

Notes of Cross Party Group on Nursing and Midwifery 10 December 2014

Present: Julie Morgan AM, Kirsty Williams AM, Darren Millar AM, Elin Jones AM,
Tina Donnelly, RCN Wales Director
Lisa Turnbull, Policy and Public Affairs Adviser, RCN Wales and

Liam Anstey, Policy and Public Affairs Assistant, RCN Wales
(Minutes)

Apologies: None

1. Welcome from Julie Morgan AM, Interim Chair

Julie Morgan AM welcomed attendees to the meeting. She explained that Rebecca Evans AM, previous chair of the Cross Party Group had resigned from the chair when she was appointed to Welsh Government as Deputy Minister for Farming and Food.

2. Election of Chair and Secretariat

Julie Morgan AM was elected to the Chair and Tina Donnelly on behalf of The Royal College of Nursing was elected as Secretariat.

3. Minutes of last meeting – 4 March 2014

The Chair noted that the previous meeting was on Workforce planning and **the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.**

4. Discussion of Forward work plan

The Cross Party Group agreed that future meetings of the group should be held in the evening to ensure Member's attendance. The Group agreed that expert speakers should continue to be invited to provide their views on the matters discussed.

Tina Donnelly, RCN Wales Director, told the group of the areas of significant concern for the Royal College of Nursing across the four countries of the United Kingdom. She explained that they included Mental Health and that Dr Peter Carter, Chief Executive and General Secretary of the RCN had been appointed to a Commission recently set up on Mental Health. **The group agreed to hold a future meeting looking at Mental Health Services and their repatriation into Wales and to invite Dr Peter Carter to this meeting.**

Tina Donnelly also informed the group that workforce planning in the community is another issue of concern for the RCN. Elin Jones AM said she

was keen to link up with Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists to discuss Safe Staffing and **the Cross Party Group agreed to hold a future meeting on the collective community team.**

The group agreed that the next Cross Party Group will discuss the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill. The Group agreed to invite David Rees AM, Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee as well as the Clerk of the Committee and Inspectors of HIW to this meeting in order to learn more about the Bill.

The Group agreed the following forward work plan:

Next meeting: Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill

Summer Meeting: Mental Health Services

Autumn Meeting/AGM: Workforce planning in the Community.

The next Cross Party Group was agreed for March/April with provisional dates of 17/18 March.

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