

Health and Social Care Committee

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

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 22 January 2014**

Meeting time: **09:20 – 11:18**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

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

Witnesses:

Karen Samuels, All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG)
Joanne Ferris, Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI)
Dr Richard Greville, Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry

Committee Staff:

Llinos Madeley (Clerk)
Philippa Watkins (Researcher)
Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)

1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1. No apologies were received.

2 Inquiry into access to medical technologies in Wales: Evidence session 1 – All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG)

2.1. Karen Samuels responded to questions from Committee members.

2.2. Ms Samuels noted that the Welsh Analytical Prescribing Support Unit has been monitoring the usage of medicines appraised by AWMSG and NICE, and agreed to share the paper outlining the results of this monitoring with the Committee.

3 Inquiry into access to medical technologies: Evidence session 2 – Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI)

3.1. Dr Rick Greville responded to questions from Committee members.

3.2. In response to the Chair's question relating to the ABPI's experience of NICE's Health Technologies Adoption Programme, Dr Greville noted that he did not have direct experience of this process but could seek further information on the Committee's behalf.

3.3. During the course of the session, Dr Richard Greville agreed to provide the following additional information:

- a copy of the report recently commissioned by the ABPI (from the University of South Wales) on local barriers to the adoption of appraised medicines, due to be available by Easter 2014;
- a copy of the report being prepared by the Office of Health Economics, due to be available by Easter 2014, which will look at barriers to the adoption of appraised medicines that arise specifically as a consequence of planning and horizon-scanning challenges;
- examples relating to the take up, or lack thereof, of approved medicines in Wales, to include statistics illustrating Wales's relative position to the other UK nations

4 Papers to note

4.1. The Committee noted the papers.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business: Item 6 on today's agenda and from the meeting on the morning of 30 January 2014

5.1. The Committee agreed the Motion.

6 Consideration of the Committee's work plan for the inquiry into the availability of bariatric services

6.1. The Committee agreed to undertake two external visits for the inquiry into the availability of bariatric services: to Swansea University and Morriston Hospital on 13 February, and to a focus group session in Newport on 12 March. All expenditure associated with the two visits was agreed by the Committee.