

# Health and Social Care Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Wednesday, 25 January 2012**

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Meeting time: **09:30 – 11:00**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

**Mark Drakeford (Chair)**  
**Mick Antoniw**  
**Rebecca Evans**  
**Vaughan Gething**  
**William Graham**  
**Elin Jones**  
**Darren Millar**  
**Lynne Neagle**  
**Lindsay Whittle**  
**Kirsty Williams**

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### Witnesses:

**Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Health and Social Services**  
**Dr Chris Jones, Welsh Government**  
**David Sissling, Director General for Health and Social Services, Welsh Government**

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### Committee Staff:

**Llinos Dafydd (Clerk)**  
**Catherine Hunt (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Victoria Paris (Researcher)**

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## 1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 There were no apologies or substitutions.

## 2. Scrutiny of the Minister for Health and Social Services

2.1 The Minister for Health and Social Services and officials responded to questions from members of the Committee.

2.2 The Minister agreed to provide additional information as requested by the Committee on: the number of vacant doctor posts in Wales and their grade; the criteria

that will be used to measure the success of the upcoming campaign to recruit doctors to Wales; and the number of health visitors required to double the number of those benefiting from the Flying Start Programme.

2.3 The Minister agreed to update the Committee on discussions with the UK Government on the regulation of private cosmetic surgery providers and to provide updates on wheelchair services and support for armed forces veterans in Wales.

### **3. Committee forward work programme – EU matters**

4.1 The Committee agreed that its main pursuit of EU matters for the spring and summer term should be through comparative work for the inquiry on residential care for older people.

4.2 The Committee requested further information on EU models of residential care, including not for profit models used in other countries and any information gained by the Welsh Local Government Association through the twinning of local authorities in Wales with European counterparts.

4.3 The Committee requested further information on the health strategy, the Professional Qualifications Directive and cross-border access to healthcare.

### **4. Papers to note**

4.1 The Committee noted the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January.

### **Transcript**

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