

To: Health and Social Care Committee
From: Policy and Legislation Committee Service
Meeting date: 20 November 2014

**Health and Social Care Committee Forward Work Programme:
spring term (January – March 2015)**

Purpose

1. This paper invites Members to note the Health and Social Care Committee timetable attached at Annex A.

Background

2. Attached at Annex A is a copy of the Health & Social Care Committee's timetable from January to March 2015.
3. The timetable is published as an aid to Assembly Members and any members of the public who may wish to be aware of the Committee's forward work programme. A document of this kind will be published by the Committee at regular intervals.
4. The timetable is subject to change and may be amended at the Committee's discretion.

Recommendation

5. The Committee is invited to note the work programme at Annex A.

Annex A: Committee timetable for spring term 2015

Thursday 15 January 2015 (morning and afternoon)

- ***Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: evidence from the Member in Charge¹ (public)***
- General scrutiny session with the Older People’s Commissioner: consideration of draft output (private)

Wednesday 21 January 2015 (morning only)

- Inquiry into new psychoactive substances (“legal highs”): consideration of draft report (private)
- Engagement activity to inform the inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse (private)

Thursday 29 January 2015 (morning and afternoon)

- ***Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: oral evidence sessions (public)***

Wednesday 4 February 2015 (morning only)

- Inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse: oral evidence sessions (public)

Thursday 12 February 2015 (morning and afternoon)

- ***Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: oral evidence sessions (public)***

¹ The Business Committee wrote to the Health and Social Care Committee on 11 November 2014 to indicate that it intended to refer the Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill to the Health and Social Care Committee for Stage 1 scrutiny, and to seek the Committee’s views on the proposed timetable. The Committee wrote back to the Business Committee on 14 November to indicate that it was content with the proposed timetable. The Committee is anticipating considering its approach to Stage 1 scrutiny on 10 December 2014, and may update its outline work programme as a result.

Monday 16 February– Sunday 22 February 2015: recess

Wednesday 25 February 2015 (morning only)

- Inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse: oral evidence sessions (public)

Thursday 5 March 2015 (morning and afternoon)

- *Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: evidence from the Minister for Health and Social Services (public)*
- *Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: evidence from the Member in Charge (public)*
- *Social Services Regulations and Inspection (Wales) Bill: consideration of approach to Stage 1 scrutiny² (private)*

Wednesday 11 March 2015 (morning only)

- Inquiry into alcohol and substance misuse: oral evidence sessions (public)

Thursday 19 March 2015 (morning and afternoon)

- General and financial scrutiny session with the Minister for Health and Social Services and the Deputy Minister for Health (public)
- *Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: consideration of key issues (private)*

Wednesday 25 March 2015 (morning only)

- *Social Services Regulation and Inspection (Wales) Bill: evidence from the Minister for Health and Social Services (public)*

² Time has been allocated in the Committee's work programme on the assumption that the Social Services Regulation and Inspection (Wales) Bill will be introduced in early February and that it will be referred to the Committee for Stage 1 scrutiny. Should the Bill be introduced earlier or later, the Committee's work programme will be updated accordingly.

- *Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: consideration of draft report (private)*