

Concise Minutes – Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue:

Hybrid – Committee Room 3, Senedd
and video conference via Zoom

Meeting date: 5 June 2025

Meeting time: 09.33 – 14.10

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Peter Fox MS (Chair) Mabon ap Gwynfor MS James Evans MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Rebecca John, NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership Jeremy Miles MS, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care Dawn Bowden MS, Minister for Children and Social Care
Committee Staff:	Sarah Beasley (Clerk) Karen Williams (Deputy Clerk) Amy Clifton (Researcher) Sarah Hatherley (Researcher) Jennifer Cottle (Legal Adviser) Harry Moyle (Legal Adviser)



1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions, and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

2 Ophthalmology Services in Wales – evidence session: panel 8

2.1 The Committee received evidence from the NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership.

3 Ophthalmology Services in Wales – evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care

3.1 The Committee received evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care.

3.2 The Cabinet Secretary agreed to provide an update on: –

- the timescale for an update on the findings of the review by the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, following ‘safety concerns regarding age related macular degeneration’ in Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.
- data and details on the levels of upskilling for Optometrists.

4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from item 5

4.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

5 Ophthalmology Services: consideration of evidence

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

6 Legislative Consent Memorandum: Employment Rights Bill: evidence session with the Minister for Children and Social Care

6.1 The Committee received evidence from the Minister for Children and Social Care.

7 Paper(s) to note

7.1 **Letter from Chair of the Petitions Committee re Petition P-06-1350: Re-open Dyfi Ward at Tywyn Hospital**

7.1.1 The Committee noted the letter.

7.2 Letter from Chair of the Petitions Committee re Petition P-06-1242: Improve Endometriosis Healthcare in Wales

7.2.1 The Committee noted the letter.

8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) and (ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting

8.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

9 Legislative Consent: Employment Rights Bill – consideration of evidence

9.1 The Committee considered the evidence.

10 Gynaecological cancers inquiry: follow up

10.1 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing regarding the implementation of the recommendations in its report on gynaecological cancers.

11 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: Mental Health Bill

11.1 The Committee considered the Legal Advice Note.

11.2 The Committee discussed and agreed areas for inclusion in its report on the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: Mental Health Bill.

12 Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum: Tobacco and Vapes Bill – consideration of draft report

12.1 The Committee considered and agreed the report.