

**COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES  
AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013  
Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings**

**Present:** Ms Maeve McLaughlin MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Roy Beggs MLA  
Mr Mickey Brady MLA  
Ms Pam Brown MLA  
Mr Gordon Dunne MLA  
Mr Sam Gardiner MLA  
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA  
Mr David McIlveen MLA  
Mr Fearghal McKinney MLA  
Mr Jim Wells MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

**Apologies:** None

**In Attendance:** Dr Kathryn Aiken (Clerk)  
Mr Mark McQuade (Assistant Clerk)  
Ms Leanne Johnston (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)  
Dr Janice Thompson (Research Officer)

*The meeting commenced at 12.12 p.m. in open session.*

**1. Apologies.**

No apologies were received.

**2. Chair's Business.**

The Committee *agreed* to schedule a session on the procurement arrangements in relation to the Protect Life Strategy.

**3. Draft minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013.**

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were *agreed*.

**4. The Tobacco Retailers Bill.**

The Committee noted a draft report on the committee stage of the Tobacco Retailers Bill.

**5. The Health & Social Care (Amendment) Bill.**

The Committee noted a delegated powers memorandum from the Department and *agreed* to forward this to the Examiner of Statutory Rules.

Dr Janice Thompson briefed the Committee on an Assembly Research paper on the Health & Social Care (Amendment) Bill.

*12.20 p.m. Mr Fearghal McKinney joined the meeting.*

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Fearghal McKinney to the Committee.

*12.25 p.m. Mr Roy Beggs joined the meeting.*

**6. Evidence session on the sexual exploitation of children and young people who have gone missing from care homes.**

The Committee *agreed* to invite the Minister to brief it on the draft terms of reference for the independent, expert-led inquiry into child sexual exploitation in Northern Ireland.

*12.27 p.m. Mr Mickey Brady joined the meeting.*

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding recommendations made in the Barnardo's report, 'Not a World Away: The Sexual Exploitation of Children & Young People in Northern Ireland'.

The Committee took evidence from:

Dr Helen Beckett	Researcher, University of Bedfordshire
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Mr Stephen Knox	Assistant Director, Barnardo's
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Ms Lynda Wilson	Director, Barnardo's
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*12.45 p.m. Mr Gordon Dunne joined the meeting.*

A question and answer session ensued. The witnesses agreed to provide further information.

*1.18 p.m. Mr Jim Wells left the meeting.*

The Committee *agreed* to write to the Department requesting child sexual exploitation statistics for each HSC Trust.

*1.33 p.m. Mr Jim Wells rejoined the meeting.*

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for attending.

**7. Statutory Rule. SR 2013/220. The Food Additives, Flavourings, Enzymes and Extraction Solvents Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013.**

The Committee considered SR 2013/220 - The Food Additives, Flavourings, Enzymes and Extraction Solvents Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 and had no objection to the Rule subject to the report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules.

**8. Statutory Rule. The Pharmacy (1976 Order) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013.**

The Committee considered the Pharmacy (1976 Order) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013 and *agreed* to recommend that it be affirmed by the Assembly.

**9. Forward Work Programme.**

The Committee noted its Forward Work Programme.

**10. Matters arising.**

There were no matters arising.

**11. Correspondence.**

The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister regarding the launch of Bright Start: the Executive's Programme for Affordable and Integrated Childcare.

The Committee noted an invitation from the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment to join them on a visit to the Innovation Centre at the University of Ulster in relation to Connected Health and *agreed* to seek further details regarding the proposed date.

The Committee noted a consultation from Include Youth on Minimum Standards for Children's Homes.

The Committee noted a report from VOYPIC 'Our Life in Care'.

The Committee noted a letter from Mr Power seeking a meeting with the Committee about the effect on autistic adults of the introduction of the Personal Independence Policy and *agreed* to write to the Department seeking its views on this matter.

The Committee noted the Save the Mid News Round Up.

The Committee noted correspondence from Mr McCloy regarding Accident & Emergency performance for August 2013.

The Committee noted correspondence from Ms Coulter.

**12. Any other Business.**

No other business was discussed.

**13. Date, time and place of next meeting.**

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 2.00pm in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1.51 p.m.*

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

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