Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue: Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 18 September 2014

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:
David Rees AM (Chair)
Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM
Alun Davies AM
Paul Davies AM
John Griffiths AM
Elin Jones AM
Lynne Neagle AM
Gwyn R Price AM
Andrew RT Davies AM
Kirsty Williams AM

Witnesses:
Dr Anna Kuczynska, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
Charlotte Moar, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
Dr Mark Vaughan, Royal College of General Practitioners Wales
Dr Nazia Hussain, Royal College of General Practitioners
Dr Peter Horvath–Howard, British Medical Association Cymru Wales
Dr Charles Allanby, British Medical Association Cymru Wales
Andrew Bell, Social Services Improvement Agency
Sue Evans, Association of Directors of Social Services (ADSS)
1 Inquiry into progress made to date on implementing the Welsh Government’s Cancer Delivery Plan: consideration of draft report

1.1 The Committee considered and agreed the draft report, subject to minor changes, for its inquiry into progress made to date on implementing the Welsh Government’s Cancer Delivery Plan and agreed the approach to launch the report.

2 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2.1 Apologies were received from Rebecca Evans, Leighton Andrews, Darren Millar, Janet Finch-Saunders and Lindsay Whittle. Alun Davies, John Griffiths, Mohammad Asghar, Andrew RT Davies (morning only) and Paul Davies AM (afternoon only) were substituting respectively.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The Committee noted:
   - the minutes of the 16 July meeting; and
   - the correspondence received from the Minister regarding: Healthcare Inspectorate Wales; the Health Professional Education Investment Review; the Welsh Government’s Cancer Delivery Plan; and the National Clinical Lead for Stroke Services.
4 Inquiry into access to medical technologies in Wales: evidence session

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4.1 Apologies were received from Anthony Tracey.
4.2 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

5 Inquiry into access to medical technologies in Wales: evidence session

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5.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

6 Inquiry into access to medical technologies in Wales: evidence session

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6.1 Apologies were received from David Williams.
6.2 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.
6.3 Sue Evans agreed to supply the Committee with additional information in relation to the strengths and weaknesses of the ‘3 million lives’ campaign in England, referenced in the ADSS’s written submission to the Committee.

7 Motion under Standing Orders 17.42(vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 8, 10, and 11

7.1 The motion was agreed.

8 Inquiry into access to medical technologies in Wales: consideration of evidence received

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received on the inquiry.
8.2 The Committee agreed to seek additional information from the BMA and RCGP on how much revenue funding is required, for example to cover training costs, in addition to the capital spend when introducing new technologies.

9 Scrutiny of the Minister for Health and Social Services and the Deputy Minister for Health: general and financial scrutiny

9.1 Apologies were received from the Deputy Minister for Health.
9.2 The Minister responded to questions from Members.
9.3 The Minister agreed to supply more information about the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust’s recruitment plan for the additional 100 paramedics funded recently by the Welsh Government.

10 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum – Criminal Justice and Courts Bill: consideration of draft report
10.1 The Committee considered and agreed the draft report for its consideration of the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum – Criminal Justice and Courts Bill.

11 Inquiry into new psychoactive substances ("legal highs"): consideration of itinerary for engagement activity
11.1 The Committee agreed the itinerary for engagement activity for the inquiry into new psychoactive substances ("legal highs").