

# Health and Social Care Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel**

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 11 June 2015**

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Meeting time: **11.03 – 15.05**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**David Rees AM (Chair)**  
**Alun Davies AM**  
**John Griffiths AM**  
**Altaf Hussain AM**  
**Elin Jones AM**  
**Gwyn R Price AM**  
**Jenny Rathbone AM**  
**Lindsay Whittle AM**  
**Kirsty Williams AM**

### Witnesses:

**Vaughan Gething AM, The Deputy Minister for Health**  
**Tracey Breheny, Welsh Government**  
**Dr Sarah Watkins, Welsh Government**  
**Simon Burch, Association of Directors of Social Services**  
**Parry Davies, Association of Directors of Social Services**  
**Emma Sands, Age Alliance Wales**  
**Meleri Thomas, Social Care and Wellbeing Alliance Wales**  
**Keith Bowen, Wales Carers Alliance**  
**Rick Wilson, Wales Alliance for Citizen Directed Support**  
**Jim Crowe, Disability Reference Group**  
**Samantha Clutton, Barnardo's Cymru**

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Committee Staff:

Christopher Warner (Clerk)  
Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk)  
Sian Giddins (Deputy Clerk)  
Rhys Morgan (Deputy Clerk)  
Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Adviser)  
Amy Clifton (Researcher)  
Elfyn Henderson (Researcher)

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## Transcript

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### **1 Inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse: informal meeting with reference groups**

#### **2 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

2.1 Apologies were received from Darren Millar, Lynne Neagle and Kirsty Williams. Jenny Rathbone substituted for Lynne Neagle during items 2, 3, 4 and 5.

2.2 The Committee expressed its condolences to Lynne Neagle following a family bereavement.

#### **3 Inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse: evidence session 10**

3.1 The Deputy Minister responded to questions from Members.

3.2 The Deputy Minister agreed to provide the Committee with:

- a note detailing the specific targets and measures that will be used by the Welsh Government to measure the effectiveness (particularly in relation to service delivery, and changing people's behaviour) of the £50 million funding announced to tackle alcohol and substance misuse over the next year; and
- a copy of the research undertaken by the University of Sheffield into the impact of minimum unit pricing in Wales.

#### **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from items 5 and 10 of this meeting and items 1 and 2 of the meeting on 17 June 2015**

4.1 The motion was agreed.

## **5 Inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse: consideration of evidence**

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

5.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Deputy Minister seeking additional information on a number of points not covered during the meeting.

## **6 Care and Support (Eligibility) (Wales) Regulations 2015: evidence session**

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6.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

6.2 The witnesses agreed to provide the Committee with additional information on the assessment they have conducted of the impact upon information and advice services if the first point of contact will need to be highly skilled to carry out assessments.

## **7 Care and Support (Eligibility) (Wales) Regulations 2015: evidence session**

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7.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

7.2 The Chair asked the witnesses to share any comments they may have on the correspondence received from the Minister for Health and Social Services which will be circulated as a paper to note for the meeting of 17 June 2015.

## **8 Care and Support (Eligibility) (Wales) Regulations 2015: evidence session**

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8.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

## **9 Papers to note**

9.1 Inquiry into the performance of Ambulance Services in Wales: additional information

9.1a The Committee noted the additional information received.

9.2 Inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse: additional information

9.2a The Committee noted the additional information received.

9.3 Care and Support (Eligibility) (Wales) Regulations 2015: correspondence from the Minister for Health and Social Services

9.3a The Committee noted the correspondence.

## **10 Care and Support (Eligibility) (Wales) Regulations 2015: consideration of evidence**

10.1 The Committee noted the consultation responses, and considered the evidence received.

10.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Health and Social Services to highlight its concerns regarding the Code of Practice on the exercise of social services functions in relation to part 4 (Meeting needs).