Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue: Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 26 March 2014

Meeting time: 10.30 – 12.03

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Assembly Members:
David Rees AM (Chair)
Leighton Andrews AM
Rebecca Evans AM
Janet Finch-Saunders AM
Elin Jones AM
Darren Millar AM
Lynne Neagle AM
Gwyn R Price AM
Lindsay Whittle AM
Kirsty Williams AM

Witnesses:
Mark Drakeford AM, Minister for Health and Social Services
Dr Sarah Watkins, Welsh Government
Chris Tudor-Smith, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:
Llinos Madeley (Clerk)
Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)
Victoria Paris (Researcher)
1 Consideration of the Committee's work plan for the inquiry into progress made to date on implementing the Welsh Government’s Cancer Delivery Plan

1.1 The Committee discussed, amended and agreed its work plan for the inquiry into progress made to date on implementing the Welsh Government’s Cancer Delivery Plan.

2 Consideration of the Committee's forward work programme for summer term 2014

2.1 The Committee discussed its forward work programme for April – July 2014.

2.2 The Committee agreed to invite Government officials to provide factual briefings, in public, on the forthcoming Public Health White Paper and the draft regulations on eligibility criteria emanating from the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill.

2.3 In accordance with Standing Order 17.34(ii), the Committee voted on the following motion, proposed by Elin Jones AM, and accepted by the Chair without notice in accordance with Standing Order 17.44:

That the Health and Social Care Committee allocate time at a future meeting to take evidence from the Rt Hon Ann Clwyd MP, if available, on her work in relation to NHS complaints in England and the evidence she has cited in relation to NHS complaints in Wales.

The result of the vote was as follows:

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As there was a tied vote, the Chair’s casting vote was applied in the negative, in accordance with Standing Order 6.20(ii). Therefore, the motion was not agreed.

3 Introductions, apologies and substitutions
1.1 No apologies were received.

1.2 The Chair welcomed the Minister for Health and Social Services and his officials to the meeting.

4 Inquiry into the availability of bariatric services: Evidence session 2
4.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister for Health and Social Services on the availability of bariatric services.

4.2 During the session the Minister indicated that he would provide information on the cost implications to the NHS of carrying out corrective surgery on patients who have undergone bariatric surgery outside Wales.

In accordance with Standing Order 17.47 the Chair adjourned the meeting from 11:58 to 12.00

5 Papers to note
5.1 The Committee noted the papers from its inquiry into the availability of bariatric services and letters from external organisations proposing future inquiries.

5.1 Additional information from the meeting on 13 February 2014

5.2 Note taken at the working lunch with Swansea University academics, 13 February 2014

5.3 Note taken at the meeting with Welsh Institute of Metabolic and Obesity representatives, 13 February 2014

5.4 Note taken at the focus group event, Cwmbrân, 12 March 2014

5.5 Correspondence from the Royal College of Nursing Wales – suggested inquiry into Community Nursing

5.6 Correspondence from Crohn's and Colitis UK – suggested inquiry into the implementation of national guidance on Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD)