Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue: Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 25 March 2015

Meeting time: 09.15 - 12.23

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National Assembly for Wales



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 Kirsty Williams AM (for items 2 – 7) Lindsay Whittle AM Peter Black AM (In place of Kirsty Williams AM for item 1)
Witnesses:	Mark Drakeford AM, the Minister for Health and Social Services Kate Johnson, Welsh Government David Pritchard, Welsh Government Mari Williams, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Llinos Madeley (Clerk) Helen Finlayson (Second Clerk) Sian Giddins (Deputy Clerk) Rhys Morgan (Deputy Clerk)

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Transcript

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1 Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: consideration of key issues

1.1 The Committee considered the key issues that have arisen during its consideration of the general principles of the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill.

2 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

2.1 No apologies were received.

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

3 Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill: evidence session 1

3.1 The Minister responded to questions from Members.

- 3.2 The Minister agreed to provide:
 - a note on any financial assessment, beyond that set out in the Explanatory Memorandum, that has been made in relation to whether to require the registration of domiciliary care workers and adult care home workers;
 - an outline of the information that is expected to be included in the local market stability reports that local authorities will be required to prepare and publish under section 144B of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (to be inserted by section 55 of the Bill);
 - an indication of the expected timescales for publication of draft regulations under section 60(6) and (7) relating to Ministers' ability under section 60 to assess the financial sustainability of a service provider.

4 Papers to note

4.1 Minutes of the meeting on 11 March 2015

4.1a The Committee noted the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March.

4.2 Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill: correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services

4.2a The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services.

4.3 Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill: correspondence from the Children, Young People and Education Committee

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4.4 Inquiry into the GP workforce in Wales: correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services

4.4a The Committee noted the correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services.

5 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 23 April 2015

5.1 The motion was agreed.

6 Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (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 seek additional information in relation to the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill.

7 Inquiry into the performance of Ambulance Services in Wales: consideration of draft letter

7.1 The Committee considered and agreed a draft letter to the Deputy Minister for Health, subject to minor amendments.