

# Concise Minutes – Health and Social Care Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: 1 October 2015

Meeting time: 09.12 – 14.32

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	David Rees AM (Chair) Alun Davies AM John Griffiths AM Altaf Hussain AM Lynne Neagle AM Gwyn R Price AM Lindsay Whittle AM Kirsty Williams AM
Witnesses:	Dr Steven Macey, Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) Wales Cymru Jamie Matthews, Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) Wales Cymru Professor Linda Bauld, Cancer Research UK Professor John Britton, UK Centre for Tobacco and Alcohol Studies and Consultant in Respiratory Medicine, University of Nottingham and Nottingham City Hospital



	<p>Professor Peter Hajek, UK Centre for Tobacco and Alcohol Studies, and co-author of the Public Health England commissioned report 'E-cigarettes: an evidence update'</p> <p>Dr Phil Banfield, British Medical Association (Wales)</p> <p>Dr Iain Kennedy, British Medical Association (Wales)</p> <p>Dr Alan Rees, Royal College of Physicians</p> <p>Beverlea Frowen, Royal College of Physicians</p> <p>Professor Alan Maryon-Davis, UK Faculty of Public Health</p>
Committee Staff:	<p>Llinos Madeley (Clerk)</p> <p>Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk)</p> <p>Sian Giddins (Deputy Clerk)</p> <p>Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser)</p> <p>Philippa Watkins (Researcher)</p>

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### 1 The Committee's forward work programme

1.1 Members noted the Committee's outline forward work programme for the remainder of the 4<sup>th</sup> Assembly, and agreed to return to this item at a later date.

1.2 The Committee agreed:

- its approach to the focused piece of follow up work on its inquiry into the performance of Ambulance Services in Wales;
- to make time in its programme to consider the draft Wales Bill, particularly the impact any reserved powers model might have on the devolution settlement as it relates to health and social care matters; and
- to postpone its consideration of the Welsh Government's draft budget 2016-17 until January 2016.

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

2.1 Apologies were received from Elin Jones and Darren Millar.

## **3 Public Health (Wales) Bill: evidence session 13**

3.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

3.2 The witnesses agreed to explore whether information was available in relation to:

- how smokers use e-cigarettes to reduce their consumption of conventional cigarettes;
- a comparison of the possible health harms from toxins and carcinogens released from everyday products with those released from e-cigarettes; and
- evidence of any health improvements experienced by smokers who use e-cigarettes to reduce their consumption of conventional cigarettes.

## **4 Public Health (Wales) Bill: evidence session 14**

4.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

## **5 Public Health (Wales) Bill: evidence session 15**

5.1 The witness responded to questions from Members.

5.2 The witness agreed to provide the Committee with a copy of the study he referred to on how young people's relationships with e-cigarettes can impact on their relationship with conventional cigarettes.

## **6 Public Health (Wales) Bill: evidence session 16**

6.1 The witnesses responded to questions from Members.

## **7 Public Health (Wales) Bill: evidence session 17**

7.1 The witness responded to questions from Members.

## **8 Papers to note**

### **8.1 Minutes of the meetings on 17 and 23 September 2015**

8.1a The Committee noted the minutes of the meetings on 17 and 23 September 2015.

## **8.2 Public Health (Wales) Bill: additional information**

8.2a The Committee noted the additional information received from Public Health Wales and the British Medical Association.

## **9 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and item 1 of the meeting on 7 October 2015**

9.1 The motion was agreed.

## **10 Public Health (Wales) Bill: consideration of evidence**

10.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.