Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue: Committee Room 1 – Senedd
Meeting date: Wednesday, 25 September 2013
Meeting time: 09:30 – 11:09

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members: David Rees (Chair)
Leighton Andrews
Rebecca Evans
William Graham
Elin Jones
Darren Millar
Lynne Neagle
Gwyn R Price
Lindsay Whittle
Kirsty Williams

Witnesses: Sarah Rochira, Older People’s Commissioner for Wales

Committee Staff: Llinos Madeley (Clerk)
Sarah Sargent (Deputy Clerk)
Stephen Boyce (Researcher)

TRANSCRIPT
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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 No apologies were received.

2 Scrutiny of the Older People's Commissioner for Wales' Annual Report

2.1 The Older People’s Commissioner for Wales responded to questions from committee members.

3 Papers to note

3.1 The Committee noted the minutes of the previous meeting.

3.1 Letter from the Petitions Committee: Equal Rights for Tube-fed Youngsters

3a.1 The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee; the Chair will respond, noting the correspondence.

3.2 Letter from the Petitions Committee: Ambulance Services in Monmouth

3b.1 The Committee noted the letter from the Chair of the Petitions Committee; the Chair will respond, noting the correspondence.

3.3 Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services: Follow-up from the general ministerial scrutiny session, July 2013

3c.1 The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services.

3.4 Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services: Measles outbreak 2013

3d.1 The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services.

3d.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Health and Social Services to ask:

- what impact the reduction of £1.9million to the health protection and immunisation budget, as reported by the Wales Audit Office's Health Finances 2012-13 and beyond [page 16], has had; and
- where provision of funding to deal with the recent measles outbreak was sourced, and whether the saving of £1.9million stood at the year end.

3.5 Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services: Response to the Committee's Inquiry into the measles outbreak 2013

3e.1 The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services.

3.6 Forward Work Programme
3f.1 The Committee noted the forward work programme for the forthcoming autumn term.

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

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 Discussion on the Forward Work Programme

5.1 The Committee discussed options and proposals for its post-Christmas forward work programme.

6 Access to medical technologies in Wales

6.1 The Committee discussed its approach to the inquiry into access to medical technologies and agreed to seek to appoint an expert adviser, and agreed the draft role description for that adviser.

7 Legislative Consent Memorandum: Care Bill

7.1 The Committee discussed the revised Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Care Bill.

7.2 The Committee agreed to write to the Deputy Minister for Social Services to seek clarification as to why the Care Bill does not appear to include any reciprocal requirement on local authorities in Scotland to meet the care and support needs of adults placed there by Welsh local authorities.