

Concise Minutes – Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee room 5 Tŷ Hywel
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: Thursday, 24 March 2022

Meeting time: 09.32 – 15.30

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Russell George MS (Chair) Gareth Davies MS Mike Hedges MS Jack Sargeant MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Eluned Morgan MS, Minister for Health and Social Services Julie Morgan MS, Deputy Minister for Social Services Nick Wood, Welsh Government Albert Heaney, Welsh Government Andy Bell, Centre for Mental Health Dr Antonis Kousoulis, Mental Health Foundation Professor Sally Holland, Children's Commissioner for Wales Kirrin Spiby–Davidson, Children's Commissioner for Wales Heléna Herklots, Older People's Commissioner for Wales
Committee Staff:	Helen Finlayson (Clerk)



	Claire Morris (Second Clerk) Lowri Jones (Deputy Clerk) Amy Clifton (Researcher) Philippa Watkins (Researcher) Sarah Hatherley (Researcher) Steven Williams (Citizens Engagement) Rhayna Mann (Citizens Engagement)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Rhun ap Iorwerth MS.

2 Hospital discharge and its impact on patient flow through hospitals: evidence session with the Minister and Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services

2.1 The Committee received evidence from the Minister and Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services.

2.2 The Deputy Minister for Social Services declared that she trained and worked as a social worker.

2.3 Mike Hedges MS suggested the Committee write to the Minister for Climate Change seeking information on the number of people in each local authority waiting for disabled facilities grants to be approved and implemented.

3 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from items 4, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of today's meeting

3.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

4 Hospital discharge and its impact on patient flow through hospitals: consideration of evidence

4.1 The Committee considered the evidence received and identified areas for inclusion in the report.

5 Mental health inequalities: evidence session with Centre for Mental Health and Mental Health Foundation

5.1 The Committee received evidence from a representative of the Centre for Mental Health and the Mental Health Foundation.

6 Mental health inequalities: evidence session with the Children's Commissioner for Wales and the Older People's Commissioner for Wales

6.1 The Committee received evidence from the Children's Commissioner for Wales and the Older People's Commissioner for Wales.

7 Paper(s) to note

7.1 Letter from Chair, Petitions Committee to the Chair regarding petition P-06-1241 Welsh Government to meet with a wider audience of unpaid carers

7.1 The Committee noted the letter.

7.2 Welsh Government response to Committee's report on the Welsh Government draft budget 2022-23

7.2 The Committee noted the response.

8 Mental health inequalities: consideration of evidence

8.1 The Committee considered the evidence received and agreed its approach to the next stage of the inquiry.

9 Forward work programme

9.1 The Committee agreed to return to the discussion after Easter recess.

10 Impact of the waiting times backlog on people in Wales who are waiting for diagnosis or treatment: consideration of draft report

10.1 The Committee agreed the report subject to minor amendments which will be agreed via email.

11 Women and girls' health: consideration of letter

11.1 The Committee agreed the letter.