

Public Accounts Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 10 March 2015**

Meeting time: **09.06 – 10.54**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar AM (Chair)
Jocelyn Davies AM
William Graham AM
Mike Hedges AM
Sandy Mewies AM
Julie Morgan AM
Jenny Rathbone AM
Aled Roberts AM

Witnesses:

Gawain Evans, Welsh Government
Sir Derek Jones, Permanent Secretary, Welsh Government
Peter Ryland, Welsh Government
David Richards, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Michael Kay (Clerk)
Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk)
Tanwen Summers (Deputy Clerk)
Steve Ashcroft (Wales Audit Office)
Mark Jeffs (Wales Audit Office)
Jeremy Morgan (Wales Audit Office)
Matthew Mortlock (Wales Audit Office)
Huw Vaughan Thomas (Auditor General for Wales)

TRANSCRIPT

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 There were no apologies.

2 Papers to note

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Education and Skills to request a clear timetable of actions against its recommendations on Covering Teachers' Absence.

3 Welsh Government Annual Report on Grants Management 2014:

Evidence session 1

3.1 The Committee scrutinised the Welsh Government on its Annual Report on Grants Management.

3.2 The Welsh Government agreed to provide a note on:

- the potential losses that are outstanding as a result of organisations that are in liquidation;
- the number of complaints from the third sector about the way grants have been administered and the occasions where three months' notice in advance of the termination of a contract was not given;
- the number of cases included in the sample audit and the levels of non-compliance within that sample;
- the 35 grants ended in 2013/14;
- whether all of the Local Authorities are attending and contributing to Local Authority training provided by CIPFA (via WLGA) and Welsh Government/Welsh Audit Office; and
- the £22 million-worth of hypothecated grant funding to the NHS.

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

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 National Framework for Continuing NHS Healthcare: Consideration of Draft Report

5.1 The Committee considered the draft report on Continuing NHS Healthcare and agreed a small number of changes.

6 NHS Waiting Times: Consideration of Welsh Government Response

6.1 The Committee considered the Welsh Government's response to the Auditor General for Wales' report on NHS Waiting Times and agreed to invite the Chair of a Community Health Council and a Health Board to provide oral evidence at a future meeting.

6.2 The Chair agreed to write to Dr Andrew Goodall to inquire about the timetable for implementing the agreed recommendations as set out in his letter.