

Health and Social Care Committee

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

Meeting date: **Thursday, 29 January 2015**

Meeting time: **09.02 – 15.58**

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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
Lynne Neagle AM
Gwyn R Price AM
Lindsay Whittle AM
Kirsty Williams AM (for items 9 – 14)
Peter Black AM (In place of Kirsty Williams AM for items 1 – 7)

Witnesses:

Tina Donnelly, Royal College of Nursing
Lisa Turnbull, Royal College of Nursing
Rory Farrelly, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board
Ruth Walker, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
Dr Phil Banfield, BMA Cymru Wales
Dr Victoria Wheatley, BMA Cymru Wales
Dr Rhid Dowdle, Royal College of Physicians
Dr Sally Gosling, Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
Philippa Ford, Chartered Society of Physiotherapy

Dr Alison Stroud, Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists

Dr Charlotte Jones, BMA Cymru Wales

Dr Philip White, BMA Cymru Wales

Dr Peter Horvath–Howard, BMA Cymru Wales

Dr Paul Myers, Royal College of General Practitioners

Dr Rebecca Payne, Royal College of General Practitioners

Mary Beech, Wales Deanery

Dr Martin Sullivan, Wales Deanery

Committee Staff:

Llinos Madeley (Clerk)

Helen Finlayson (Second Clerk)

Christopher Warner (Clerk)

Sian Giddins (Deputy Clerk)

Rhys Morgan (Deputy Clerk)

Sian Thomas (Researcher)

Philippa Watkins (Researcher)

Gwyn Griffiths (Legal Adviser)

Enrico Carpanini (Legal Adviser)

Transcript

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 There were no apologies.

1.2 For items relating to the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill, Peter Black substituted for Kirsty Williams.

2 Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: evidence session 2

2.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

3 Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: evidence session 3

3.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

3.2 Rory Farrelly agreed to supply the Committee with additional information regarding Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board's recent recruitment plan to fill the 140 nursing vacancies reported within the Health Board. Rory Farrelly also agreed to clarify the relevant closing dates for applications and the number of applications received.

4 Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: evidence session 4

4.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

5 Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: evidence session 5

5.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from items 7 and 8

6.1 The motion was agreed.

7 Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: consideration of evidence received

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7.2 The Committee agreed to seek additional information about the arrangements in place in Scotland to mandate safe nurse staffing levels without legislation.

8 Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill: preparation for scrutiny

8.1 The Committee noted the Business Committee's decision in principle to refer the Bill to the Health and Social Care Committee for Stage 1 and Stage 2 scrutiny and agreed to write to the Business Committee to indicate that it had no significant concerns about the proposed timetable.

8.2 The Committee agreed to write to stakeholders about the introduction of the Bill.

9 Inquiry into the GP workforce in Wales: evidence session 1

9.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

10 Inquiry into the GP workforce in Wales: evidence session 2

10.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

11 Inquiry into the GP workforce in Wales: evidence session 3

11.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

11.2 The witnesses agreed to provide the Committee with additional information regarding:

- an outline of the costs associated with increasing the GP training recruitment target from 136 spaces to a minimum of 200 (as recommended by the British Medical Association) or to a number that they felt would be realistic; and

- a breakdown of the areas and localities in Wales where training spaces have not been filled over the past 3 years.

12 Papers to note

12.0a The Committee noted the minutes of the meeting on 15 January.

12.1 Legislative Consent Memorandum: Medical Innovation Bill: correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services

12.1a The Committee noted the correspondence.

12.2 Correspondence from the Petitions Committee: P 04–600 Petition to Save General Practice Wales

12.2a The Committee noted the correspondence.

13 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting and for item 1 of the meeting on 4 February 2015

13.1 The motion was agreed.

14 Inquiry into the GP workforce in Wales: consideration of evidence received

14.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.