

**COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH**  
**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Monday 19 December 2016**  
**Room 30, Parliament Buildings**

- Present:** Ms Paula Bradley MLA (Chairperson)  
Ms Paula Bradshaw MLA  
Mr Robbie Butler MLA  
Mr Gerry Carroll MLA  
Mr Mark H Durkan MLA  
Ms Joanne Dobson MLA  
Mr Ian Milne MLA  
Ms Catherine Seeley MLA
- Apologies:** Mr Gary Middleton MLA (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Trevor Clarke MLA
- In Attendance:** Ms Éilis Haughey (Clerk)  
Ms Roisin Donnelly (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Ms Antoinette Bowen (Clerical Officer)

*The meeting commenced at 12.13 pm in public session.*

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were noted as detailed above.

**2. Chairperson's Business**

There was no Chairperson's Business.

**3. Draft minutes of the meeting on 8 December 2016**

The minutes of the Committee meeting on 8 December 2016 were agreed.

**4. Matters Arising**

The Chairperson advised that the breakfast meeting to be hosted by Action Mental Health and the Together for You Partnership on 19 January 2016 had been postponed until 9 February 2016.

## 5. Correspondence

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed to defer its consideration of any correspondence until its next meeting.

## 6. Departmental Briefing on the GP Crisis

The Committee heard evidence from:

Mr Mark Lee	Director of Primary Care, Department of Health
Mr Chris Matthews	Head of Primary Care Medical Services, Department of Health
Dr Margaret O'Brien	Head of General Medical Services, Health and Social Care Board

A question and answer session ensued.

The Chair asked officials to provide further information on the outcome of on-going discussions with the Southern HSC Trust regarding the provision of short-term support to General Practice in the Portadown area.

*12.23 pm Mr Gerry Carroll joined the meeting.*

*12.23 pm Mr Ian Milne left the meeting.*

*12.48 pm Mr Gerry Carroll left the meeting.*

*12.50 pm Ms Paula Bradshaw left the meeting.*

*12.52 pm Ms Catherine Seeley left the meeting.*

The briefing was recorded by Hansard.

The Chair thanked the witnesses for attending.

## 7. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting.

The next Committee meeting will be on Thursday 12 January 2017, at 10.30 am in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12.59 pm*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Chairperson*

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