



**Northern Ireland  
Assembly**

**COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Wednesday, 6 January 2021  
Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings**

**Present:** Mr Colm Gildernew (Chairperson)  
Ms Pam Cameron MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Ms Paula Bradshaw MLA  
Mr Jonathan Buckley MLA  
Mr Gerry Carroll MLA  
Mr Alan Chambers MLA  
Ms Órlaithí Flynn MLA  
Ms Cara Hunter MLA  
Mr Pat Sheehan MLA\*

**In Attendance:** Ms Éilis Haughey (Clerk)  
Mr Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)

*\*This Member attended the meeting via video-conference.*

*The meeting commenced at 10.00 am in public session.*

**1. Apologies**

None.

**2. Chairperson's Business**

The Chairperson expressed concern about the increased transmission rate of COVID-19 and the regrettable need for further restrictions on movement and gatherings.

**3. COVID-19 Disease Response – update from Chief Scientific Advisor**

The Department of Health's Chief Scientific Advisor, Professor Ian Young, joined the meeting at 10.00 am via video-conference.

Professor Young provided an update on the Department of Health's response and planning in relation to COVID-19.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

The Chairperson thanked Professor Young for his attendance.

The briefing session was reported by Hansard.

#### **4. Any Other Business**

Members raised the matter of the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department regarding arrangements for the rollout of the vaccination programme, and to seek an oral briefing from the Department on the matter.

#### **5. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The next committee meeting was scheduled to take place on Thursday, 14 January 2021, time to be confirmed, in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

*The meeting was adjourned at 11.51 am.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Chairperson*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_