

# COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Wednesday 20 January 2015**  
**Room 29, Parliament Buildings**

**Present:** Ms Maeve McLaughlin MLA (Chairperson)  
Mr Alex Easton MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Thomas Buchanan 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

**Apologies:** None.

**In Attendance:** Dr. Kathryn Aiken (Clerk)  
Ms Marie Austin (Senior Assistant Clerk)  
Mr Jonathan McMillan (Legal Services)- for item 2 only  
Ms Eilis Haughey (Bill Clerk)- for item 3 only  
Ms Stephanie Mallon (Bill Clerk)- for item 2 only  
Ms Deirdre Farry (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Ms Sharon McGurk (Clerical Supervisor)  
Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)

*The meeting commenced at 2.05 p.m. in closed session.*

**1. Apologies**

None.

*2.06 p.m. Mr Michael McGimpsey joined the meeting.*

**2. Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill: Legal Advice**

*2.08 p.m. Ms Pam Cameron joined the meeting.*

The Committee received advice from Legal Services on the amendment it tabled for Further Consideration Stage of the Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed a new amendment to the Bill, and that the Chairperson should not move the Committee amendment already tabled for Further Consideration Stage.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to: (i) write to the Speaker asking him to consider accepting a late amendment to the Bill for Further Consideration Stage; and (ii) write to the Minister to seek an assurance that regulations under Clause 2 of the Bill will not be brought before the Assembly which do not contain provision for opt out.

*2.29 p.m. Mr Fearghal McKinney joined the meeting.*

*2.29 p.m. Mr Kieran McCarthy joined the meeting.*

### **3. Human Transplantation Bill: Committee deliberations**

The Committee discussed the Human Transplantation Bill.

*Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson declared an interest as Bill Sponsor.*

*3.26 p.m. Mr Michael McGimpsey left the meeting*

*The Committee agreed to add the Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill to the agenda.*

### **4. Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill**

The Committee considered revised wording of its new amendment for Further Consideration Stage of the Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed the revised wording.

*3.50 p.m. The meeting moved into public session.*

### **5. Human Transplantation Bill: Committee deliberations**

*Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson declared an interest as Bill Sponsor.*

The Committee discussed the Human Transplantation Bill.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to ask when the Committee should expect to receive draft amendments to the Bill for consideration.

*3.51 p.m. Mr Alex Easton left the meeting.*

## **6. Chairperson's Business**

The Chairperson referred to a meeting she had with Professor Rafael Bengoa, Chair of Expert Panel on the optimal configuration of Health and Social Care Services in Northern Ireland. The Chairperson informed Members that a political summit will be convened on Wednesday 17 February 2016, to consider what form the principles to underpin the reconfiguration of the Health and Social Care service should take.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to not hold a Committee meeting on 17 February 2016 to enable Members to attend the summit.

The Chairperson referred to the All Party Group on Infertility.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to write to the Department to: (i) state its expectation that departmental officials would attend the next meeting of the All Party Group on 9 March 2016; and (ii) seek an update on progress regarding the increase in fertility treatment to two full cycles.

## **7. Draft minutes of the meetings on Wednesday 13 January 2016**

The Committee agreed the minutes of the Committee meeting on Wednesday 13 January 2016.

## **8. Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill: Committee deliberations**

The Committee discussed the clauses of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

*3.59 p.m. Mr Alex Easton rejoined the meeting*

## **9. Health and Personal Social Services (Amendment) Bill: Committee deliberations**

The Committee discussed the clauses of the Health and Personal Social Services (Amendment) Bill.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister dated 19 January 2016, in respect of the powers contained in Clause 2 of the Bill.

## **10. SL1: The Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

The Committee considered a proposal for a Statutory Rule to consolidate the Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) Regulations (1998) (as amended) into one piece of legislation. The proposed Statutory Rule would be signed by both the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety and the Department of Agriculture.

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

## **11. Forward Work Programme**

The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

**12. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**13. Correspondence**

- (i) The Committee noted a correction slip for SR 2015/412 - The HIV Testing Kits and Services (Revocation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.
- (ii) The Committee noted correspondence from the Northern Ireland NHS Confederation regarding its annual conference.

**14. Any Other Business**

None.

**15. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 27 January 2016, at 2.00 p.m. in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4.04 p.m.*

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

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