

COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday 10th September 2014
Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings

Present: Ms Maeve McLaughlin MLA (Chairperson)
Mr Roy Beggs MLA
Mr Mickey Brady MLA
Mrs Pam Cameron MLA
Mrs Jo-Anne Dobson MLA
Mr Gordon Dunne MLA
Mr Kieran McCarthy MLA
Mr Fearghal McKinney MLA
Mr Jim Wells MLA

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Dr Kathryn Aiken (Clerk)
Mr Oliver Bellew (Assistant Clerk)
Mr Innis Mennie (Clerical Supervisor)
Mr Craig Mealey (Clerical Officer)

The meeting commenced at 3.08 p.m. in closed session.

1. Apologies.

Apologies as above.

2. Review of Waiting Times

The Committee *agreed* to consider the draft recommendations of waiting times in closed session.

The Committee considered the draft recommendations for its review of waiting times and *agreed* to consider a final draft of the report at its next meeting.

3. Review on Transforming Your Care and Older People

The Committee *agreed* to consider the draft recommendations for its review of Transforming Your Care & Older People in closed session.

The Committee noted correspondence from the Belfast; Southern; South Eastern; and Western Trusts in relation to their published information on supported living facilities.

The Committee considered the draft recommendations for its review of Transforming Your Care & Older People and *agreed* to consider a final draft of the report at its next meeting.

3.30pm Mr Wells joined the meeting.

3.34pm The meeting moved to public session.

4. Chairperson's Business.

The Committee was reminded of a briefing it had received in relation to Connected Health and *agreed* to write to the Department for clarification on when an appointment will be made to the North West Health Innovation Corridor project.

Members noted that Research and Information Services will be providing financial scrutiny sessions to all committees and that the Committee's session will take place on Wednesday 24 September at 1.30pm.

The Committee noted, and *agreed*, to a request by 'Drink Think' to attend the stakeholder event on 8 October 2014.

5. Draft minutes of the meetings on Wednesday 2 July 2014 & Wednesday 3rd September 2014.

The minutes of the Committee meetings on 2nd July and 3rd September 2014 were *agreed*.

6. Departmental evidence session on proposed amendments to the Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (Membership, Procedure, Functions and Committee) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012.

Members noted a revised SL1 following the Minister's agreement to conduct an additional consultation.

Members noted correspondence from the Children's Law Centre.

The Committee took evidence from:

Ms Eilís Daniel	Director of Family and Children's Policy
Ms Donna Ruddy	Head of Child Protection Branch
Mr Paul McConville	Social Services Professional Officer

3.48pm Mr Gordon Dunne left the meeting.

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

The Committee *agreed* to invite the Safeguarding Board to give evidence on the proposed statutory rule.

7. DHSSPS Budget and Financial Position for 2014/15.

The Committee noted that an departmental evidence session on the October monitoring round was scheduled for 24 September 2014.

The Committee *agreed* to write to the Minister for Finance and Personnel regarding comments previously made regarding the financial management within the DHSSPS.

8. SR 2014/215. The Health and Personal Social Services (General Medical Services Contracts) (Prescription of Drugs etc) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012.

The Committee considered SR 2014/215 - The Health and Personal Social Services (General Medical Services Contracts) (Prescription of Drugs etc) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 and had no objection to the Rule.

9. SR 2014/223. The Food Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.

The Committee considered SR 2014/223 - The Food Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and had no objection to the Rule subject to the report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules.

10. Proposed Statutory Rule. The Fish Labelling (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.

The Committee considered The Fish Labelling (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and *agreed* that it was content for the Department to prepare the Statutory Rule.

11. Proposed Statutory Rule. Health and Personal Social Services (Superannuation), Health and Social Care (Pension Scheme) (Amendment No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.

The Committee considered the Health and Personal Social Services (Superannuation), Health and Social Care (Pension Scheme) (Amendment No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014. The Committee *agreed* to write

to the Department for further information relating to the consultation exercise carried out in relation to the proposed statutory rule.

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12. Proposed Statutory Rule. The Food Hygiene and Official Feed and Food Controls (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014.

The Committee considered the Food Hygiene and Official Feed and Food Controls (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 and *agreed* that it was content for the Department to prepare the Statutory Rule.

13. Matters Arising.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding the Cancer Awareness Campaign and pancreatic cancer and *agreed* to forward this to Pancreatic Cancer UK.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding Ovarian Cancer Awareness and *agreed* to forward this to Ms Una Crudden. The Committee also *agreed* to seek further details concerning the information leaflet produced by the Public Health Agency.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding Complimentary Medicines in Cancer and *agreed* to forward this to Ms O'Hagan.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding the Early Intervention Transitional Programme and *agreed* to write back to the Department to seek further information on the Expert Advisory Panel.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding accident prevention and *agreed* to forward this to Mr Doherty.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding the McCollum Report's recommendations and *agreed* to forward this to the All Party Group on muscular dystrophy.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding Services for People with Long Term Brain Injuries and *agreed* to forward this to Ms Nellis.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding the National Childbirth Trust and *agreed* to forward this to the National Childbirth Trust.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding Termination of Pregnancy.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding the RQIA Review of Unscheduled Care and the SAI Look Back Exercise. The Committee *agreed* to schedule evidence sessions on regional task force on unscheduled care and the Sir Liam Donaldson review of governance.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding Statutory Residential Homes.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding the Pavilions Elderly Care Development, Lisburn and *agreed* to forward this to Mr Law.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding Adult Safeguarding Legislation and *agreed* to schedule briefings in relation to the matter with the Department, the Commissioner for Older People and Professor Williams.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding the NISCC Register.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding Belfast School of Dental Hygiene and *agreed* to forward this to the British Society of Dental Hygiene and Therapy.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding 2011-15 PfG Commitments and *agreed* to seek further detail of spend shifted from the acute sector to the community sector .

The Committee noted responses from the Minister regarding the Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme and *agreed* to forward it to the QUB Cancer Centre and to Cancer Focus. The Committee also *agreed* to invite the Department and ABPNI to give evidence on the matter.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding the Green Investment Bank.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister regarding Travel Passes for those Accompanying Blind and Partially Sighted People and *agreed* to forward this to Newry and Mourne Visually Impaired Society.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister to the Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment – Green Investment Bank.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister to the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure – HSC Bodies Engagement with Arts Groups.

The Committee noted a response from the Minister to Dominic Bradley MLA – Myalgic Encephalopathy public petition.

The Committee noted a correction from the Department to SR 2014/170.

The Committee noted a letter from the Speaker regarding the Public Petition ‘Detoxification Provisions Foyle’.

The Committee noted a letter from the Speaker regarding the Public Petition ‘Loane House Dungannon’.

The Committee noted a letter from the Speaker regarding the Public Petition ‘ME Full Adoption of the Canadian Consensus Criteria’.

The Committee *agreed* to seek an update from the Department on the Mental Capacity Bill.

14. Correspondence

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding PfG Delivery Plans and *agreed* to seek further information.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding the consultation on the draft Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (NI) and *agreed* to schedule a briefing on this matter.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding Minimum Care Standards for Independent Healthcare Establishments.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding Minimum Care Standards for Nursing Homes.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding the Community Resuscitation Strategy.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding proportionate language controls for EEA applicants and *agreed* to seek an update following the completion of the consultation.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister proposed primary legislation for the use of service user identifiable information for secondary purposes and *agreed* to schedule a briefing on this matter.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding The Human Medicines (Amendment) Regulations 2014.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding the Nursing and Midwifery (Amendment) Order 2014.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding GMC Adjudication Reform and PSA Grounds for referral Section 60 order and *agreed* to seek an update following the completion of the consultation.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding the General Dental Council Order 2015 and *agreed* to seek an update following the completion of the consultation.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding the Regulation of Healthcare Professionals Private Members Bill and *agreed* to schedule a briefing on this matter.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding consultation on the Health and Care Professions Order 2015.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister regarding the Human Trafficking and Exploitation Bill.

The Committee noted a letter from the Minister to the Speaker regarding a Statement to the Assembly on the outcome of the British-Irish Council Misuse of Substances meeting.

The Committee noted a letter from the Department regarding Investing Strategy for NI Investing Activity Report July 2014.

The Committee noted a letter from the Department regarding Investing Strategy for NI Investing Activity Report August 2014.

The Committee noted a letter from the Committee for Justice regarding the Justice Bill and *agreed* to seek a copy of the Department's response on the issues.

The Committee noted a letter from the Committee for the OFMDFM regarding the Inquiry into Building a United Community.

The Committee noted a letter from the Committee for Education regarding the Inquiry into Shared/Integrated Education.

The Committee noted a letter from the Committee for Culture, Arts and Leisure regarding the visit to Parliament Buildings by the BBC Director General, Lord Hall.

The Committee noted a letter from the General Medical Council regarding the Consultation on sanctions guidance, apologies and warnings.

The Committee noted a letter and a press release from the College of Emergency Medicine regarding Acute and Emergency Care and *agreed* to write to the Department for its views on the issues.

The Committee noted letters from the COPNI regarding Carers Assessments and Adult Safeguarding Legislation. The Committee *agreed* to schedule a briefing on the issue of Adult Safeguarding Legislation.

The Committee noted a letter from ABPI regarding PPRS and Cancer Medicines.

The Committee noted a letter from the NI Law Commission regarding Regulation of Social Care Professionals.

The Committee noted a letter from Big Lottery Fund regarding Supporting Families Programme funding update.

The Committee noted a letter from European Connected Health Alliance regarding NICH Ecosystem.

The Committee noted a letter from Optometry NI regarding a request to attend the Stakeholder event and *agreed* to invite the organisation to the event.

The Committee noted a letter from Families Voices Forum regarding a request to meet the Committee and *agreed* to invite the organisation to the event.

The Committee noted a letter from NICON regarding an invitation to the eHealth and Social Care conference.

The Committee noted a letter from Southern Area Hospice Services regarding an invitation to the Committee to meet in the hospice premises, Newry. The Committee *agreed* to consider the invitation as part of its forward work programme.

The Committee noted a letter from MindWise regarding an invitation to its AGM.

The Committee noted a letter from Marie Curie regarding sponsorship of 2015 Great Daffodil Appeal event and *agreed* to sponsor the event.

The Committee noted a letter from NIFHA regarding the Annual Conference in Belfast.

The Committee noted a letter from the Dairy Council regarding the European Milk Forum Symposium in Belfast.

The Committee noted a letter from Agenda NI regarding the future of healthcare seminar.

The Committee noted a letter from WJ Law & Co LLP.

The Committee noted a letter from Barry Turley regarding the Hygieia D-Nav Diabetes TM Insulin Guidance Service and *agreed* to extend an invitation to its stakeholder event.

The Committee noted a letter from Miss Coulter regarding a copy of a letter sent to the Minister.

15. Date, time and place of next meeting.

The next Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 17th September 2014 at 2.00pm in Committee Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 5.00p.m.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____