

# Health and Social Care Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 1 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Wednesday, 23 October 2013**

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Meeting time: **09:31 – 12:18**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**David Rees (Chair)**  
**Leighton Andrews**  
**Rebecca Evans**  
**William Graham**  
**Elin Jones**  
**Lynne Neagle**  
**Gwyn R Price**  
**Lindsay Whittle**  
**Kirsty Williams**

### Witnesses:

**Ana Palazon, The Stroke Association in Wales**  
**Paul Underwood, The Stroke Association in Wales**  
**Lowri Griffiths, The Stroke Association in Wales**  
**Dr Anne Freeman, Welsh Association of Stroke Physicians**  
**Dr Hamsaraj Shetty, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board**  
**Dr Yaqoob Bhat, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board**  
**Jan Smith, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board**  
**Amanda Smith, Powys Teaching Health Board**  
**Nigel Monaghan, Public Health Wales**  
**Dr Hugo van Woerden, Public Health Wales**  
**Nicola Davis-Job, Royal College of Nursing Wales**  
**Carole Saunders, Royal College of Nursing Wales**

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Dr Amer Jafar, St Woolos Hospital  
Dr Philip White, BMA Cymru Wales  
Mark Drakeford, Minister for Health and Social Services  
Dr Chris Jones, Welsh Government

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Committee Staff:

Llinos Madeley (Clerk)  
Helen Finlayson (Second Clerk)  
Sarah Sargent (Deputy Clerk)  
Stephen Boyce (Researcher)  
Philippa Watkins (Researcher)

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## TRANSCRIPT

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### 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair apologised to Members and witnesses for the delay in starting the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Darren Millar. The Chair noted that Gwyn Price had offered his apologies for the first part of the morning session.

### 2 Stroke risk reduction – follow-up inquiry: Panel 1 – Voluntary sector

- 2.1 Due to technical issues, items 2 and 3 were taken together.
- 2.2 Representatives of the Stroke Association and the Wales Stroke Alliance responded to questions from committee members.
- 2.3 Lowri Griffiths of the Stroke Association noted that Professor Marcus Longley, Welsh Institute of Health and Social Care (WIHSC), has agreed to work with them to develop an economic assessment of stroke services in Wales. Ms Griffiths also noted that the National Institute for Social Care and Health Research Clinical Research Centre (NISCHR-CRC) has indicated that funds are available to undertake the assessment. Ms Griffiths agreed to present this work to the Committee on completion.

### 3 Stroke risk-reduction – follow-up inquiry: Panel 2 – Wales Stroke Alliance

- 3.1 Due to technical issues, items 2 and 3 were taken together.
- 3.2 Representatives of the Stroke Association and the Wales Stroke Alliance responded to questions from committee members.

### 4 Stroke risk-reduction – follow-up inquiry: Panel 3 – Local Health Boards / Public Health Wales

- 4.1 Representatives of local health boards and the Public Health Wales responded to questions from committee members.
- 4.2 Dr van Woerden noted that a particular piece of work is on-going in Caerphilly County Borough that relates to the rehabilitation of vascular dementia sufferers, details of which would be sent to the Committee.

4.3 Jan Smith, of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, agreed to provide the Committee with information regarding the cost to the Cardiac and Cancer Networks of employing managers who oversee the running of each Network.

## **5 Stroke risk–reduction – follow–up inquiry: Panel 4 – Professional bodies**

5.1 Representatives of the Royal College of Nursing and BMA Cymru Wales responded to questions from committee members.

## **6 Stroke risk–reduction – follow–up inquiry: Panel 5 – Welsh Government**

6.1 The Minister for Health and Social Services and Dr Chris Jones, the Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Wales, responded to questions from committee members.

## **7 Papers to note**

7.1 Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services: health protection and immunisation budget

7a.1 The Committee noted the letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the health protection and immunisation budget.

7.2 Letter from the South Wales Plan Programme Board: follow–up information from meeting on 3 October

7b.1 The Committee noted the letter from the South Wales Plan Programme Board.

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

8.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

## **9 Social Services and Well–being (Wales) Bill: Stage 2 briefing**

9.1 The Committee received a briefing on Stage 2 committee procedures.