

Public Accounts Committee

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

Meeting date: **Tuesday, 11 November 2014**

Meeting time: **09.03 – 10.50**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Darren Millar AM (Chair)
William Graham AM
Mike Hedges AM
Alun Ffred Jones AM
Julie Morgan AM
Jenny Rathbone AM
Aled Roberts AM
Sandy Mewies AM

Witnesses:

Simon Dean, Welsh Government
Dr Andrew Goodall, Welsh Government
Martin Sollis, Welsh Government
Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales

Committee Staff:

Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk)
Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)
Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Advisor)

1 Glastir

- 1.1 Members considered the Welsh Government's response to the Auditor General for Wales' report and agreed to hold an evidence session with the Welsh Government.

- 1.2 Following that session, Members will consider whether they wish to undertake any further work on Glastir.

2 Health Finances 2013–14: Briefing from the Auditor General for Wales

- 2.1 The Auditor General for Wales gave a brief overview of the main findings of his report to Members.

TRANSCRIPT

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3 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

- 3.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to Committee. There were no apologies.

4 Papers to note

- 4.1 The papers were noted.

4.1 Unscheduled Care: Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services (27 October 2014)

4.2 Scrutiny of Commissioners' Accounts 2013–14: Additional information from the Children's Commissioner for Wales

4.3 Scrutiny of Commissioners' Accounts 2013–14: Letter from Mike Shooter (3 November 2014)

4.4 Scrutiny of Arts Council of Wales Annual Report 2013–14: Additional information

4.5 Governance Arrangements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board: Letter from Dr Andrew Goodall (4 November 2014)

4.6 Governance Arrangements at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board: Letter from the Chair to Dr Andrew Goodall (6 November 2014)

5 Health Finances 2013–14

5.1 The Committee scrutinised Dr Andrew Goodall, Director General, Health and Social Services and Chief Executive of NHS Wales, Simon Dean, Deputy Chief Executive NHS Wales, and Martin Sollis, Welsh Government on Health Finances 2013–14.

5.2 Dr Goodall agreed to provide a note on:

- The Cochrane Centre for meta analysis (2012) conclusion that the treatment in the borderline range of blood pressure is more likely to harm patients than help

them except in the case of diabetes and is one of the quality and outcome framework contracts for GPs

- How rurality is being catered for in any future allocation of resources
- Medicines management
- How the Welsh Government holds health boards to account in delivery against the prudent healthcare objective
- Working with workforce directors in Wales, outline their approach to disciplinary policies and how the process can be speeded up

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

6.1 The motion was agreed.

7 Health Finances 2013–14: Consideration of evidence received

7.1 The Committee discussed the evidence received and agreed that the Chair would write to Dr Goodall seeking clarification on a number of issues raised.

7.2 The Committee noted that the Auditor General for Wales' report on Waiting Times is due to be published shortly and agreed to consider that before reporting.