

# Health and Social Care Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Thursday, 3 April 2014**

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Meeting time: **09.20 – 13.45**

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## Concise Minutes:

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### Assembly Members:

**David Rees AM (Chair)**  
**Leighton Andrews AM**  
**Rebecca Evans AM**  
**Janet Finch–Saunders AM**  
**Elin Jones AM**  
**Lynne Neagle AM**  
**Gwyn R Price AM**  
**Lindsay Whittle AM**

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### Witnesses:

**Mark Drakeford AM, Minister for Health and Social Services**  
**Gwenda Thomas AM, Deputy Minister for Social Services**  
**Dr Ruth Hussey, Chief Medical Officer**  
**Albert Heaney, Welsh Government**  
**Dr Grant Robinson, Aneurin Bevan Health Board**  
**Professor Phil Routledge, All Wales Medicines Strategy Group**

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### Committee Staff:

**Llinos Madeley (Clerk)**  
**Chloe Davies (Deputy Clerk)**

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

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Darren Millar AM and Kirsty Williams AM. There were no substitutes.
- 1.2 The Chair welcomed the Minister for Health and Social Services, the Deputy Minister for Social Services and their officials to the meeting.

## **2 Unscheduled care – preparedness for winter 2013/14: Ministerial scrutiny session – follow-up**

- 2.1 The Committee scrutinised the Minister for Health and Social Services and the Deputy Minister for Social Services on unscheduled care – preparedness for winter 2013/14.
- 2.2 During the meeting the following points were agreed:
  - The Chief Medical Officer agreed to provide further details about the number of hospital ward closures arising during winter 2013/14 as a result of norovirus.
  - The Minister agreed to provide an update on paramedic services in Wales, including: the percentage of paramedics who have become advanced paramedics in recent years; confirmation of how many advanced paramedics are practising in Wales; and, further detail about their current and future training plans.
  - The Deputy Minister confirmed that details of funding allocated under the Intermediate Care Fund – and all relevant plans – will be published on a regional basis and shared with the Committee. Furthermore, the Deputy Minister noted that lesson learnt across relevant sectors as a result of this process will be published.
  - The Deputy Minister agreed to share the statements of intent prepared by Local Health Boards, Local Authorities and other relevant partners in accordance with the Welsh Government's framework for delivering integrated health and social care once ready.

## **3 Motion to exclude the public from the meeting, under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) for item 4, and Standing Order 17.42 (ix) for item 5**

- 3.1 The Motion was agreed.

## **4 Consideration of the evidence provided during the session on unscheduled care**

## **5 Inquiry into the availability of bariatric services: discussion of key issues**

## **6 Inquiry into access to medical technologies in Wales: Evidence session 15**

6.1 The witness responded to questions from Committee members.

## **7 Papers to note**

7.1. The Committee noted the Minutes from its meetings on 20 March and 26 March 2014, and the correspondence from Healthcare Inspectorate Wales on the publication of its operational plan for 2014–15.

7.1 Minutes of previous meetings: 20 March and 26 March 2014

7.2 Correspondence from Healthcare Inspectorate Wales: publication of its operational plan for 2014–15

## **8 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 (vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting on 30 April 2014**

8.1. The Motion was agreed.