

Concise Minutes – Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Wednesday, 21 October
2015

Meeting time: 09.19 – 12.20

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Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	David Rees AM (Chair) Alun Davies AM John Griffiths AM Altaf Hussain AM Elin Jones AM Darren Millar AM Lynne Neagle AM Gwyn R Price AM Lindsay Whittle AM Kirsty Williams AM
Witnesses:	Mark Drakeford AM, The Minister for Health and Social Services Dr Ruth Hussey, Chief Medical Officer Chris Tudor-Smith, Welsh Government Sue Bowker, Welsh Government



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Committee Staff:	Llinos Madeley (Clerk) Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk) Sian Giddins (Deputy Clerk) Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser) Philippa Watkins (Researcher)

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1 The Committee's Forward Work Programme

1.1 The Committee agreed to scrutinise the Draft Wales Bill, particularly the impact the proposed reserved powers model may have on the fields of health and social care, at its meeting on 5 November 2015.

1.2 In order to accommodate other business demands, the Committee agreed to reschedule Stage 2 proceedings on the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill to Wednesday 25 November. This is subject to the Assembly's agreement of the financial resolution which is scheduled for consideration in Plenary on 3 November.

2 Public Health (Wales) Bill: consideration of key issues in preparation for the evidence session with the Minister for Health and Social Services

2.1 The Members discussed the key issues in preparation for the evidence session with the Minister.

3 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

3.1 No apologies were received.

4 Public Health (Wales) Bill: evidence session 18

4.1 Lindsay Whittle declared the following relevant interest under Standing Order 17.24A:

- He is a member of Caerphilly County Borough Council.

4.2 The Minister responded to questions from Members.

4.3 The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with:

- a note to clarify whether tattooing, as defined within the Bill, would encompass similar procedures such as ‘tashing’;
- a note on how he intends to amend Part 4 of the Bill to extend the provisions within this part to include tongue piercing; and
- a copy of the study he referred to about the research recently undertaken in California regarding e–cigarettes.

5 Papers to note

5.1 Minutes of the meeting on 7 October 2015

5.1a The Committee noted the minutes.

5.2 Public Health (Wales) Bill: additional information

5.2a The Committee noted the additional information.

5.3 Fourth Assembly Business Committee Legacy Report: correspondence from Business Committee

5.3a The Committee noted the correspondence.

6 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and for the meetings on 5 and 11 November

6.1 The motion was agreed.

6.2 The Chair also proposed in accordance with Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the meetings on 5 and 11 November 2015. This was agreed.

7 Public Health (Wales) Bill: consideration of evidence and key issues

7.1 The Committee considered the:

- evidence received; and
- key issues that have arisen during its consideration of the general principles of the Bill.