

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

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Wednesday 24 September 2014
Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings**

Present: Ms Maeve McLaughlin MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Mickey Brady MLA
Mrs Pam Cameron MLA
Mr Gordon Dunne MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA
Mr David McIlveen MLA
Mr Fearghal McKinney MLA

Apologies: Mr Roy Beggs MLA
Mrs Paula Bradley MLA
Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA

In Attendance: Dr Kathryn Aiken (Clerk)
Mr Innis Mennie (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 2.09 p.m. in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies as above.

2. Chairperson's Business

- i. The Committee noted that Jim Wells MLA had been appointed Minister for Health and *agreed* to write to him to thank him for his work on the Committee.
- ii. The Committee *agreed* to write to the Department for an assessment of the situation which arose at the A&E at the Royal Victoria Hospital on 22 September 2014.

3. Draft Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 17 September 2014

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Wednesday 17 September 2014 were *agreed*.

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

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

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

The Committee *agreed* to invite the Minister to its meeting on 1 October 2014 to discuss the Department's proposed submission for the October monitoring round.

5. Proposed Statutory Rule: Health and Personal Social Services (Superannuation), Health and Social Care (Pension Scheme) (Amendment No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014

The Committee considered 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 for the Department to prepare the statutory rule.

6. Draft End of Session Report: 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014

The Committee *agreed* the Report, subject to amendment to reflect a change in Committee membership.

7. Members' Attendance

The Committee *noted* the Members' Attendance and will notify Committee staff of any errors by 2 October 2014.

8. Forward Work Programme

The Committee *agreed* the Forward Work Programme.

9. Matters Arising

The Committee *agreed* the draft motion on the Committee Review of Waiting Times for Elective Care.

The Committee *agreed* the draft motion on the Committee Review of Supported Living for Older People.

10. Correspondence

- i The Committee noted correspondence and a Ministerial written statement on the evaluation of the Individual Funding Request Scheme and *agreed* to write to the Department requesting further information on the Early Access to Medicines scheme and an update on the Cancer Drugs Fund.
- ii The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Minister regarding the launch of the Consultation for the HSC Research and Development Strategy.
- iii The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Department regarding the Home Office consultation on the scheduling of Ketamine.
- iv The Committee *noted* correspondence from HSCB regarding an opportunity for Members to meet with Dr Sanjeev Arora.
- v The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Committee for OFMDFM regarding the Programme for Government progress reports.
- vi The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Committee for OFMDFM regarding the Investment Strategy implementation report.
- vii The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding Post Project Evaluations.
- viii The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Committee for Education regarding the STEM Sentinus Drop-in Event.
- ix The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure regarding The Big Lottery Fund's 'Reaching Out' Programme.
- x The Committee *agreed* to forward correspondence from the All Party Group on Construction to the Department.
- xi The Committee noted a request from Age NI to conduct an inquiry into the provision of NHS continuing healthcare and *agreed* that given its work programme, the Committee does not have the capacity to carry out such an inquiry at this time.
- xii The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Patient and Client Council regarding the Annual Complaints Report.
- xiii The Committee *noted* an event being run by Stratagem regarding the Equal Access Campaign for cancer drugs.
- xiv The Committee *noted* correspondence from Miss Christine Coulter regarding televised news content.
- xv The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Commissioner for Children and Young People regarding Clause 12 of the Human Trafficking Bill.

- vi The Committee considered correspondence from Participation and the Practice of Rights and *agreed* to invite the Mental Health Campaign group to the Committee stakeholder event on 8 October 2014.

11. Any Other Business

The Committee *agreed* to write to the Department to request that the report on Paediatric Congenital Cardiac Services be published as a matter of urgency and to request clarification on the proposed model of service.

12. Date, time and place of next meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 1 October 2014 at 2.00 p.m. in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3.28 p.m.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____