

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

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Wednesday 4th June 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 Kieran McCarthy MLA
Mr David McIlveen MLA
Mr Fearghal McKinney MLA
Mr Jim Wells MLA

Apologies: Mr Sam Gardiner MLA

In Attendance: Dr Kathryn Aiken (Clerk)
Mr Mark McQuade (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Innis Mennie (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)
Dr Lesley-Ann Black (Assembly Research & Information Service)
Ms Debra Savage (Communications Office)

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

1. Apologies.

Apologies as above.

2. Chairperson's Business.

The Committee noted that members had visited the Pavillions in Lisburn as part of its review of supported living for older people.

The Committee noted that it would be visiting Queens University Centre for Cancer Research & Cell Biology on Wednesday 18 June 2014.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission regarding its intention to carry out an inquiry into emergency healthcare and *agreed* to invite the Commission to brief it on Wednesday 18 June 2014.

3. Draft minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 28th May 2014.

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Wednesday 28th May 2014 were *agreed*.

4. Review of Waiting Times. Evidence session with the Department and Health & Social Care Board.

The Committee took evidence from:

Ms Heather Stevens	Director of Service Delivery, DHSSPS
Mr Chris Stewart	Director of Healthcare Transformation, DHSSPS
Mr Eugene Mooney	Director of Information and Analysis, DHSSPS
Mr Dean Sullivan	Director of Commissioning, Health and Social Care Board

A question and answer session ensued.

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

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

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for attending.

5. Proposed Statutory Rule. The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014.

The Committee considered the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and *agreed* that it was content for the Department to prepare the statutory rule.

6. Proposed Statutory Rule. The New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014.

The Committee considered the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and *agreed* that it was content for the Department to prepare the statutory rule.

7. Proposed Statutory Rule. The Misuse of Drugs (Amendment No. 2) and Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.

The Committee considered the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment No. 2) and Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and *agreed* that it was content for the Department to prepare the statutory rule.

8. Proposed Statutory Rule. The Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (Amendment No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014.

The Committee considered the Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (Amendment No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and *agreed* that it was content for the Department to prepare the statutory rule.

9. Forward Work Programme.

The Committee noted its work programme.

10. Matters Arising.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister to the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding a proposed private members' bill making amateur sports clubs exempt from rates.

The Committee noted that minor amendments have been made to SR 2014/126, the Draft Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland (Indemnity Arrangements) Regulations (NI) 2014, but that these did not change the purpose or operation of the Rule.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister informing it of his intention to introduce the Food Hygiene Rating Bill before summer recess.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding June monitoring and *agreed* to write to the Department for further information.

11. Correspondence.

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

The Committee noted correspondence from West Tyrone Against Wind Turbines about the health effects of wind turbines. The Committee noted that the Committee for the Environment was carrying out an inquiry into this matter and *agreed* to seek further information on the scope of the inquiry.

3.59 p.m. The meeting moved to closed session.

12. Review of Transforming Your Care & Older People.

The Committee discussed evidence taken to date as part of its Review of Transforming Your Care & Older People.

4.29 p.m. The meeting moved to public session.

13. Evidence session on the payroll issues affecting health service staff

The Committee took evidence from:

Ms Julie Thompson	Deputy Secretary, Resources & Performance Management
Mr David Bingham	Chief Executive, Business Services Organisation
Mr Eamon Molloy	HR Director, South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust

A question and answer session ensued.

4.45 p.m. Mr David McIlveen left the meeting.

4.53 p.m. Mrs Pam Cameron left the meeting.

4.57 p.m. Mr Kieran McCarthy left the meeting.

The witnesses agreed to provide the Committee with further information.
The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for attending.

14. Any Other Business.

No other business was discussed.

15. Date, time and place of next meeting.

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 11th June 2014 at 2.00pm in room 29, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 5.14 p.m.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____