

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

## **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Wednesday 4 February 2015**  
**Senate Chamber, 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 Kieran McCarthy MLA  
Ms Rosie McCorley MLA  
Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA  
Mr Fearghal McKinney MLA  
Mr George Robinson MLA

**Apologies:** Mr Paul Givan MLA

**In Attendance:** Dr Kathryn Aiken (Clerk)  
Mr Innis Mennie (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)  
Dr Janice Thompson (RaISe)  
Ms Dionne Todd (RaISe)

*The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. in public session.*

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies are detailed above.

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

The Chairperson advised the Committee that the Minister announced on Monday 2 February 2015, that standardised packaging will be introduced in Northern Ireland as part of UK regulations in May 2016.

The Chairperson reminded the Committee that there is an informal meeting with the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Health and Children on 10 February 2015 at 11.30am.

The Chairperson advised the Committee that the deputy Chairperson and she had met the British Medical Association regarding the Unscheduled Care Taskforce.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request that the BMA be added to the Taskforce membership, and that consideration also be given to including representatives from nursing and staff side.

### **3. Draft Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 28 January 2015**

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Wednesday 28 January 2015 were *agreed*.

*2.03pm Mr Fearghal McKinney joined the meeting.*

### **4. Review of Workforce Planning in the context of Transforming Your Care – RaISE Briefing**

Assembly researchers briefed the Committee on a paper on workforce planning in the context of Transforming Your Care.

*2.23pm Mrs Pam Cameron joined the meeting.*

*2.23pm Mr George Robinson joined the meeting.*

A question and answer session ensued.

The Chairperson thanked the Assembly researchers for attending.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Regional Workforce Planning Group regarding information on GP Practices.

### **5. Commissioning Plan Direction 2015 – Departmental Briefing**

The Committee took evidence from:

Mr Mark Lee	Director of Healthcare Transformation, DHSSPS
Ms Fiona Hammill	Director of Service Delivery, DHSSPS
Ms Jennifer Mooney	Healthcare Transformation Directorate, DHSSPS

A question and answer session ensued.

*3.31pm Mr Fearghal McKinney left the meeting.*

*3.31pm Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting.*

The Chairperson thanked officials for attending.

*4.09pm Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson left the meeting.*

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department for clarification on issues raised during the briefing.

**6. SR 2015-7: The Firefighters' Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015**

*Agreed:* "The Committee considered SR 2015-7: The Firefighters' Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and had no objection to the Rule."

**7. SR 2015-8: The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015**

*Agreed:* "The Committee considered SR 2015-8: The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and had no objection to the Rule."

**8. SR 2015-9: The New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015**

*Agreed:* "The Committee considered SR 2015-9: The New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and had no objection to the Rule."

**9. SR 2015-10: The New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015**

*Agreed:* "The Committee considered SR 2015-10: The New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and had no objection to the Rule."

**10. SR 2015-11: The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015**

*Agreed:* "The Committee considered SR 2015-11: The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and had no objection to the Rule."

**11. SL1: The Health Service Workers (Consequential Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

The Committee considered the Department's proposal to make a Statutory Rule to ensure the new 2015 HSC Pension Scheme operates as intended.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that it was content with the proposed Statutory Rule.

## **12. Forward Work Programme**

*Agreed:* The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

## **13. Matters Arising**

- i. The Committee *noted* a response from the Minister regarding the Department's policy on innovative diagnostic testing for cancer and other diseases.

## **14. Correspondence**

- i. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Minister regarding Ebola preparedness.
- ii. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Minister regarding the consultation summary report on the Mental Capacity Bill.
- iii. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Minister regarding the introduction of standardised packing for tobacco products.
- iv. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Minister regarding the General Dental Council (Fitness to Practise) Order 2015.
- v. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust regarding the public consultation on provisions of intermediate care services in North Down and Ards.
- vi. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Department regarding the Investment Strategy for Northern Ireland Investing Activity Report.
- vii. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Nursing and Midwifery Council regarding the revised NMC code.
- viii. The Committee *noted* correspondence from the Northern Ireland Social Care Council regarding the Donaldson Report.
- ix. The Committee *noted* correspondence from Imtac regarding barriers in the pedestrian environment.
- x. The Committee *noted* correspondence from Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland regarding its report on police use of discretion incorporating penalty notices.
- xi. The Committee *considered* correspondence from the Royal College of General Practitioners requesting sponsorship for an event at Parliament Buildings.  
*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to sponsor the event.
- xii. The Committee *considered* correspondence from Action for Children NI requesting the opportunity to attend the next informal stakeholder event.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to invite Action for Children NI to the next stakeholder event.

- xiii. The Committee *considered* correspondence from Mr Larmour regarding changes to legislation on child protection.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to Mr Larmour to advise him to contact his local representatives.

## **15. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **16. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting**

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

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4.16 p.m.*

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

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