

# COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Wednesday 1 October 2014**  
**Room 29, Parliament Buildings**

**Present:** Ms Maeve McLaughlin MLA (Chairperson)  
Ms Paula Bradley MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Roy Beggs MLA  
Mr Mickey Brady MLA  
Mrs Pam Cameron MLA  
Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA  
Mr Gordon Dunne MLA  
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA  
Mr Fearghal McKinney 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 2.05 p.m. in public session.*

### **1. Apologies**

None.

### **2. Chairperson's Business**

- i The Chairperson welcomed Ms Paula Bradley to her first meeting as the new deputy Chairperson of the Committee and advised Members that the extract from the Register of Interests for Ms Bradley had been circulated for information.

- ii The Chairperson advised Members that the Committee motion on the Review of Supported Living for Older People had been scheduled for debate on 13 October 2014.
- iii The Chairperson updated Members on her attendance at a Department of Health event on child sexual exploitation which included a presentation from Professor Alexis Jay on the findings of her report on Child Sexual Exploitation in Rotherham.
- iv The Chairperson referred to the cancer services issues raised as part of the Spotlight Programme.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to invite Dr Eatock and Professor O’Sullivan to brief the Committee on cancer services issues.

### **3. Draft Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 24 September 2014**

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Wednesday 24 September 2014 were *agreed*.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to seek clarification on how the Committee for Justice dealt with recent correspondence in relation to Clause 12 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Further Provisions and Support for Victims) Bill.

### **4. October 2014 Monitoring Round**

The Committee took evidence from:

Ms Julie Thompson	Deputy Secretary, Resources and Performance Management Group, DHSSPS
Ms Catherine Daly	Deputy Secretary, Healthcare Policy Group, DHSSPS
Mr Bill Pauley	Investment Director, DHSSPS

*2.17 p.m. Mr Gordon Dunne joined the meeting.*

*3.22 p.m. Mr Mr Mickey Brady joined the meeting.*

*3.34 p.m. Mrs Pam Cameron left the meeting.*

A question and answer session ensued. The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for attending.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request further information on the matter.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to invite the Minister to its meeting on 22 October 2014 to discuss the Committee's review of the Department's approach to Budget 2015/2016.

*3.42 p.m. Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting.*

## **5. Proposals for a Bill on the Secondary Uses of Patient Information**

The Committee took evidence from:

Ms Sharon Gallagher                      Director of Corporate Services, DHSSPS

Mr Chris Matthews                        Information Management Branch, DHSSPS

Professor Roy McClelland                Chairman, NI Privacy Advisory Committee

A question and answer session ensued. The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for attending.

## **6. Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (Northern Ireland)**

The Committee took evidence from:

Dr Anne Kilgallen                         Deputy Chief Medical Officer, DHSSPS

Mr Gerard Collins                         Health Improvement Policy Branch,  
DHSSPS

Mrs Jenny McAlarney                      Health Improvement Policy Branch,  
DHSSPS

A question and answer session ensued. The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for attending.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department asking to be informed when the Minister had come to a view on the whether the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (Northern Ireland) would include provision to ban smoking in cars carrying minors.

**7. Provision of Health Services to Persons Not Ordinarily Resident (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and The Health and Personal Social Services (General Medical Services Contracts) (Amendment No.1) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014**

The Committee considered the Provision of Health Services to Persons Not Ordinarily Resident (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and The Health and Personal Social Services (General Medical Services Contracts) (Amendment No.1) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content with the Department's proposals to make the Statutory Rules.

**8. SR 2014/225: The Health and Personal Social Services (Superannuation), Health and Social Care (Pension Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014**

The Committee considered SR 2014/225: The Health and Personal Social Services (Superannuation), Health and Social Care (Pension Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.

*Ms Paula Bradley declared an interest as a Members of the Northern Health and Social Care Trust Superannuation Scheme.*

*Agreed:* The Committee for Health, Social Services and Public Safety considered Statutory Rule No. 2014/225: The Health and Personal Social Services (Superannuation), Health and Social Care (Pension Scheme) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and agreed that it was content with the Rule subject to the report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules.

**9. Review of the Department's Benefits Management Framework for Transforming Your Care**

The Committee considered options for handling its Review of the Department's Benefits Management Framework for Transforming Your Care.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that a sub-group comprising the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson should be set up to select the expert adviser.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the expert adviser would be required for no more than seven days.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Terms of Reference for the Review.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the methodology for the Review.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request further details on the Benefits Management Framework for Transforming Your Care following the Transformation Programme Board meeting on 31 October.

#### **10. Review of Departmental approach to Budget 2015/2016**

The Committee considered options for handling its Review of the Department's approach to Budget 2015/2016.

*4.35 p.m. Mr Fearghal McKinney left the meeting.*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the Terms of Reference for the Review as amended.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the methodology and timetable for the Review.

#### **11. 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.

#### **12. Matters Arising**

i The Committee considered a response from the previous Minister providing a breakdown of the £11.4m that was shifted in 2012-13 from hospital based services to community based services as part of Commitment 80 of the Programme for Government.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request details of when the figures for the money shifted during 2013/2014 would be available and to provide a breakdown of those figures.

ii The Committee *noted* a response from the Minister regarding the forthcoming Mental Capacity Bill.

iii The Committee *noted* a response from the Minister regarding the North West Health Innovation Corridor.

#### **13. Correspondence**

i. The Committee considered correspondence from the Minister regarding a Department of Health (England) consultation on proposed changes to the regulations which underpin the statutory Pharmaceutical Pricing Scheme and *agreed* to seek clarification from

the Department on how this relates to the new scheme which came into force in January 2014.

- ii. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Minister regarding the proposal to remove the ban on the sale of HIV self-testing kits to the public.
- iii. The Committee considered correspondence from Mr Dominic Bradley MLA regarding Myalgic Encephalopathy/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and *agreed* to advise Mr Bradley to contact the Assembly Business Office in relation to the matter.
- iv. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the GMC regarding improving General Medical Council support for complainants.
- v. The Committee *noted* the EU Matters monthly newsletter.
- vi. The Committee *noted* correspondence from Mr John Doherty requesting to meet with the Committee.
- vii. The Committee *noted* the launch of the consultation on the draft revised Service Framework for Respiratory Health and Wellbeing.
- viii. The Committee considered correspondence from Guide Dogs NI and ProParamedics regarding the Committee stakeholder event on 8 October 2014 and *agreed* to invite them to the event.

#### **14. Any other business**

- i Mr Roy Beggs thanked the Chairperson, Members and Committee staff for their work and wished them well for the future.
- ii The Chairperson thanked Mr Beggs for his contribution to the work of the Committee.

#### **15. Date, time and place of next meeting**

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 15 October 2014 at 2.00pm in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4.48 p.m.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Chairperson*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_