## COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

## **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

# Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014 Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings

Present:	Ms Maeve McLaughlin MLA (Chairperson) Mr Roy Beggs MLA Mr Mickey Brady MLA Mrs Pam Cameron MLA Mr Gordon Dunne MLA Mr Sam Gardiner MLA Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA Mr Fearghal McKinney MLA Mr David McIlveen MLA Mr Jim Wells MLA (Deputy Chairperson)
Apologies:	None

In Attendance: Dr Kathryn Aiken (Clerk) Mr Mark McQuade (Assistant Clerk) Ms Leanne Johnston (Clerical Supervisor) Mr Innis Mennie (Clerical Supervisor) Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 2.01 p.m. in open session.

#### 1. Apologies.

No apologies were received.

### 2. Chairperson's Business.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding an RQIA review and inspection of the Emergency Department at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

#### 2.04 p.m. Mr Fearghal McKinney joined the meeting.

The Chairperson briefed members on a meeting she had had with Diabetes NI and the Committee *agreed* to write to the Department about the issues raised. The Committee also *agreed* to invite the group to its stakeholder event on Wednesday 2 April 2014 and to sponsor an event for the group in the Long Gallery in June if required.

The Chairperson noted that Ms Leanne Johnston was leaving the Committee staff and thanked her for her work for the Committee. The Committee welcomed Mr Innis Mennie to the Committee staff.

The Chairperson asked members to inform Committee staff if they are available to attend the NICON conference on Transforming Your Care on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

### 3. Draft minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

The minutes of the Committee meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 were *agreed*.

#### 4. Review of waiting times. Evidence session with Dr Rob Findlay.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Minister regarding Waiting Times and *agreed* to write to the Department for further information.

The Committee took evidence from:

Dr Rob Findlay Director, Gooroo

A question and answer session ensued. The Chairperson thanked the witness for attending.

2.59 p.m. Mrs Pam Cameron left the meeting.

#### 2.59 p.m. meeting adjourned.

#### 3.00 p.m. meeting resumed.

# 5. Evidence session on the proposed Hygiene Rating Bill with the Food Standards Agency.

The Committee took evidence from:

Ms Kathryn Baker Food Standards Agency NI

Ms Maria Jennings Food Standards Agency NI

A question and answer session ensued. The Chairperson thanked the witness for attending.

6. Statutory Rule. SR 2014/10. Deregulation (Improvement of Enforcement Procedures) (Food Safety) (Revocation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014.

The Committee considered SR 2014/10 - Deregulation (Improvement of Enforcement Procedures) (Food Safety) (Revocation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and had no objection to the Rule subject to the report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules.

# 7. Statutory Rule. SR 2014/11. The Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.

The Committee considered SR 2014/11- The Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and had no objection to the Rule subject to the report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules.

#### 8. Forward Work Programme.

The Committee noted its Work Programme.

The Committee noted that the Minister would be attending the next Committee meeting to discuss Accident & Emergency issues and budgetary pressures.

#### 9. Matters arising.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding Programme for Government Delivery Plans and *agreed* to invite Departmental officials to brief it on this matter in May 2014.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister to the Public Accounts Committee regarding its report into the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service. The Committee also noted correspondence from the Public Accounts Committee on this matter.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding Emergency Departments.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister to the Committee for Employment and Learning regarding the GEMS NI Kestrel Project.

#### 10. Correspondence.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding a consultation on Health & Social Care Laundry and Linen Services.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding a consultation on a proposal to amend Health and Personal Social Services Pharmaceutical Services Regulations.

The Committee noted the Department for Health, Social Services & Public Safety Investment Strategy Investing Activity Report for January 2014.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and the deputy First Minister regarding Northern Ireland Executive European Priorities for 2013-14.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Committee for Finance and Personnel regarding monitoring of Departmental savings delivery plans.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Causeway Hospital Campaign seeking a meeting and *agreed* to refer the group to local representatives for support.

The Committee noted that a stakeholder event with health related groups has been arranged for Wednesday 2 April 2014.

The Committee noted a letter from the Centre for Health and Well Being seeking a meeting and *agreed* to invite the group to the stakeholder event on Wednesday 2 April 2014.

The Committee noted correspondence regarding a personal matter and *agreed* to refer the correspondent to local representatives and the Patient Client Council for support.

#### 11. Any Other Business.

No other business was discussed.

#### 12. Date, time and place of next meeting.

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 2.00pm in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3.45 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson

Date: \_\_\_\_\_