

Health and Social Care Committee

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

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 3 June 2015**

Meeting time: **10.00 – 11.34**

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Assembly Members:

David Rees AM (Chair)
Alun Davies AM
John Griffiths AM
Mike Hedges AM
Altaf Hussain AM
Elin Jones AM
Darren Millar AM
Gwyn R Price AM
Lindsay Whittle AM

Witnesses:

Mark Drakeford AM, The Minister for Health and Social Services
David Pritchard, Welsh Government
Kate Johnson, Welsh Government
Mari Williams, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Helen Finlayson (Second Clerk)
Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk)
Rhys Morgan (Deputy Clerk)
Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser)
Gareth Pembridge (Legal Adviser)
Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Adviser)

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 Apologies were received from Lynne Neagle and Kirsty Williams. Mike Hedges substituted for Lynne Neagle.

2 Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill: evidence session 17

2.1 The Minister responded to questions from Members.

2.2 The Minister agreed to:

- provide a note on routes of redress or appeal for service users in relation to eligibility assessments;
- provide a note on research commissioned by the Welsh Government on zero hours contracts, and setting out how the use of zero hours contracts in the social care sector might be addressed through the Bill; and
- write to the Secretary of State for Wales to ascertain the feasibility of introducing appropriate provisions in the Bill to protect individuals who wish to blow the whistle on poor practice which may put other individuals at risk.

3 Papers to note

3.1 Minutes of the meeting on 13 May 2015

3.1a The Committee noted the minutes of the meeting on 13 May 2015.

3.2 Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill: additional information

3.2a The Committee noted the additional information from Carers Trust Wales, Age Cymru, Age Alliance Wales, and the British Association for Adoption and Fostering. It noted that additional information had also been received from the Fostering Network and the Older People's Commissioner for Wales, which would be circulated to Members and published on the Bill webpage.

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

3.3a The Committee noted the correspondence.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Bill: consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.