

**Northern Ireland
Assembly**

COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Tuesday, 13 October 2020
Room 30, Parliament Buildings**

Present: Mr Colm Gildernew (Chairperson)
Ms Pam Cameron MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Gerry Carroll MLA
Mr Alan Chambers MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mr Pat Sheehan MLA

Apologies: Ms Paula Bradshaw MLA
Ms Órlaithí Flynn MLA

In Attendance: Ms Éilis Haughey (Clerk)
Ms Jean Barkley (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)

The meeting commenced at 1.07 pm in public session.

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson provided an update on his attendance at the NICON conference on 8 October.

3. Committee Inquiry: COVID-19 and its impact on Care Homes – Stakeholder Evidence

Representatives from Age NI and COPNI joined the meeting via video-conference at 1.09 pm.

Ms Linda Robinson, Chief Executive, AGE NI

Mr Eddie Lynch, Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland

Ms Emer Boyle, Head of Legal and Policy Advice, COPNI

Ms Robinson and the Commissioner for Older People briefed the Committee on the impact of COVID-19 on care homes.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

Mr Gerry Carroll left the meeting at 2.01 pm.

Mr Alan Chambers left the meeting at 2.20 pm.

The Chairperson thanked Ms Robinson, the Commissioner and Ms Boyle for their attendance.

The briefing session was reported by Hansard.

4. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

5. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next committee meeting was scheduled to take place on Thursday, 15 October 2020 at 9.30 am in the Senate Chamber.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2.25 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____