



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Committee for Health

Minutes of Proceedings

12 December 2024

Meeting Location: Room 29, Parliament Buildings

Present:

Liz Kimmins MLA (Chairperson)

Danny Donnelly MLA (Deputy Chairperson),

Alan Chambers MLA

Diane Dodds MLA

Colin McGrath MLA

Present by Video or Teleconference:

Linda Dillon MLA

Alan Robinson MLA

Apologies:

Órlaithí Flynn MLA

Nuala McAllister MLA

In Attendance:

Keith McBride, Clerk

Roisin Donnelly, Assistant Clerk

Angela McParland, Assistant Clerk

Jonathan Lamont, Clerical Supervisor

Stephen McGlennon, Clerical Officer

2. Chairperson's Business

The Chairperson referred Members to the Committee's visit to the NI Hospice the previous week, on Thursday 5 December 2024. The Committee thanked the NI Hospice for providing the opportunity for Members to meet with patients and hold detailed discussions with palliative care consultants to inform its Inquiry on Access to Palliative Care. The Committee noted that the engagement exercise had given Members an important understanding of the provision of palliative care within a hospice setting, in terms of pain relief for patients, improvement in quality of life, and the vulnerability of the patients.

Agreed: The Committee agreed to carry out further visits to hospices in the New Year, and reschedule a visit to the Children's Hospice.

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