

Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 1 – Senedd**

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

Meeting time: **09:15 – 12:20**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

David Rees (Chair)
Leighton Andrews
Rebecca Evans
William Graham
Elin Jones
Lynne Neagle
Gwyn R Price
Lindsay Whittle
Kirsty Williams

Witnesses:

Mark Drakeford, Minister for Health and Social Services
Dr Ruth Hussey, Chief Medical Officer
David Sissling, Director General for Health and Social Services, Welsh Government
Martin Sollis, Welsh Government
Gwenda Thomas, Deputy Minister for Children and Social Services

Committee Staff:

Llinos Madeley (Clerk)
Mike Lewis (Deputy Clerk)
Victoria Paris (Researcher)
Eleanor Roy (Researcher)

1 Informal briefing session

2 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2.1 There were apologies from Darren Millar AM. Andrew RT Davies AM substituted.

3 Scrutiny of the Minister for Health and Social Services and Deputy Minister for Social Services – General scrutiny

3.1 The Minister for Health and Social Services and the Deputy Minister for Social Services and their officials responded to questions of the Committee.

3.2 The Minister for Health and Social Services and his officials agreed to provide the following information:

- A note on how many staff positions have been terminated by Local Health Boards (LHBs) in recent years and in what disciplines.
- Figures from the Deanery on the recruitment of General Practitioners for each Local Health Board.

4 Scrutiny of the Minister for Health and Social Services and Deputy Minister for Social Services – financial scrutiny

4.1 The Minister for Health and Social Services and the Deputy Minister for Social Services and their officials responded to questions of the Committee.

4.2 The Minister for Health and Social Services, Deputy Minister for Social Services and officials agreed to provide the following information:

- A note on the review of the Townsend Formula.
- A note clarifying the evidence from the WAO as to whether any medical treatment was cancelled by LHBs for financial reasons in the last financial year.
- A note on how protected funding for social services has been used by individual local authorities for all years available.
- Figures on how many Local Authorities now charge the full capped limit of £50 a week for domiciliary care and how many Local Authorities have increased their charges to £50 a week since the cap was introduced.

4.3 The Deputy Minister for Social Services agreed to keep the Committee informed about the progress of discussions on social services funding and the future monitoring of local government expenditure in this area.

5 Papers to note

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for items 7 and 8

6.1 The motion was agreed.

7 Inquiry into measles outbreak 2013 – Consideration of key themes

7.1 The Committee considered the key themes of the inquiry.

8 Approach to scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2014–15

8.1 The Committee discussed their approach to scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2014-15.