

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

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Wednesday 14 October 2015
Denis Desmond Room, Altnagelvin Hospital**

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

Apologies: Mr Thomas Buchanan MLA
Ms Rosie McCorley MLA
Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA
Mr Daithí McKay MLA

In Attendance: Ms Marie Austin (Senior Assistant Clerk)
Ms Deirdre Farry (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 2.04pm in closed session.

1. Apologies

Apologies are detailed above.

2. Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill – Informal Deliberations

The Committee discussed the clauses of the Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek clarification from the Department on a range of issues.

2.31pm The meeting moved into public session.

3. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson reminded Members that Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson's Human Transplantation Bill was introduced to the Assembly on 13 October 2015.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to invite Mrs Dobson to brief Members on the Human Transplantation Bill at the meeting on 4 November 2015.

4. Draft Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 7 October 2015

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Wednesday 7 October 2015 were agreed.

5. Forward Work Programme

The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

6. Matters Arising

- i. The Committee considered a response from the Minister regarding the Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request: (i) its response to the Northern Ireland Audit Office's report on Primary Care Prescribing; and (ii) details of the projected growth pressures on branded medicines since 2014, if the PPRS constraints were not applied, and, for the next three financial years.

- ii. The Committee noted a response from the Department providing statistical information requested following the briefing on the proposed Amendment to the Health and Personal Social Services Act (NI) 2001.

7. Correspondence

- i. The Committee noted correspondence from the Mental Health Foundation regarding Dementia rights, and the social model of disability.
- ii. The Committee noted correspondence from the British Pain Society regarding UK Pain Messages.
- iii. The Committee noted EU Matters, Issue 07/2015.

8. Any Other Business

- i. A Member referred to the Paediatric Palliative Care strategy.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department requesting an update on the Paediatric Palliative Care strategy.

- ii. The Chairperson thanked the Western Trust for its time and hospitality in facilitating the visit to the new radiotherapy site and the Committee meeting.

9. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 21 October 2015, at 2.00 pm in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2.40 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____