

Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

Y Pwyllgor Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol | Health and Social Care Committee

Bil Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol (Cymru) | Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill

Ymateb gan Phillip Scott, Service Manager Adult Social Care, | **Evidence from** Phillip Scott, Service Manager Adult Social Care,

General principles of the Bill

1. What are your views on the general principles of the Health and Social Care (Wales) Bill?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

In general this seems to be the right way. The direct payments being able to be commissioned under CHC would be significant for individuals ensuring that they have voice, choice and control over their health care. Also ensuring that people who understand the individuals needs are able to remain involved with the situation rather than new providers who then have to learn individuals needs.

2. Is there a need for legislation to deliver the Welsh Government's stated policy intention?

Yes

Please outline your reasons for your answer to question 2

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

Yes in particularly around the CHC guidance and policy in relation how this is implemented

3. What are your views on Part 1, Chapter 1 of the Bill (sections 1-13), which makes provision intended to restrict the extraction of profit by providers of children's care home services, secure accommodation services and fostering services

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

This has the right intention as at the moment costs of placements are rocketing based on the fact providers know services are required. The only concerns would be whether it then sees organisations exit the market

4. What are your views on Part 1, Chapter 2 of the Bill (sections 14-22 and schedule 1), which makes a number of amendments in relation to social care services, social care workers and local authority social services, intended to ensure that the 2014 and 2016 Acts can operate fully and effectively

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

There needs to be a review around fitness to practice and how this works, as often the decisions seem to not fit the act that has been followed. So anything that assess the fitness to practice is good

5. What are your views on Part 2 of the Bill (sections 23-26 and schedule 2), which relates to health care, and makes amendments to the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 in order to enable the introduction of direct payments within NHS Continuing Healthcare

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

This is required to ensure voice choice and control is in place. Currently, people who are entitled to free care are not willing to undertake the CHC process at the threat they will lose their direct payments, which takes away from the fact they don't have choice. However, this needs to be exclusively clear to health boards how this will be delivered and managed, as with independent user trusts they did not know how to administer so it did not happen.

6. What are your views on Part 3 of the Bill (sections 27-30) which contains a number of general provisions, including in relation to regulations, interpretation, consequential and transitional provisions, and coming into force provisions

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

I don't have a view

Implementation and impact of the Bill

7. Are there any potential barriers to the implementation of the Bill's provisions? If so, what are they, and are they adequately taken into account in the Bill and the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

Clear guidance and expectations on health boards regarding direct payments under CHC.

8. Are any unintended consequences likely to arise from the Bill?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

Health boards saying that DP carers are not able to manage needs and still taking people down different routes such as no longer able to remain in the community

9. What are your views on the appropriateness of the powers in the Bill for Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation (as set out in Chapter 5 of Part 1 of the Explanatory Memorandum?)

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

10. What are your views on the Welsh Government's assessment of the financial and other impacts of the Bill as set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

11. What are your views on the Welsh Government's integrated impact assessments (set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum), including the Children's Rights Impact Assessment

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

Development of the policy and legislative proposals

12. What are your views on the approach taken by the Welsh Government to the development of the policy and legislative proposals reflected in the Bill.

Among any other issues, please consider in particular the approach to engaging and consulting with stakeholders

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

Any other issues

13. Are there any other issues that you would like to raise about the Bill, the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment, or any related matters?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 500 words)

