



Northern Ireland
Assembly

**COMMITTEE FOR EMPLOYMENT AND LEARNING
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2015

DUNSILLY HOUSE HOTEL

Present: Mr Robin Swann MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Thomas Buchanan MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

Mr Sydney Anderson MLA
Mr Phil Flanagan MLA
Mr William Irwin MLA
Mr Fra McCann MLA
Ms Bronwyn McGahan MLA
Mr Pat Ramsey MLA

In Attendance: Mrs Cathie White (Assembly Clerk)
Mr Vincent Gribbin (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Johnny Lawless (Clerical Supervisor)
Ms Noreen Hayward (Clerical Officer)

Apologies: Mr David Hilditch MLA
Ms Anna Lo MLA

The meeting opened in public session at 1:00 pm.

1. Apologies

Apologies are detailed above.

2. Inquiry into Post Special Educational Need Provision in education, employment and training for those with Learning Disabilities in Northern Ireland

1:00 pm The evidence session began.

The Chairperson thanked the witnesses for their attendance and for their participation in that morning's evidence event.

- The Committee received evidence on the issue of The choice and availability of educational courses in Further Education and vocational training.
- The Committee received evidence on the issue of Increased opportunities to work.
- The Committee received evidence on the issue of Accessing community leisure facilities.
- The Committee received evidence on the issue of Future roles of Health and Social Care day centres and day opportunities.
- The Committee received evidence on the issue of Co-ordination of post-school services for individuals.
- The Committee received evidence on the issue of Co-ordination of services within a locality.

Evidence was given by attendees and was recorded by Hansard: attendees at the event are listed at the addendum.

1:59 pm The evidence session came to a close.

3. Any other business

None.

4. Date, time and place of next meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting should be held on Tuesday 11 February at 10:00 am in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

2:00 pm The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.

Mr Robin Swann MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Employment & Learning

11 February 2015

Addendum to Minutes of Proceedings for 4 February 2015

Stakeholders who attended the event:

- Cllr Donna Anderson, Mid and East Antrim Council
- Mr Gareth Anderson, Northern Health and Social Care Trust
- Ms Cathy Bradin, DEL
- Ms Geraldine Brereton, Social Security Agency
- Ms Claire Byrne, Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists
- Ms Margaret Cameron, NIAMH
- Mr Andy Cole, DEL
- Mr Eamon Connolly, Parkanaur College
- Ms Mary Coulter, Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists
- Ms Frances Curran, DE
- Ms Sarah Dixon, Northern Regional College
- Ms Edyth Dunlop, Northern Ireland Union of Supported Employment
- Ms Karen Edgar, Southern Health and Social Care Trust
- Mr Iolo Eilian, DHSSPS
- Ms Pauline Fitzsimons, NOW
- Mr Niall Green, Adult ADHD Northern Ireland
- Ms Joan Hardy, OFMDFM
- Ms Louise Hughes, ARC NI
- Ms Donna Hughes, Southern Regional College
- Mr John Johnston, DSD
- Mr Sean Johnston, DRD
- Ms Denise Keegan, Presbyterian Board of Social Witness
- Mr Neil Kelly, Belfast Trust
- Ms Lisa Lenighan, Parkanaur College
- Ms Karen Lennon, Colleges NI
- Ms Elaine Leonard, The Appleby Trust
- Mr Stephen McCartney, Northern Regional College

- Mr Jasper McKinney OBE, Southern Regional College
- Ms Jayne McStay, NOW
- Mr Conrad Murphy, DSD
- Mr Aidan Murray, Health and Social Care Board
- Mr Jack O'Connor, DSD
- Mr Dermot O'Hara, Destined
- Mr Mark O'Hara, DEL
- Ms Anne-Marie O'Kane, Northern Health and Social Care Trust
- Ms Paula O'Neill, College of Occupational Therapists NI
- Mr Tom O'Sullivan, Parkanaur College
- Mr Tim Parr, Positive Futures
- Ms Jude Pollock, ARC NI
- Ms Una Popplewell, Post 19 Lobby Group
- Mrs Ruth Purdy, Southern Health and Social Care Trust
- Mrs Sylvia Rennie, Northern Regional College
- Ms Jenny Ruddy, Mencap
- Ms Barbara Shepherd, Positive Futures
- Mr Paul Sloan, DE
- Ms Julie Stewart, DHSSPS
- Ms Gillian Todd, Northern Health and Social Care Trust
- Mr Keith Walsh, DRD
- Ms Caroline Watson, Southern Regional College
- Ms Emma Weaver, Adult ADHD Northern Ireland
- Ms Linda Wray, Presbyterian Board of Social Witness
- Ms Lesley Waugh, Southern Health and Social Care Trust