

COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday 22 October 2014
Room 29, Parliament Buildings

Present: Ms Maeve McLaughlin MLA (Chairperson)
Ms Paula Bradley MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mr Mickey Brady MLA
Mrs Pam Cameron MLA
Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA
Mr Gordon Dunne MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA
Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA
Mr Fearghal McKinney MLA
Ms Rosie McCorley MLA
Mr George Robinson MLA

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Dr Kathryn Aiken (Clerk)
Ms Marie Austin (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Innis Mennie (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 2.04 p.m. in public session.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Chairperson's Business

- i. The Chairperson referred to the budget issues briefing by the Assembly Researcher at last week's meeting.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask why it does not use the tabular format used by many other

Departments to submit bids for Monitoring Rounds and request that this format be used in the future.

- ii. The Chairperson advised Members that she met recently with representatives from Scottish Communities for Health and Wellbeing to hear about the work that it does to embed community-led approaches to health improvement in disadvantaged communities across Scotland and to reduce health inequalities.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to meet with the organisation.

3. Draft Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 15 October 2014

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Wednesday 15 October 2014 were *agreed*.

2.07 p.m. Ms Rosie McCorley joined the meeting.

4. Future of Paediatric Congenital Heart Services

The Committee took evidence from:

Dr Paddy Woods	Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety
Mr Jackie Johnston	Director of Secondary Care, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety
Mr Ryan Wilson	Secondary Care, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

A question and answer session ensued.

Officials agreed to provide further information to the Committee at a later date.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for attending.

5. Review of Departmental Approach to Budget 2015/2016

The Committee took evidence from:

Mr Jim Wells	Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety
Mr Richard Pengelly	Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

Ms Julie Thompson

Deputy Secretary, Resources and
Performance Management, Department of
Health, Social Services and Public Safety

A question and answer session ensued.

3.43 p.m. Mr Mickey Brady left the meeting.

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

5.01 p.m. Ms Rosie McCorley left the meeting.

Officials agreed to provide clarification on a number of issues.

The Chairperson thanked the Minister and his officials for attending.

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

The Committee considered whether the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland is the appropriate body to continue conducting the Thematic Review of Child Sexual Exploitation Cases.

5.08 p.m. Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting.

The Chairperson proposed the motion and *put the question*:

“That the Safeguarding Board is not the vehicle to continue with the Thematic Review.”

The Committee divided: Ayes 2; Noes 5; Abstain 0

AYES

Ms Maeve McLaughlin
Mr Fearghal McKinney

NOES

Ms Paula Bradley
Mrs Pam Cameron
Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson
Mr Gordon Dunne
Mr George Robinson

Question accordingly negatived.

7. Matters Arising

5.25 p.m. Ms Rosie McCorley joined the meeting.

- i. The Committee *noted* a response from the Minister regarding the Royal Victoria Hospital Accident and Emergency Department.
- ii. The Committee *noted* a response from the Minister regarding the Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme.
- iii. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Minister to the All Party Group on Construction.

8. Correspondence

- i. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Minister regarding the proposal to amend the Human Medicine Regulations 2012.
- ii. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Minister regarding the consultation on Draft Standards for Supported Lodgings for Young Adults (Aged 16-21) in Northern Ireland.
- iii. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding Departmental Savings Delivery Plans up to 31 March 2014.
- iv. The Committee *noted* correspondence from Northern Ireland Social Care Council regarding its Annual Report and Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2014.
- v. The Committee *noted* correspondence from ProParamedics regarding the cost of regulating the independent ambulance sector.
- vi. The Committee considered correspondence from Nexus NI requesting to meet the Committee.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite representatives from Nexus NI to the next informal Committee stakeholder event.

- vii. The Committee *noted* correspondence from Mr Beeching regarding an air ambulance for Northern Ireland.
- viii. The Committee considered correspondence from Mr Hanna regarding the Cherry Tree Nursing Home Review.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request information on how the Cherry Tree Nursing Home Review recommendations are being taken forward.

9. Forward Work Programme

The Committee considered the Forward Work Programme for the period October to December 2014.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was content with the Forward Work Programme for the period October to December 2014.

10. Any Other Business

The Máiria Cahill case was raised.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to seek clarification on the actions it will be taking in relation to the issues raised by Máiria Cahill in the Spotlight programme broadcast on 14 October 2014 and to copy relevant correspondence to the Committee for Justice.

11. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 5 November 2014 at 2.00pm in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 5.27 p.m.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____