

# Public Accounts Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Tuesday, 12 November 2013**

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Meeting time: **09:00 – 11:00**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Darren Millar (Chair)**  
**Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM**  
**Mike Hedges**  
**Julie Morgan**  
**Jenny Rathbone**  
**Aled Roberts**  
**Jocelyn Davies**  
**Sandy Mewies**

### Witnesses:

**Helen Birtwhistle, Director, Welsh NHS Confederation**  
**Kevin Flynn, Welsh Government**  
**Dr Grant Robinson, Aneurin Bevan Health Board**  
**David Sissling, Director General for Health and Social Services, Welsh Government**  
**Allison Williams, Cwm Taf Local Health Board**

### Committee Staff:

**Fay Buckle (Clerk)**  
**Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk)**  
**Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Joanest Jackson (Legal Advisor)**

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## **1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members and members of the public to the meeting.

## **2 Health Finances 2012–13 and beyond: Evidence from the Welsh NHS Confederation**

2.1 The Committee questioned Helen Birtwhistle, Director, Welsh NHS Confederation and Allison Williams, Chief Executive of Cwm Taf Health Board, on Health Finances 2012-13 and beyond.

Action points:

Allison Williams agreed to send a note on the financial situation of Cwm Taf Health Board at month 7 of this financial year.

Allison Williams agreed to send a note on the total amount of drug wastage for Cwm Taf Health Board in the 2012-13 financial year.

## **3 Unscheduled Care: Response from the Welsh Government**

3.1 The Committee questioned David Sissling Director General for Health & Social Services/Chief Executive, NHS Wales, Kevin Flynn, Deputy Chief Executive NHS Wales and Dr Grant Robinson, Clinical Lead for Unscheduled Care, Welsh Government on Unscheduled Care.

Action points:

Mr Sissling agreed to send a note covering the 5 priority areas the Welsh Government is focusing on in the development of the national programme for unscheduled care, examples of initiatives to aid frail and elderly patients and how these are being promoted at both local and national level.

Mr Sissling agreed to send a note on the cost and future evaluation of the Choose Well scheme and the actual number so people accessing Welsh NHS Direct.

## **4 Papers to note**

4.1 The papers were noted.

## **5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:**

### **(DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS)**

As the earlier sessions had overrun, the remainder of the business was deferred for a future meeting.

## **6 Health Finances 2012 –1 3 and beyond: Consideration of evidence**

## **7 Unscheduled Care: Consideration of evidence**

## 8 National Framework for Continuing NHS Healthcare: Consideration of draft report