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# Concurrent Committee of the Committee for Justice and Committee for Health

## Minutes of Proceedings

1 July 2021

**Meeting Location:** Room 30, Parliament Buildings, Belfast

**Present:** Mr Mervyn Storey MLA (Chairperson)

Mr Peter Weir MLA

**Present by Video or Teleconference:**

Mr Colm Gildernew (Deputy Chairperson)

Mr Doug Beattie MLA

Ms Paula Bradshaw MLA

Ms Linda Dillon MLA

Ms Jemma Dolan MLA

Ms Orlaithi Flynn MLA

Ms Cara Hunter MLA

Mr Gordon Lyons MLA

Mr Robin Newton MLA



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Ms Rachel Woods MLA

**Apologies:**

Mr Jonathan Buckley MLA

Mr Gerry Carroll MLA

Ms Caral Ni Chuilin MLA

Ms Emma Rogan MLA

**In Attendance:**

Mrs Christine Darrah (Joint Assembly Clerk)

Mr Keith McBride (Joint Assembly Clerk)

Mrs Allison Mealey (Clerical Supervisor)

Ms Sarah Preece (Clerical Officer)

**In Attendance by Video or Teleconference:**

Ms Deirdre Farry (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Mrs Clairita Frazer (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Mr Jonathan Lamont (Clerical Supervisor)

The meeting commenced at 1:03 p.m. in open session.

The Deputy Chairperson, Colm Gildernew MLA, declared an interest given his previous employment as a social worker, for which is he currently on a leave of absence, and in relation to family members who work in referenced children's facilities.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed that the oral evidence session should be reported by Hansard.



## **1. Apologies**

As above.

The Chairperson, Mervyn Storey MLA, welcomed everyone to the Concurrent Joint meeting of the Committee for Justice and the Committee for Health and advised Members that, by agreement, he would Chair this meeting and Colm Gildernew would be the Deputy Chairperson.

The Joint Clerk informed the Committee that, under Standing Order 115(6), Emma Rogan MLA had delegated authority to Linda Dillon MLA, to vote on her behalf and Jonathan Buckley MLA had delegated authority to Gordon Lyons MLA, to vote on his behalf.

The Chairperson reminded Members that the purpose of the Concurrent meeting was to take oral evidence on the Proposals for a Joint Care and Justice Campus for children and young people at the Woodlands and Lakewood sites following the publication of the Consultation Analysis Report by the Ministers of Justice and Health on 16 June 2021.

The Committee noted the procedures and arrangements in place for the concurrent Committee meeting.

## **2. Development of a Joint Secure Care and Justice Campus for Children on the Woodlands/Lakewood site – Oral Evidence Session**

The following departmental officials joined the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Stephen Martin, Chief Executive, Youth Justice Agency, Department of Justice



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Eilis McDaniel, Director of Childcare and Family Policy, Department of Health

Joan O'Hara, Joint Programme Team, Department of Health

Ms McDaniel provided an overview of the key issues arising from the consultation on the Proposals for a Joint Care and Justice Campus for Children and Young People and the proposed next steps.

Mr Robin Newton MLA joined the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

Ms Orlaithi Flynn MLA joined the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

Ms Orlaithi Flynn MLA left the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

**Agreed:** The Committee agreed that the draft minutes of this meeting should be approved by the Chairperson of the Justice Committee and the Chairperson of the Health Committee and, once agreed, would be published in the normal way.

Ms Cara Hunter MLA left the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Ms Paula Bradshaw MLA left the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

The oral evidence session was reported by Hansard.

The Chairperson thanked the departmental officials for their attendance.



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The Chairperson advised the Committee that this had been a useful opportunity to take evidence on this cross-cutting issue. Both individual Committees would now consider the evidence received and identify what other information, if any, is required from their respective departments and follow this up. Additional information received can be shared between both Committees.

### **3. Date, Time and Place of the next meeting**

The Chairperson advised Members that no further meetings of the Concurrent Committee were scheduled to take place. If a further meeting to assess progress on this issue is considered necessary or useful before the end of the mandate the two Chairpersons of the Justice and Health Committee will discuss and seek the agreement of the individual committees on the arrangements.

The Chairperson thanked the Members from both Committees for their attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

**Mervyn Storey MLA**

**Chairperson, Concurrent Committee of the Committee for Justice and  
Committee for Health**

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