Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue: Committee Room 1 – Senedd
Meeting date: Wednesday, 21 January 2015
Meeting time: 09.19 – 10.31

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members: David Rees AM (Chair)
Alun Davies AM
Janet Finch-Saunders AM
John Griffiths AM
Elin Jones AM
Darren Millar AM
Gwyn R Price AM
Lindsay Whittle AM
Kirsty Williams AM

Witnesses: Alistair Davey, Welsh Government
Stephen Gulliford, Welsh Government

Committee Staff: Llinos Madeley (Clerk)
Helen Finlayson (Second Clerk)
Sian Giddins (Deputy Clerk)
Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser)
Amy Clifton (Researcher)
Philippa Watkins (Researcher)
1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions
1.1 Apologies were received from Lynne Neagle.

2 Consultation on future care and support arrangements for Independent Living Fund recipients: factual briefing
2.1 Apologies were received from Gareth Griffiths. Stephen Gulliford acted as substitute.
2.2 Members received a factual briefing from Welsh Government officials on the consultation on future care and support arrangements for Independent Living Fund (ILF) recipients.
2.3 The officials agreed to provide the Committee with:
   • case studies demonstrating how the level of care and support currently provided to recipients of the ILF will differ to that provided via direct payments;
   • confirmation of whether responsibility for the ILF has been transferred from the UK Government to the Welsh Government by a transfer of function order; and
   • clarification of whether legislative competence has been transferred to the National Assembly for Wales to enable the Welsh Government to bring forward any primary or secondary legislation which may be required following the transfer of responsibility for the ILF to the Welsh Government.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting
3.1 The motion was agreed.

4 Consultation on future care and support arrangements for Independent Living Fund recipients: consideration of evidence
4.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.
4.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Health and Social Services to seek clarification in relation to the arrangements for the transfer of the ILF from the UK Government to the Welsh Government on 1 July 2015.

5 Legislative Consent Memorandum: Medical Innovation Bill: consideration of evidence
5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.
5.2 The Committee considered and agreed the draft report of its consideration of the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Medical Innovation Bill, subject to minor changes.

6 General and financial scrutiny of the Minister for Health and Social Services and the Deputy Minister for Health: preparation for scrutiny session

6.1 The Committee agreed to write to the Ministers to request information in advance of the session on 19 March 2015, and discussed issues Members may wish to raise during the session.