

COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday 22nd October 2013
Room 29, 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 David McIlveen MLA
Mr Fearghal McKinney MLA

Apologies: Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA
Mr Jim Wells MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

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

The meeting commenced at 12.34 p.m. in open session.

1. Apologies.

Apologies as above.

2. Chair's Business.

No Chairs Business was discussed.

12.36 p.m. Mr David McIlveen joined the meeting.

3. Departmental briefing on the outcome of the public consultation on Guidance on Termination of Pregnancy in Northern Ireland.

The Committee took evidence from:

Ms Eilis McDaniel Director of Family and Children Policy, DHSSPS

Mr Alasdair MacInnes Head of Family Policy Unit, DHSSPS

Mr Paul Skillen Family Policy Unit, DHSSPS

A question and answer session ensued.

12.46 p.m. Ms Pam Brown joined the meeting.

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12.54 p.m. Mr Fearghal McKinney joined the meeting.

1.06 p.m. Mr Sam Gardiner left the meeting.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for attending.

The Committee *agreed* to write to the Department requesting that the revised guidance should be provided to the Committee prior to consideration by the Executive.

4. Any other Business.

No other business was discussed.

5. Date, time and place of next meeting.

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd October 2013 at 2.00pm in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1.28 p.m.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____