

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

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Wednesday 5th February 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 Fearghal McKinney MLA
Mr David McIlveen 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 Innis Mennie (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 2.01 p.m. in open session.

1. Apologies.

No apologies were received.

The Committee considered SR 2014/10 - Deregulation (Improvement of Enforcement Procedures) (Food Safety) (Revocation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and had no objection to the Rule subject to the report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules.

7. Statutory Rule. SR 2014/11. The Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.

The Committee considered SR 2014/11- The Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and had no objection to the Rule subject to the report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules.

8. Forward Work Programme.

The Committee noted its Work Programme.

The Committee noted that the Minister would be attending the next Committee meeting to discuss Accident & Emergency issues and budgetary pressures.

9. Matters arising.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding Programme for Government Delivery Plans and *agreed* to invite Departmental officials to brief it on this matter in May 2014.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister to the Public Accounts Committee regarding its report into the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service. The Committee also noted correspondence from the Public Accounts Committee on this matter.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding Emergency Departments.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister to the Committee for Employment and Learning regarding the GEMS NI Kestrel Project.

10. Correspondence.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding a consultation on Health & Social Care Laundry and Linen Services.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding a consultation on a proposal to amend Health and Personal Social Services Pharmaceutical Services Regulations.

The Committee noted the Department for Health, Social Services & Public Safety Investment Strategy Investing Activity Report for January 2014.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and the deputy First Minister regarding Northern Ireland Executive European Priorities for 2013-14.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding monitoring of Departmental savings delivery plans.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Causeway Hospital Campaign seeking a meeting and *agreed* to refer the group to local representatives for support.

The Committee noted that a stakeholder event with health related groups has been arranged for Wednesday 2 April 2014.

The Committee noted a letter from the Centre for Health and Well Being seeking a meeting and *agreed* to invite the group to the stakeholder event on Wednesday 2 April 2014.

The Committee noted correspondence regarding a personal matter and *agreed* to refer the correspondent to local representatives and the Patient Client Council for support.

11. Any Other Business.

No other business was discussed.

12. Date, time and place of next meeting.

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 12th February 2014 at 2.00pm in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3.45 p.m.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____