



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Committee for Health

Minutes of Proceedings

12 June 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

Colin McGrath MLA

Alan Robinson MLA

Apologies:

Linda Dillon MLA

Nuala McAllister MLA

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

The meeting commenced at 2.01pm in public session.

1. Committee Inquiry: Access to Palliative Care Services - Macmillan Cancer Support and a Southern Health and Social Care Trust Palliative Medicine Consultant

The following representatives joined the meeting at 2.02pm:

- Christine Campbell, Member of the Macmillan Cancer Experience Panel, Macmillan Cancer Support;
- Sarah Christie, Nation Lead & External Affairs Manager NI, Macmillan Cancer Support; and
- Dr Sarah Cousins, Palliative Medicine Consultant, Southern Health and Social Care Trust.

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

Órlaithí Flynn joined the meeting at 2.07pm

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives for their evidence to the Inquiry.

The evidence session was reported by Hansard.

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