

Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Tuesday, 17 November
2015

Meeting time: 09.00 – 11.03

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Attendance

| Category | Names |
|-------------------|---|
| Assembly Members: | Darren Millar AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Mike Hedges AM Sandy Mewies AM Julie Morgan AM Jenny Rathbone AM Aled Roberts AM Alun Ffred Jones AM (In place of Jocelyn Davies AM) |
| Witnesses: | Simon Dean, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Peter Higson, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board |
| Committee Staff: | Fay Buckle (Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Joanest Varney–Jackson (Legal Adviser) Dave Thomas (Wales Audit Office) Huw Vaughan Thomas (Wales Audit Office) |



Transcript

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Jocelyn Davies. Alun Ffred Jones substituted.

2 Papers to note

- 2.1 The papers were noted.
- 2.1 **NHS Wales Health Board's Governance: North Wales Community Health Council Health Inspectorate Wales Mini-Summit Submission (May 2015)**

3 NHS Wales Health Board's Governance

- 3.1 The Committee scrutinised Simon Dean, Interim Chief Executive and Dr Peter Higson, Chair, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, as part of the inquiry into health board governance.
- 3.2 Simon Dean agreed to send further information on:
 - Co-locality across the Board's area in relation to GP out of hours services
 - Specific areas identified about the capacity of the non-executive team and how the Board plans to improve this
 - Current figures showing attendance at Board meetings
 - Following the forthcoming Board meeting, a note on the decision taken to co-ordinate the current committee structure
 - Total costs, to date, of the independent advisors appointed to assist the Board and the evaluation of their use
 - The rise in maternity services being provided at the Countess of Chester Hospital
 - An update on the Board's proposals for Primary Care
 - Confirmation as to whether the Holden Report was shared with the Welsh Government and Healthcare Inspectorate Wales

- How the Board has improved its complaint handling procedure and how it tracks complaints once in the system including long standing complaints and whether these will be completed by the end of the March 2016
- What is the process within the Health Board regarding the handling of CHC reports

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

4.1 The motion was agreed.

5 NHS Wales Health Board's Governance: Consideration of evidence received

5.1 Members discussed the evidence received.