

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

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Wednesday 30th April 2014
Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings**

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

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Dr Kathryn Aiken (Clerk)
Mr Mark McQuade (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Innis Mennie (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. in open session.

1. Apologies.

No apologies were received.

2. Chairperson's Business.

The Committee *agreed* to write to the Department regarding problems arising from the introduction of a new payroll system by Health & Social Care Trusts.

2.03 p.m. Mrs Pam Cameron joined the meeting.

The Committee *agreed* to write to the Department regarding Paediatric Cardiac Services.

3. Draft minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 9th April 2014.

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Wednesday 9th April 2014 were *agreed*.

4. Review of Transforming Your Care and Older People. Evidence session with the Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister on the definition of supported living.

2.08 p.m. Mr Mickey Brady joined the meeting.

2.10 p.m. Mr Gordon Dunne joined the meeting.

The Committee took evidence from:

Mr Cameron Watt Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations.

Ms Fiona McAnespie Director of Care Services, FOLD Housing Association.

2.17 p.m. Mr Jim Wells joined the meeting.

A question and answer session ensued.

2.52 p.m. Mr Jim Wells left the meeting.

The Chairperson thanked the witness for attending.

5. Statutory Rule. SR 2014/111. The Safeguarding Board for NI (Membership, Procedure, Functions & Committee) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2014.

The Committee considered SR 2014/111 - The Safeguarding Board for NI (Membership, Procedure, Functions & Committee) (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2014 and had no objection to the Rule subject to the report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules.

6. Proposed Statutory Rule. The Draft Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (Indemnity Arrangements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.

The Committee considered The Draft Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (Indemnity Arrangements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and *agreed* that it was content for the Department to prepare the statutory rule.

7. Forward Work Programme.

The Committee noted its Work Programme.

8. Matters Arising.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister to recommendations in the Committee report on health inequalities experienced by people with learning disabilities and *agreed* to write to the Department again on this matter.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding a stand-alone ovarian cancer awareness campaign and a response from the Minister to Mr Chris Lyttle MLA on the same matter. The Committee *agreed* to write to the Department again on this matter.

3.08 p.m. Mr Jim Wells rejoined meeting.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister to the Committee for Justice regarding the Legal Aid and Coroners' Courts Bill.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister to the Committee for Justice regarding the Human Trafficking and Exploitation Bill.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister to the Committee for Education regarding the availability of inhalers in schools.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister to the Committee for Regional Development regarding its Inquiry into Benefits of Cycling to the Economy.

9. Correspondence.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding minimum care standards for children's homes.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding statutory residential care and *agreed* to write to the Department for further information.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding a Law Commissions' report on the regulation of healthcare professionals.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding a consultation on asthma inhalers in schools.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding a consultation on amendments to the Health & Social Care Pension Scheme Regulations.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding The New Firefighters' Pension Scheme 2015.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding sick absence in the public sector.

The Committee noted a copy of correspondence from Participation and the Practice of Rights group to the Minister.

The Committee noted correspondence from Changing Faces seeking a meeting with it and *agreed* to invite the charity to a future stakeholder event.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Ulster Chemists' Association.

The Committee noted a copy of correspondence from Mr Bennett to the RQIA.

10. Any Other Business.

The Committee *agreed* to write to the Department regarding the proposed Mental Capacity Bill.

11. Date, time and place of next meeting.

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 14th May 2014 at 2.00pm in room 29, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3.18 p.m.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____