



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

# Committee for Health

## Minutes of Proceedings

**3 April 2025**

**Meeting Location:** Room 29, Parliament Buildings

**Present:**

- Philip McGuigan MLA (Chairperson)
- Danny Donnelly MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
- Alan Chambers MLA
- Diane Dodds MLA
- Órlaithí Flynn MLA
- Nuala McAllister MLA
- Colin McGrath MLA
- Alan Robinson MLA

**Apologies:** Linda Dillon MLA

**In Attendance:** Keith McBride, Clerk

Oliver Bellew, Assistant Clerk

Angela McParland, Assistant Clerk

Jonathan Lamont, Clerical Supervisor

## **1. Committee Inquiry: Access to Palliative Care Services - Oral Briefing by Marie Curie**

The following representatives joined the meeting at 2.01pm:

- Paula Heneghan, Associate Director Strategic Partnerships and Services, Marie Curie;
- Dr Jennifer Doherty, Medical Director, Marie Curie;
- Joan McEwan, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, Marie Curie.

The Chairperson welcomed the representatives and expressed thanks to the staff of Marie Curie for the work they do and for their contribution to the inquiry to date including a response to the Committee's consultation and facilitation of a Committee visit to their premises.

Alan Chambers joined the meeting at 2.16pm.

The representatives briefed the Committee on Access to Palliative Care.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

The Chairperson thanked the officials for their attendance.

The briefing session was reported by Hansard.

## **2. Committee Inquiry: Access to Palliative Care Services – Oral Briefing by Hospice UK**

The following representatives joined the meeting at 2.46pm:

- Prof Max Watson, Director of Project ECHO, Hospice UK; and,
- Aileen Morton, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Hospice UK.

The representatives briefed the Committee on Access to Palliative Care Services.

Nuala McAllister joined the meeting at 3.16pm.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their attendance.

The briefing session was reported by Hansard.

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