

# Health and Social Care Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel**

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Meeting date: **Wednesday, 25 February 2015**

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Meeting time: **09.32 – 11.37**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

David Rees AM (Chair)  
Alun Davies AM  
Janet Finch–Saunders AM  
John Griffiths AM  
Elin Jones AM  
Darren Millar AM  
Lynne Neagle AM  
Gwyn R Price AM  
Lindsay Whittle AM  
Kirsty Williams AM (for items 6 to 8)  
Peter Black AM (in place of Kirsty Williams AM for items 1 to 5)

### Witnesses:

Professor Gillian Leng, The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)

### Committee Staff:

Llinos Madeley (Clerk)  
Helen Finlayson (Second Clerk)  
Sian Giddins (Deputy Clerk)  
Rhys Morgan (Deputy Clerk)  
Enrico Carpanini (Legal Adviser)  
Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser)

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Gwyn Griffiths (Legal Adviser)  
Stephen Boyce (Researcher)  
Amy Clifton (Researcher)  
Sian Thomas (Researcher)

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## Transcript

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### 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 There were no apologies.

1.2 For items relating to the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill, Peter Black substituted for Kirsty Williams.

1.3 The Chair noted the Committee's condolences to the Chief Nursing Officer, who was unable to attend the meeting due to a family bereavement. The Committee agreed to identify an alternative date for the Chief Nursing Officer to provide evidence on the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill.

### 2 Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: evidence session 1 1

2.1 The witness responded to questions from Members.

2.2 Professor Leng agreed to supply the Committee with:

- an outline of NICE's work programme for developing guidance for safe staffing for nursing in settings beyond adult inpatient wards in acute hospitals; and
- NICE's report on its assessment of the cost impact of its *Safe staffing for nursing in adult inpatient wards in acute hospitals* guidance.

### 3 Papers to note

3.0a The Committee noted the minutes of the meetings on 4 and 12 February 2015.

3.1 Scrutiny of the Older People's Commissioner for Wales: correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services

3.1a The Committee noted the correspondence. Members agreed to consider any further work they may wish to undertake in relation to the Older People's Commissioner's 'A Place to Call Home?' – A Review into the Quality of Life and Care of Older People living in Care Homes in Wales report during the Committee's discussion of its forward work programme on 5 March 2015.

3.2 Correspondence from the Petitions Committee: P-04-501 Day Centres for the elderly in Wales to be made statutory

3.2a The Committee noted the correspondence and agreed to write to the Chair of the Petitions Committee to highlight the briefing it had received on 20 November 2014 on the implementation of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

#### **4 Motion under Standing Orders 17.42(vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and for item 1 of the meeting on 5 March 2015**

4.1 The motion was agreed.

#### **5 Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: consideration of evidence received**

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

5.2 In light of the need to re-arrange the evidence session with the Chief Nursing Officer, and in order to ensure sufficient time to consider the evidence received on the general principles of the Bill, the Committee agreed to write to the Business Committee to seek an extension to the deadline for its Stage 1 report.

#### **6 Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill: consideration of approach to Stage 1 scrutiny**

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

#### **7 Follow up on the one-day inquiry into stillbirths in Wales: consideration of draft output**

7.1 The Committee considered and agreed a draft letter to the Minister for Health and Social Services.

#### **8 Inquiry into new psychoactive substances (“legal highs”): approach to report launch**

8.1 The Committee considered its approach to launching its report on new psychoactive substances (“legal highs”).