

Concise Minutes – Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3, Senedd

Meeting date: Thursday, 26 January
2023

Meeting time: 09.30 – 13.15

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Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Russell George MS (Chair) Rhun ap Iorwerth MS Gareth Davies MS Sarah Murphy MS Jack Sargeant MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Sue Tranka, Welsh Government Gill Knight, Welsh Government
Committee Staff:	Helen Finlayson (Clerk) Claire Morris (Second Clerk) Robert Lloyd-Williams (Deputy Clerk) Amy Clifton (Researcher) Rebekah James (Researcher) Philippa Watkins (Researcher) Dr Paul Worthington (Researcher)



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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 There were no apologies or substitutions.

1.3 Sarah Murphy declared she is a member of Unison, Unite the Union and GMB, Joyce Watson declared she is a member of Unite, and a close family member is a member of the Royal College of Nursing, Jack Sargeant declared he is a member of Community union and Unite the Union.

2 Dentistry: draft report

2.1 The Committee considered the draft report and agreed to consider further amendments by email.

3 Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee Inquiry into Public Appointments: draft letter

3.1 The Committee agreed the draft letter.

4 Welsh Government Draft Budget 2023–24: draft report

4.1 The Committee considered the draft report and agreed to consider further amendments by email.

5 Scrutiny of the Chief Nursing Officer for Wales

5.1 The Committee received evidence from Sue Tranka, Chief Nursing Officer for Wales and Gill Knight, Nursing Officer Safety, Regulation and Service Development, Welsh Government.

5.2 The Chief Nursing Officer agreed to provide:

- Further information on the technological barriers to the collection and publishing of data on nurse vacancies at an all-Wales level, and the work being done to address this;
- Information on the work done to reduce the spend on agency nursing prior to the pandemic, and how the current level of agency spend compares with the pre-pandemic level.

6 Papers to note

6.1 Letter to Care Inspectorate Wales following the horizon-scanning session on 30 November 2022

6.1 The Committee noted the letter.

6.2 Letter from Care Inspectorate Wales following the horizon-scanning session on 30 November 2022

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6.3 Letter from the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee regarding its inquiry into public appointments

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6.4 Letter from the Royal College of Nursing to the First Minister regarding strike action

6.4 The Committee noted the letter.

6.5 Letter from the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing to Committee Chairs regarding the Food Supplement and Food for Specific Groups (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2022

6.5 The Committee noted the letter.

6.6 Letter to the Deputy Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing regarding consideration of a national children's counselling service

6.6 The Committee noted the letter.

6.7 Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the Health Service Procurement Bill

6.7 The Committee noted the letter.

7 Scrutiny of the Chief Nursing Officer: Consideration of evidence

7.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.