

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

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**Wednesday 7 January 2016
Room 21, Parliament Buildings**

Present: Ms Maeve McLaughlin MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Alex Easton MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mrs Pam Cameron MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA
Ms Rosie McCorley MLA
Mr Gary Middleton MLA

Apologies: Mr Thomas Buchanan MLA
Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA
Mr Daithí McKay MLA
Mr Fearghal McKinney MLA

In Attendance: Ms Marie Austin (Senior Assistant Clerk)
Ms Stephanie Mallon (Bill Clerk) – for item 4 only
Ms Deirdre Farry (Assistant Assembly Clerk)
Ms Sharon McGurk (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 2.32p.m. in public session.

1. Apologies

Apologies are detailed above.

2. Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill – oral evidence session

The Committee heard evidence from:

Mr Gerry McElwee Head of Cancer Prevention, Cancer Focus

Dr Paul Darragh Chair, British Medical Association Public Health Forum

A question and answer session ensued.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for their evidence.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to bring forward agenda items 4 and 5.

3. Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill – Consideration Stage

The Committee heard evidence from:

Chris Matthews Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety

The Chairperson thanked Mr Mathews for his evidence.

3.22pm: The Committee meeting moved into closed session.

4. Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill- briefing by Bill Clerk

The Committee discussed its approach to Amendment 8 to the Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill, and the Department's new amendments to the Bill; Amendment 15 and Amendment 17.

The Bill Clerk provided procedural advice.

3.36pm: The Committee moved into public session.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to defer moving Amendment 8 to the Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill until Further Consideration Stage.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to seek legal advice on the impact of Amendment 8 to the Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill on the operation of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to note Amendments 15 and 17 of the Health and Social Care (Control of Data Processing) Bill.

5. Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill - Departmental briefing

The Committee heard evidence from:

Gerard Collins Health Improvement Policy Branch, DHSSPS

Jenny McAlarney Deputy Principal, Health Improvement Policy
Branch, DHSSPS

Margaret Glass Medicines Policy Pharmacy and Prescribing Unit,
DHSSPS.

A question and answer session ensued.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for their evidence.

3.49pm Mr Gary Middleton left the meeting.

The Committee considered the evidence received on the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to the Department for further information.

6. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 13 January 2016, at 2.00 pm in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4.09 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____