

# Health and Social Care Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 21 November 2013**

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Meeting time: **09:31 – 11:44**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

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

### Witnesses:

**David Thomas, Welsh Government**  
**Lisa Howells, Welsh Government**

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### Committee Staff:

**Llinos Madeley (Clerk)**  
**Sarah Sargent (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Victoria Paris (Researcher)**  
**Stephen Boyce (Researcher)**  
**Philippa Watkins (Researcher)**

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

1.1 Apologies were received from Darren Millar. Mohammad Asghar attended as a substitute.

## **2 General scrutiny session with the Chief Dental Officer**

2.1 The Committee undertook a general scrutiny session with David Thomas, the Chief Dental Officer, and his colleague Lisa Howells, a Senior Dental Officer.

2.2 The Chief Dental Officer agreed to provide the Committee with:

- additional information on the evaluations undertaken in relation to the quality and outcome and the children and young people dental pilots;
- additional information on the reasons why details on funding allocations to individual dental practices are no longer published;
- a copy of Public Health Wales' revised guidance on dealing with missed appointments, when available;
- a note on the additional orthodontic services commissioned recently by Hywel Dda Local Health Board, and a copy of the additional data on orthodontic activity in Wales to which he referred during the meeting;
- a note on the action being undertaken by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board in relation to tooth whitening and the illegal practice of dentistry;
- information regarding the number of domiciliary dental visits undertaken in Wales during the last year.

## **3 Papers to note**

3.1 The Committee noted the minutes of the meetings of 7 and 13 November.

3.1 Additional information submitted to the follow-up inquiry on stroke risk reduction following the session on 23 October

3a.1 The Committee noted the additional information relating to the follow-up inquiry on stroke risk reduction.

3.2 Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services – measles single vaccine provider

3b.1 The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services in relation to measles single vaccine providers.

3.3 Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services – unscheduled care plans and formal winter plans

3c.1 The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services in relation to unscheduled care and formal winter plans.

#### **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting**

4.1 The motion was agreed.

#### **5 General scrutiny session with the Chief Dental Officer – private discussion to consider evidence**

5.1 The Committee discussed the evidence heard in the earlier session with the Chief Dental Officer.

#### **6 Consideration of the key issues arising from the Committee's follow-up inquiry on stroke risk reduction**

6.1 The Committee discussed the key issues arising from the follow-up inquiry on stroke risk-reduction and agreed to write shortly to the Minister for Health and Social Services outlining its conclusions.

#### **7 Consideration of the key issues arising from the Committee's scrutiny session on unscheduled care – preparedness for winter 2013/14**

7.1 The Committee discussed the key issues arising from the scrutiny session on unscheduled care – preparedness for winter 2013/14 and agreed to write shortly to the Minister for Health and Social Services outlining its conclusions.

#### **8 Committee remit**

8.1 The Committee considered a paper on committee remits. The Chair agreed to write to the Presiding Officer.