

COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday 10 June 2015
Room 30, Parliament Buildings

Present: Ms Maeve McLaughlin MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Alex Easton MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mrs Pam Cameron MLA
Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA
Mr Paul Givan MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA
Ms Rosie McCorley MLA
Mr George Robinson MLA

Apologies: Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA
Mr Fearghal McKinney MLA

In Attendance: Dr Kathryn Aiken (Committee Clerk)
Ms Marie Austin (Senior Assistant Clerk)
Mr Oliver Bellew (Assistant Clerk)
Mrs Sohui Donaldson (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Innis Mennie (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 2.02 p.m. in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies are detailed above.

2. Chairperson's Business

- i. The Chairperson advised Members that Mickey Brady had resigned as an MLA with effect from 3 June.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to Mr Brady thanking him for his work on the Committee.

- ii. The Committee considered correspondence from the Department in relation to Agenda Item 5: *Core funding for the Voluntary and Community Sector – Departmental Briefing*, advising that it was necessary to postpone

the briefing to allow the Minister time to give the matter further consideration.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that an update from the Department should be scheduled as soon as possible.

2.03pm Mr Givan joined the meeting

iii. The Chairperson informed Members that the Department had not yet confirmed a date for the Minister to attend a formal meeting of the Committee.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Minister expressing its disappointment that a date had not yet been confirmed for the meeting and requesting that it takes place as soon as possible.

3. Draft Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 3 June 2015

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Wednesday 3 June 2015 were agreed.

4. Committee Review on workforce planning in the context of Transforming Your Care – Briefing by Scottish Government

The Committee heard evidence via video-link from:

Ms Shirley Rogers Director for Health Workforce, Scottish Government

Prof. Ian Finlay Senior Medical Officer, Scottish Government

Mr Grant Hughes Head of Workforce Planning, Scottish Government.

2.13pm Mr Givan left the meeting

A question and answer session ensued.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for their evidence.

5. Core Funding for the Voluntary and Community Sector – Departmental Briefing

This agenda item was dealt with under Chairperson's Business.

6. Forward Work Programme

The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

7. Matters Arising

- i. The Committee noted a response from the Minister in relation to the draft Adult Safeguarding Policy indicating that further consideration would be given to the need for adult safeguarding legislation.
- ii. The Committee considered a response from the Minister in relation to suicide prevention.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to forward a copy of the response to Suicide Down to Zero who had raised the issue.

- iii. The Committee noted a response from the Minister in relation to the Ministerial Group on Public Health.
 - iv. The Committee noted a response from the Minister in relation to the Patient and Client Council Health and Social Care Online User Feedback System.
- Agreed:* The Committee agreed to forward a copy of the response to the Patient and Client Council who had raised the issue.

8. Correspondence

- i. The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister on Delivering Social Change.
- ii. The Committee noted the Department's Investing Activity Report for May 2015.
- iii. The Committee noted correspondence from the Alzheimer's Society thanking the Committee for its support of the 'Right to Know Campaign'.

9. Any Other Business

The provision of incontinence products was raised.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek clarification from the Department of the policy on the provision of incontinence products.

10. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 17 June 2015, at 2.00 p.m. in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3.14p.m.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____