



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Committee for Health

Minutes of Proceedings

16 January 2025

Meeting Location: Room 29, Parliament Buildings

Present:

Liz Kimmins MLA (Chairperson)

Danny Donnelly MLA (Deputy Chairperson),

Alan Chambers MLA

Diane Dodds MLA

Órlaithí Flynn MLA

Nuala McAllister MLA

Alan Robinson MLA

Present by Video or Teleconference:

Linda Dillon MLA

Colin McGrath MLA

Apologies: None

In Attendance:

Keith McBride, Clerk

Roisin Donnelly, Assistant Clerk

Angela McParland, Assistant Clerk

Jonathan Lamont, Clerical Supervisor

Stephen McGlennon, Clerical Officer

3. Inquiry on Access to Palliative Care Services – Oral Briefing from the Department of Health

The following officials joined the meeting at 3.33pm:

- Gearóid Cassidy, Director of Primary Care, DoH;
- Roger Kennedy, Programme Director Community Care Directorate; and
- Ryan Wilson, Director of Secondary Care, DoH.

The officials briefed the Committee on palliative care services.

Alan Robinson returned to the meeting at 3.42pm

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.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to write to DoH to receive detail of the PHA Needs Assessment on short breaks, once available; and confirmation on legal requirements around commissioning palliative care services in Northern Ireland.

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