

Concise Minutes – Wales COVID-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3, Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 3 February 2025

Meeting time: 14.02 – 16.32

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Hybrid, Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Tom Giffard MS (Chair) Joyce Watson MS (Chair) Mabon ap Gwynfor MS Rhianon Passmore MS Sam Rowlands MS
Witnesses:	Alyson Francis, Welsh Government Andy Fraser, Welsh Government Lori Frater, Welsh Government Sir Paul Silk
Committee Staff:	Fay Bowen (Clerk) Leanne Hatcher (Second Clerk) Huw Williams (Legal Adviser) Masudah Ali (Legal Adviser) Sarah Hatherley (Researcher)



1 Introduction, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

Co-Chair Tom Giffard MS welcomed Members to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Buffy Williams MS.

2 Technical briefing from Welsh Government officials on resilience and civil contingency arrangements in Wales

The Committee received a technical briefing from Welsh Government officials; Alyson Francis, Director COVID-19 Public Inquiry, Dr Andy Fraser, Deputy Director, National Security and Resilience Division and Lori Frater, Head of Resilience Unit, National Security and Resilience Division.

3 Preparations for undertaking public-inquiry style questioning ahead of taking oral evidence in public sessions

Sir Paul Silk facilitated a session with Members to discuss their strategic direction, set a common purpose and prioritise their work.