

# Public Accounts Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 2 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 18 July 2013**

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Meeting time: **09: – 16:00**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Darren Millar (Chair)**  
**Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM**  
**Mike Hedges**  
**Julie Morgan**  
**Jenny Rathbone**  
**Aled Roberts**  
**Jocelyn Davies**  
**Sandy Mewies**  
**Christine Chapman**

### Witnesses:

**Merfyn Jones, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board**  
**Dr Lyndon Miles, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board**  
**Keith McDonogh, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board**  
**Grace Lewis-Parry, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board**  
**David Sissling, Director General for Health and Social Services, Welsh Government**  
**Dr Ruth Hussey, Chief Medical Officer**  
**Martin Sollis, Deputy Director of Finance**

### Committee Staff:

**Gareth Price (Clerk)**  
**Daniel Collier (Deputy Clerk)**

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## **1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

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

1.2 Apologies had been received from Sandy Mewies for items 2 to 4. Christine Chapman would substitute for her until her arrival.

## **2 Governance Arrangements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board: Evidence from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board**

2.1 The Chair welcomed Merfyn Jones, Outgoing Chairman, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board; Dr Lyndon Miles, Vice-Chair, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board; Grace Lewis-Parry, Director of Governance and Communications and Secretary to the Board, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board; and Keith McDonogh, Chair of Finance and Performance Committee, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

2.2 The Committee scrutinised the witnesses.

### **Action points:**

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board agreed to provide:

- Further information on the categories and amount of re-charging made to cross-border Health Authorities.
- Further information on the number of patients affected by the delay in elective procedures caused by the emergency expenditure controls in the final weeks of the 2012-13 financial year.
- A note on when the Board and Quality and Safety Committee first became aware of concerns with the *C Difficile* outbreak.
- A copy of the Health Board's risk register.
- Further information on actions undertaken by the Health Board to address Risk Adjusted Mortality Index (Rami) figures.

## **3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:**

## **4 Consideration of evidence on Governance Arrangements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board**

4.1 The Committee considered the evidence on the Governance Arrangements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

## **5 Governance Arrangements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board: Evidence from the Welsh Government**

5.1 The Chair welcomed David Sissling, Director General, Health and Social Care, Welsh Government; Dr Ruth Hussey, Chief Medical Officer; Welsh Government; and Martin Sollis, Director of Finance; Welsh Government.

5.2 The Committee scrutinised the witnesses.

**Action points:**

The Welsh Government agreed to provide:

- Details on the cost of the Chris Hurst report.
- The date that Chris Hurst left Welsh Government.
- A note on the escalation process for concerns about Health Boards
- The Terms of Reference for the report prepared by Allegra.
- A note on salary protection spend by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.
- Clarity on core capacity and the impact that this has on scheduled care.

## **6 Consideration of evidence on the Governance Arrangements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board**

6.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received on the inquiry into the Governance Arrangements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

## **7 Governance Arrangements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board: Evidence from Outgoing Chief Executive of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board**

7.1 Shortly before the meetings began, Mary Burrows, Outgoing Chief Executive of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, informed the Committee that she would be unable to attend the meeting.

7.2 Mary Burrows provided the Committee with written evidence and offered to answer any further questions in writing.

## **8 Papers to note**

8.1 The Committee noted the correspondence from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

8.2 The Committee noted the minutes of the previous meeting.

## **9 Consideration of evidence on the Governance Arrangements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board**

9.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received on the inquiry into the Governance Arrangements of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

### **TRANSCRIPT**

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