

AD HOC JOINT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE MENTAL CAPACITY BILL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Monday, 9 November 2015
Room 30, Parliament Buildings

- Present:** Mr Alastair Ross MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Patsy McGlone MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Mrs Pam Cameron MLA
Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA
Mr Alex Easton MLA
Mr Paul Frew MLA
Mr Seán Lynch MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA
Mr Raymond McCartney MLA
Ms Rosie McCorley MLA
- Apologies:** Mr Neil Somerville MLA
- In Attendance:** Dr Kathryn Aiken (Clerk)
Ms Elaine Farrell (Assistant Clerk)
Ms Marianne Doherty (Clerical Officer)
Ms Lesley-Anne Black (Research Officer) for agenda item 8

The meeting commenced at 1.04 pm in closed session.

The following Members were in attendance: Mrs Cameron, Mr Easton, Ms McCorley, Mr McGlone and Mr Ross.

1. Follow up on Part 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 of the Mental Capacity Bill

Agreed: The Committee noted the responses from the Department on issues raised in respect of Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 of the Mental Capacity Bill; the Committee agreed to write to the Department on a number of issues.

1.05 p.m. Mr McCarthy joined the meeting.

1.06 p.m. Mr Frew joined the meeting.

1.20 p.m. Ms McCorley left the meeting.

1.24 p.m. Mrs Dobson and Mr McCarthy joined the meeting.

1.26 p.m. Mr Easton left the meeting.

1.37 p.m. Mr McCarthy left the meeting.

2. Follow up on Part 12 of the Mental Capacity Bill

Agreed: The Committee noted the response from the Department on issues raised in respect of Part 12 of the Mental Capacity Bill; the Committee agreed to write to the Department on a number of issues.

Noted: The Committee noted the response from RQIA on under 18s admissions to adult psychiatric wards.

Noted: The Committee noted the response from DENI on EOTAs provision.

The meeting moved into open session at 1.48 p.m.

Mr Easton rejoined the meeting at 1.48 p.m.

3. Apologies

Noted above.

4. Chairperson's Business

None.

5. Draft Minutes of the meeting on Monday 2 November 2015

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Monday 2 November 2015 were agreed.

6. Forward Work Programme

Noted: The Committee noted the Forward Work Programme.

7. Background papers

Noted: The Committee noted the background papers in respect of the Mental Capacity Bill.

8. Briefing from RaISe: Schedule 8: Extension of Disregard Provision

The Research Officer joined the meeting at 1.49 p.m. and briefed the Committee on her paper on Extension of Disregard Provision.

1.50 p.m. Mr Lynch joined the meeting.

1.51 p.m. Mr McCartney left the meeting.

9. Any Other Business

None.

10. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Monday, 16 November 2015 at 12pm in Room 30, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2.00 pm.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____