

# Health and Social Care Committee

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

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Meeting date: **Wednesday, 1 July 2015**

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Meeting time: **09.30 – 11.48**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**David Rees AM (Chair)**

**Alun Davies AM**

**John Griffiths AM**

**Altaf Hussain AM**

**Elin Jones AM**

**Darren Millar AM**

**Lynne Neagle AM**

**Gwyn R Price AM**

**Lindsay Whittle AM**

**Kirsty Williams AM**

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### Witnesses:

**Mark Drakeford AM, The Minister for Health and Social Services, The Minister for Health and Social Services**

**Dr Ruth Hussey, Welsh Government**

**Chris Tudor-Smith, Welsh Government**

**Sue Bowker, Welsh Government**

**Dewi Jones, Welsh Government**

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Committee Staff:

Llinos Madeley (Clerk)  
Catherine Hunt (Second Clerk)  
Sian Giddins (Deputy Clerk)  
Gareth Howells (Legal Adviser)  
Amy Clifton (Researcher)  
Victoria Paris (Researcher)  
Philippa Watkins (Researcher)

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## Transcript

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## 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

1.1 No apologies were received.

## 2 Public Health (Wales) Bill: evidence session 1

2.1 The Minister responded to questions from Members.

2.2 The Minister agreed to provide the Committee with a note to:

- outline the Welsh Government's view of the National Assembly for Wales' legislative competence to:
  - impose restrictions on the sale of high sugar products and alcohol; and
  - ban the sale of conventional cigarettes in Wales.
- detail the number of people requiring medical assistance over the last 5 years as a consequence of undergoing any of the special procedures noted in the Bill, including the cost of providing the treatment, broken down to each of the four procedures;
- detail the evidence he referred to that most users of e-cigarettes also use conventional tobacco cigarettes; and
- outline the success rate of using e-cigarettes as a smoking cessation method in comparison to other options.

## 3 Papers to note

3.1 Minutes of the meeting on 11 June 2015

3.1a The Committee noted the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June.

3.2 Public Health (Wales) Bill: correspondence from the Presiding Officer

3.2a The Committee noted the correspondence.

3.3 Safe Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Bill: correspondence in relation to Stage 2 proceedings

3.3a The Committee noted the correspondence and agreed to return to the subject at its next discussion of the Committee's forward work programme.

3.4 Care and Support (Eligibility) (Wales) Regulations 2015: additional information

3.4a The Committee noted the additional information.

3.5 P-04-603 Helping Babies Born at 22 Weeks to Survive: correspondence from the Chief Medical Officer

3.5a The Committee noted the correspondence and welcomed the progress made to date. The Committee agreed to write to the Chief Medical Officer to:

- ask to be kept informed about any further progress with the clinical consensus document being developed by the All Wales Neonatal Network Management Group and the All Wales Maternity Network; and
- seek further information about the timescales for the work that is underway by the Maternity Group and Neonatal Network to develop care pathways for parents and babies, including the provision of palliative and bereavement care.

#### **4 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(vi) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting and item 1 of the meeting on 9 July 2015**

4.1 The motion was agreed.

#### **5 Public Health (Wales) Bill: consideration of evidence**

5.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.

#### **6 Care and Support (Eligibility) (Wales) Regulations 2015: consideration of draft letter**

6.1 The Committee considered and agreed a draft letter to the Minister for Health and Social Services, subject to minor amendments.