



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Committee for Health

Minutes of Proceedings

19 June 2025

Meeting Location: Room 29, Parliament Buildings

Present:

Philip McGuigan MLA (Chairperson)

Danny Donnelly MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

Alan Chambers MLA

Linda Dillon MLA

Alan Robinson MLA

Present by Video or Teleconference:

Diane Dodds MLA

Nuala McAllister MLA

Apologies:

Órlaithí Flynn MLA

Colin McGrath 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 – Northern Ireland Hospice and Northern Ireland Children's Hospice

The following representatives joined the meeting at 2.18pm:

- Trevor McCartney, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Ireland Hospice;
- Brian Henderson, Chief Finance Officer, Northern Ireland Hospice;
- Gemma Aspinall, Director of Care and Quality Governance, Northern Ireland Hospice; and
- Dr Emma Lundy, Consultant in Palliative Medicine, Northern Ireland Hospice.

The representatives provided oral evidence to the Committee on access to palliative care services.

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

The Chairperson declared an interest as having had a family member as a patient in the Northern Ireland Hospice.

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

The evidence session was reported by Hansard.

Agreed: The Committee agreed that it was concerned to hear that the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice was informed that the scoping exercise to be carried out by the Strategic Planning and Performance Group

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