

Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Thursday, 19 March 2015**

Meeting time: **09.01 – 15.35**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

David Rees AM (Chair)
Alun Davies AM
Janet Finch–Saunders AM
Elin Jones AM
Darren Millar AM
Lynne Neagle AM
Gwyn R Price AM
Jenny Rathbone AM (In place of John Griffiths AM)
Lindsay Whittle AM
Kirsty Williams AM (For items 3 and 7 –12)
Peter Black AM (In place of Kirsty Williams AM for items 1 – 2 and 4 – 6)

Witnesses:

Kirsty Williams AM, Member in charge of the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill
Lisa Salkeld, National Assembly for Wales Commission
Philippa Watkins, National Assembly for Wales Commission
Mark Drakeford AM, the Minister for Health and Social Services
Vaughan Gething AM, the Deputy Minister for Health
Dr Andrew Goodall, Welsh Government
Albert Heaney, Welsh Government
Dr Ruth Hussey, Welsh Government
Martin Sollis, Welsh Government

Melanie Minty, Care Forum Wales
Anne Thomas, Linc Cymru and representing Care Forum Wales
Michele Millard, Spire Cardiff Hospital and representing Welsh Independent Healthcare Association
Simon Rogers, Welsh Independent Healthcare Association
Sue Goodman, The Wallich
Antonia Watson, The Wallich
Stephen Coole, NUS Wales
Lucy–Ann Henry, NUS Wales
Nick McLain, Gwent Police
Paul Roberts, Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Prisons
Jon Stratford, South Wales Police

Committee Staff:

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Rhys Morgan (Deputy Clerk)
Enrico Carpanini (Legal Adviser)
Gwyn Griffiths (Legal Adviser)
Elfyn Henderson (Researcher)
Martin Jennings (Researcher)
Sian Thomas (Researcher)
Philippa Watkins (Researcher)

Transcript

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from John Griffiths. Jenny Rathbone substituted.

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 14

2.1 Kirsty Williams, the Member in charge of the Bill, responded to questions from Members.

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

3.1 The Minister and Deputy Minister responded to questions from Members.

3.2 The Minister agreed to:

- provide background statistical information relating to the number of individuals in Wales who have chronic illnesses and the number in receipt of treatments;
- alert the Committee when the national report of the 'Trusted to Care spot checks of older people's mental health wards in Wales is published;
- write to the Committee to provide details of the capital programme allocations in Betsi Cadwaladar University Health Board's draft three-year plan, with specific reference to any plans for the development of Ysbyty Gwynedd's emergency department; and
- review the Welsh Government's guidance in relation to local health board service change to ensure that it provides adequately for engagement with staff who might be affected.

4 Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: evidence session 15

4.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from items 6, 7 and 12 of the meeting and for item 1 of the meeting on 25 March 2015

5.1 The motion was agreed.

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

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Health and Social Services to request clarification about whether the Acuity Tool Governance Framework (when validated) will include fixed staffing ratios that apply to all medical and surgical adult in-patient wards.

7 Scrutiny of the Minister for Health and Social Services and the Deputy Minister for Health: consideration of evidence received

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

7.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Health and Social Services in relation to guidance on safe levels of locum use.

8 Inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse: evidence session 7

8.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

9 Inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse: evidence session 8

9.2 The witnesses agreed to:

- provide the Committee with a copy of the NUS strategy organised bar crawls; and
- a copy of the NUS interim report findings.

10 Inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse: evidence session 9

10.2 The witnesses agreed to:

- provide the Committee with figures on the number of arrests and/or offences where alcohol was a contributory factor; and
- figures on call demand and incident demand over a given week.

11 Papers to note

11.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2015

11.1a The Committee agreed to amend the minute of the meeting on 5 March to include details of the additional information Members agreed to request from local health boards and the Welsh Independent Healthcare Association regarding the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill.

11.2 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum – Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Bill: correspondence from the Presiding Officer

11.2a The Committee noted the correspondence and agreed to write to the Presiding Officer to highlight the importance of the Assembly's role in scrutinising LCMs.

11.3 Correspondence from the Petitions Committee: P-04-625 Support for Safe Nursing Staffing Levels

11.3a The Committee noted the correspondence.

12 Inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse: consideration of evidence received

12.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.