Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue: Committee Room 1 – Senedd
Meeting date: Wednesday, 30 May 2012
Meeting time: 09:00 – 12:10

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members: Mark Drakeford (Chair)  
Mick Antoniw  
Rebecca Evans  
Vaughan Gething  
William Graham  
Elin Jones  
Darren Millar  
Lynne Neagle  
William Powell

Witnesses: Kevin Barker, Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales  
Mandy Collins, Health Inspectorate Wales  
Dr Owen Crawley, Welsh Government  
Gerry Evans, Care Council for Wales  
David Francis, Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales  
Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Health and Social Services  
Peter Higson, Health Inspectorate Wales  
Imelda Richardson, Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales  
Alison Strode, Welsh Government  
Rhian Huws Williams, Care Council for Wales

Committee Staff: Fay Buckle (Clerk)  
Meriel Singleton (Clerk)  
Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)  
Catherine Hunt (Deputy Clerk)

1. Introductions, apologies and substitutions
1.1 Apologies were received from Lindsay Whittle and Kirsty Williams. William Powell attended as a substitute for Kirsty Williams.

2. **Wheelchair services in Wales – Evidence from the Minister for Health and Social Services**
2.1 The Minister for Health and Social Services and officials responded to questions from members of the Committee on wheelchair services in Wales.

3. **Inquiry into Residential Care for Older People – Evidence from regulators and inspectors**
3.1 The witnesses responded to questions from members of the Committee on residential care for older people.

3.2 Ms Huws Williams and Mr Evans agreed to provide information on the timescale required to upskill the social care workforce to be able to respond to residents with a wider range of needs, including those with dementia, and to provide a copy of the evidence provided by the Care Council for Wales to the Enterprise and Business Committee on apprenticeships.

3.3 Mr Evans agreed to provide a copy of report on the ‘Care at home’ research project.

4. **The Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Bill: Stage 1 – Approach to scrutiny**
4.1 The Committee agreed the approach to the scrutiny of the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Bill subject to the inclusion of some additional consultees.

4.2 The Chair agreed to write to the Minister for Health and Social Services seeking an early copy of the draft regulations provided for by the Bill.

5. **Papers to note**
5.1 The Committee noted the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May.

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