COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday 23 September 2015 Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings

Present: Ms Maeve McLaughlin MLA (Chairperson)

Mr Alex Easton MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

Mrs Pam Cameron MLA Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA Ms Rosie McCorley MLA Mr Daithí McKay MLA Mr Fearghal McKinney MLA Mr George Robinson MLA

Apologies: Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA

Mr Michael McGimpsey MLA

In Attendance: Dr Kathryn Aiken (Clerk)

Ms Marie Austin (Senior Assistant Clerk) Ms Deirdre Farry (Assistant Assembly Clerk) Ms Sharon McGurk (Clerical Supervisor) Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 2.12 p.m. in closed session.

1. Apologies

Apologies are detailed above.

2. Committee Review on Workforce Planning in the Context of Transforming Your Care – Consideration of Final Report

The Committee considered proposed amendments to the draft Report on Workforce Planning in the Context of Transforming Your Care.

Agreed: The Committee agreed the proposed amendments.

Title, Committee Membership and Powers, Table of Contents

The Committee considered the Title, Committee Membership and Powers and Table of Contents.

"Question: That the Title, Committee Membership and Powers and Table of Contents stand part of the Report put and agreed to".

Terms of Reference

The Committee considered the Terms of Reference section at paragraphs 1 to 6 of the Report.

"Question: That the Terms of Reference at paragraphs 1 to 6 stand part of the Report put and agreed to".

Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the Committee Consideration at paragraphs 7 to 10 of the Report.

"Question: That the Committee Consideration at paragraphs 7 to 10 stand part of the Report put and agreed to".

List of Recommendations

The Committee considered the list of Recommendations at paragraphs 11 to 27 of the Report.

"Question: That the List of Recommendations as amended stand part of the Report put and agreed to".

Discussion of Key Issues

The Committee considered the status of Transforming Your Care and its role in terms of workforce planning at paragraphs 28 to 47.

"Question: That paragraphs 28 to 47 stand part of the Report put and agreed to".

The Committee considered the progress made on workforce planning at a regional level at paragraphs 48 to 67.

"Question: That the section on 'Progress made on workforce planning at a regional level'as amended stand part of the Report put and agreed to".

The Committee considered the projected size of the workforce at paragraphs 68 to 77. "Question: That paragraphs 68 to 77 stand part of the Report put and agreed to".

The Committee considered the role of the Regional Workforce Planning Group and its engagement with key stakeholders at paragraphs 78 to 97.

"Question: That paragraphs 78 to 97 stand part of the Report put and agreed to".

The Committee considered the Strategic approach to recruitment and retention at paragraphs 98 to 119.

"Question: That paragraphs 98 to 119 stand part of the Report put and agreed to".

Appendices

The Committee *agreed* the Appendices 1 to 4 stand part of the Report.

Publication of the Report

The Committee *agreed* to publish the Report on Workforce Planning in the Context of Transforming Your Care on the Committee webpage.

The Committee *agreed* to forward a copy of the Report to the Department and request a response within 8 weeks.

The Committee *agreed* the draft motion on its Review on Workforce Planning in the Context of Transforming Your Care.

14.18pm The Committee moved to public session.

3. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson referred to the Commissioner for Older People's report 'Changing the culture of care provision in Northern Ireland'.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department requesting its formal response to the report.

4. Draft Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 16 September 2015

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Wednesday 16 September 2015 were agreed.

5. Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill: Briefing by the Information Commissioner's Office, the Royal College of Nursing and the Royal College of Nursing and the Royal College of Nursing

The Committee heard evidence from:

Dr. Ken McDonald Assistant Information Commissioner, Information

Commissioner's Office

Ms. Rachael Gallagher Senior Policy Officer, Information

Commissioner's Office

Dr. John Knape Head of Communications, Royal College of

Nursing

Dr. Stephen Moore Consultant Psychiatrist, Royal College of

Psychiatrists in Northern Ireland

A question and answer session ensued.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for attending.

6. Health and Personal Social Services (Amendment Bill) – Departmental Briefing

The Committee heard evidence from:

Ms Christine Smyth Deputy Chief Social Work Officer, DHSSPS

Ms Lorraine Conlon OSS Governance and Planning (Head of Bill

Team), DHSSPS

Ms Colleen Stirling Head of Conduct, Northern Ireland Social Care

Council, DHSSPS

A question and answer session ensued.

3.50pm Mrs Cameron left the meeting.

3.53pm Mr Mc Kay joined the meeting.

The departmental officials agreed to provide the Committee with further statistical information.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for attending.

7. Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill – Departmental Briefing

The Committee heard evidence from:

Ms Jenny McAlarney Health Improvement Policy Branch, DHSSPS

Mr Gerard Collins Population Health Directorate, DHSSPS

Ms Margaret Glass Medicines Policy, DHSSPS

4.23pm Mr Robinson joined the meeting.

A question and answer session ensued.

4.35pm Mr Mc Kinney left the meeting.

4.36pm Mrs Dobson left the meeting.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for attending.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department seeking clarification on the authority the Department has to legislate on the domestic advertising of ecigarettes.

8. SL1 – The New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Amendment) (No.3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

The Committee considered the Department's proposal to amend the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2007 to revoke Article 61(6).

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

9. Forward Work Programme

The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

10. Matters Arising

The Committee considered a response from the Department regarding the Committee's Report on Waiting Times for Elective Care.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note the response and await the plan due in the autumn.

11. Correspondence

- The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for the Office of the First Minster and deputy First Minister regarding the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission Report on the UK compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.
- ii. The Committee noted an invitation from UNISON regarding an international conference exploring opportunities for expansion of the UNISON/Health Service Partnerships.
- iii. The Committee considered correspondence from the Festival Director of the Northern Ireland Mental Health Arts and Film Festival, asking the Committee to sponsor the festival's launch in January 2016 and seeking guidance on organising a separate event.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to sponsor the festival launch and refer the writer to the Assembly Events office for guidance on the separate event.

12. Any Other Business

The implementation of the action plan associated with the Autism Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 was raised.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department to request an update on the implementation of the action plan associated with the Autism Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

13. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 30 September 2015, at 2.00 p.m. in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjour	ned the meeting at 4.46p.m.		
Signed:	Chairperson	_	
Date:			