



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Committee for Health

Minutes of Proceedings

Thursday, 19 August 2021

Meeting Location: virtual meeting

Present by Video or Teleconference:

Colm Gildernew MLA (Chairperson)

Pam Cameron MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

Paula Bradshaw MLA

Jonathan Buckley MLA

Gerry Carroll MLA

Alan Chambers MLA

Órlaithí Flynn MLA

In Attendance by Video or Teleconference:

Keith McBride (Clerk)

Deirdre Farry (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Sarah-Anne McKinley (Assistant Assembly Clerk)

Brendan Miskelly (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 9.05 am in public session.



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1. Apologies

Cara Hunter MLA

Carál Ní Cuilín MLA

2. Briefing

The following officials joined the meeting by video-conference at 9.05 am:

Professor Ian Young, Chief Scientific Advisor, Department of Health

Professor Charlotte McArdle, Chief Nursing Officer, Department of Health

Ms Patricia Donnelly, Head of Covid-19 Vaccination Programme, Department of Health

Mr Jim Wilkinson, Head of Health Care Policy Group, Department of Health

The officials provided an update on the COVID case numbers, staffing issues and vaccination programme.

A question and answer session followed.

The Chair declared an interest in having worked as a social worker, and having a family member who is employed as a nurse.

The officials agreed to provide further information on a number of issues raised.

The Chairperson thanked the officials for attending.

The briefing session was reported by Hansard.

Órlaithí Flynn left the meeting at 10.47 am



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3. Date, time and place of the next meeting

It was agreed the next meeting of the Committee was to be an informal planning session on Thursday 2 September.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.03 am.

Colm Gildernew MLA

Chairperson, Committee for Health