

# Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 4 February 2019

Meeting time: 13.30 – 15.54

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Nick Ramsay AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Neil Hamilton AM Vikki Howells AM Rhianon Passmore AM Adam Price AM Jenny Rathbone AM
Witnesses:	Geoff Ryall–Harvey, North Wales Community Health Council Mark Thornton, North Wales Community Health Council Garth Higginbotham, North Wales Community Health Council
Wales Audit Office:	Adrian Crompton – Auditor General for Wales Matthew Mortlock Mike Usher
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk)



	Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)
	Stephen Boyce (Researcher)

## **1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the Committee.

## **2 Paper(s) to note**

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 **Medicines Management: Letter from the Welsh Government (17 January 2019)**

## **3 Governance Review of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board: Lessons Learnt: Evidence Session with North Wales Community Health Council**

3.1 Members received evidence from Geoff Ryall–Harvey, Chief Officer; Mark Thornton, Chair, and Garth Higginbotham, Vice–Chair, of the North Wales Community Health Council as part of their inquiry into Lessons learnt from the Governance Review of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

3.2 Geoff Ryall–Harvey agreed to send further information on:

- Programme of visits to mental health facilities since May 2017 along with any relevant reports;
- Data relating to numbers of agency staff employed in BCUHB mental health services; and
- A copy of the CHC’s Our Lives on Hold Report.

## **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 Governance Arrangements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board: Lessons Learnt: Consideration of evidence received**

5.1 Members considered the evidence received.

## **6 Primary care out-of-hours service: Feedback from Member's Engagement with Out-of-Hours Services**

6.1 Members discussed their recent visits to Out-of-Hours Services.

## **7 Scrutiny of Accounts 2017–18: Consideration of the draft Report**

7.1 Members considered the final chapters of the draft report and noted that a revised version would be scheduled for further consideration at Committee on 11 February.

## **8 The Welsh Government's youth discounted bus fare scheme – MyTravelPass: Auditor General for Wales' Report**

8.1 Members discussed the Auditor General's report and the Welsh Government's response, and agreed to hold an evidence session with the Welsh Government.

## **9 Expenditure on agency staff by NHS Wales: Auditor General for Wales' Report**

9.1 Members discussed the Auditor General's report and noted that the Health, Social Care and Sports Committee were going to look at agency staff costs as part of their scrutiny of all health boards over the next year. Members agreed to keep a watching brief on this issue.