Social Services to seek further information about health finances, in response to the Finance Committee's recommendation in its report on the Welsh Government's 2015–16 draft budget that the Health and Social Care Committee should undertake a piece of work on health reform; and
- undertake a short and focused piece of work on the GP workforce in Wales.

6 Inquiry into new psychoactive substances (“legal highs”): consideration of the key issues

6.1 The Committee discussed and agreed the key issues that have arisen during the Committee's inquiry into new psychoactive substances (“legal highs”).

6.2 The Committee agreed to extend the inquiry in order to take oral evidence from Home Office officials at its meeting on 15 January 2015.

7 Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: consideration of approach to Stage 1 scrutiny

7.1 The Chair welcomed Peter Black who will be substituting for Kirsty Williams for business relating to the Committee's Stage 1 scrutiny of the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill.

7.2 The Committee considered and agreed its approach to Stage 1 scrutiny of the Bill.