



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Committee for Health

Minutes of Proceedings

3 July 2025

Meeting Location: Room 29, Parliament Buildings

Present:

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

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Keith McBride, Clerk
Shannen Lofthouse, Assistant Clerk
Angela McParland, Assistant Clerk
Jonathan Lamont, Clerical Supervisor
Martina Mullin-O'Hare, Clerical Officer

1. Committee Inquiry: Access to Palliative Care Services – Oral Evidence by the Department of Health

The following officials joined the meeting at 2.40pm:

- Gearóid Cassidy, Director of Primary Care, Department of Health (DoH);
- Roger Kennedy, Programme Director, Community Care Directorate, Strategic Planning and Performance group (SPPG); and
- Ryan Wilson, Director of Secondary Care, DoH.

Linda Dillon joined the meeting at 2.55pm

Nuala McAllister joined the meeting at 3.13pm

The officials briefed the Committee on access to palliative care services.

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.

The Chairperson advised Members that this briefing by the Department had concluded oral evidence for the Inquiry. The Chairperson thanked all of the organisations and individuals that had contributed to the Inquiry.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that all departmental responses received as part of the inquiry be published on the Committee's Inquiry webpages.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to consider its draft report on the Inquiry immediately following summer recess.

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