

COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday 24 June 2015
Room 29, Parliament Buildings

Present: Ms Maeve McLaughlin MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Alex Easton MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mrs Pam Cameron MLA
Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA
Mr Paul Givan MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA
Ms Rosie McCorley MLA
Mr Fearghal McKinney MLA
Mr George Robinson MLA

Apologies: Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA

In Attendance: Dr Kathryn Aiken (Clerk)
Ms Marie Austin (Senior Assistant Clerk)
Mr Oliver Bellew (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Innis Mennie (Clerical Supervisor)
Ms Sharon McGurk (Clerical Supervisor)

The meeting commenced at 2.18 p.m. in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies are detailed above.

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson referred to the recent Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA) report on its inspection of Graan Abbey nursing home, Enniskillen.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department for an update on the position in relation to the recommendations contained in the report.

3. Draft Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 17 June 2015

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Wednesday 17 June 2015 were agreed.

4. Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill – Proposals for Handling the Committee Stage

The Committee considered handling arrangements for the Committee Stage of the Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill, subject to the Bill passing Second Stage.

- Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the call for evidence period should last five weeks with a closing date for written evidence of 7 August 2015.
- Agreed:* The Committee agreed the draft media sign-posting notice and the list of key stakeholders.
- Agreed:* The Committee agreed the draft letter requesting evidence on the Bill.
- Agreed:* The Committee agreed to publish the written submissions on the Committee web page.
- Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the Clerk should prepare a summary of the written evidence and forward it to the Department for comment.
- Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the Delegated Powers Memorandum should be forwarded to the Assembly Examiner of Statutory Rules when received.
- Agreed:* The Committee agreed that an oral evidence session with the Privacy Advisory Committee should be scheduled for 9 September 2015.
- Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the Chairperson should approve the witnesses for a further oral evidence session on 9 September 2015.

The Committee noted the draft Bill Timetable.

5. Review of Workforce Planning in the context of Transforming Your Care – Departmental Briefing

The Committee heard evidence from:

Ms Heather Stevens	Director of Workforce Policy and Chair of the Workforce Planning Group, DHSSPS
Mr Mark Lee	Director of Healthcare Transformation, DHSSPS
Mr Dean Sullivan	Director of Commissioning, Health and Social Care Board
Ms Caroline Lee	Deputy Chief Nursing Officer, DHSSPS

2.30pm Mrs Dobson joined the meeting.

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A question and answer session ensued.

3.06pm Mr McCarthy left the meeting.

3.09pm Mrs Dobson left the meeting.

3.33pm Mr Givan left the meeting.

3.45pm Mr Easton joined the meeting.

3.46pm Mrs Cameron left the meeting.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for attending.

6. Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland: Thematic Review of Child Sexual Exploitation

The Committee noted that the oral briefing on the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland Thematic Review of Child Sexual Exploitation had been postponed.

7. Forward Work Programme

The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

8. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

9. Correspondence

- i. The Committee noted a response from the Minister to the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister in relation to the Childcare and Family Support NI application.
- ii. The Committee noted correspondence from the Department advising that a draft Medicines Optimisation Quality Framework had issued for public consultation.
- iii. The Committee noted the EU Matters Newsletter: June 2015.
- iv. The Committee noted correspondence from Community Pharmacy NI advising of Judicial Review proceedings between it and the Department.
- v. The Committee considered correspondence from Marie Curie regarding its annual Great Daffodil Appeal.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to sponsor an event organised by Marie Curie in Parliament Buildings on Tuesday 8 March 2016.

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 1 July 2015, at 2.00 p.m. in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3.50 p.m.

Signed: _____

Chairperson

Date: _____