

Public Accounts Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 27 November 2012**

Meeting time: **09:00 – 11:00**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM
Mike Hedges
Julie Morgan
Gwyn R Price
Jenny Rathbone
Aled Roberts
Jocelyn Davies

Witnesses:

David Sissling, Director General for Health and Social Services, Welsh Government
Alan Brace, Welsh Government
Kevin Flynn, Welsh Government
Helen Birtwhistle, Director, Welsh NHS Confederation
Gillian Body, Assistant Auditor General, Wales Audit Office
Mark Jeffs, Wales Audit Office

Committee Staff:

Tom Jackson (Clerk)
Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 The Chair welcomed members and members of the public to the meeting.

2. Health Finances – Evidence from the Welsh Government

2.1 The Chair welcomed David Sissling, Director General, Health, Social Services and Children; Kevin Flynn, Director of Delivery/Deputy Chief Executive, NHS Wales; and Alan Brace, Interim Director of Finance.

2.2 The Committee scrutinised the witnesses.

Action points:

The Welsh Government agreed to provide:

- Further information on costs associated with pay protection packages.
- Further information on how Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Health Board has made savings whilst also making work-force reductions.
- Further information on the increase of elderly people being treated in Accident and Emergency.

3. Health Finances – Evidence from the NHS Confederation

3.1 The Chair welcomed Helen Birtwhistle, Director, Welsh NHS Confederation.

3.2 The Committee questioned the witness.

4. Papers to note

4.1 The Committee noted the update from the Auditor General for Wales on Health Finances.

4.2 The Committee noted the minutes of the previous meeting.

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

Item 6.

6. Consideration of evidence on Health Finances

6.1 Owing to time constraints, the Committee agreed to discuss the evidence received on Health Finances at its next meeting.