

Concise Minutes – Health and Social Care Committee

Meeting Venue:

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Meeting date: Thursday, 18 November
2021

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Meeting time: 09.01 – 12.50

Hybrid

Attendance

Category	Names
Members of the Senedd:	Russell George MS (Chair) Rhun ap Iorwerth MS Gareth Davies MS Mike Hedges MS Jack Sargeant MS Joyce Watson MS
Witnesses:	Professor Peter Saul, Royal College of General Practitioners Helen Whyley, Welsh Government Judy Thomas, Community Pharmacy Wales Elen Jones, Royal Pharmaceutical Society Wales Professor Euan Hails, Hafal Simon Jones, Mind Cymru
Committee Staff:	Helen Finlayson (Clerk) Claire Morris (Second Clerk) Lowri Jones (Deputy Clerk)



	Sarah Hatherley (Researcher) Dr Paul Worthington (Researcher) Sara Moran (Researcher) Lucy Valsamidis (Researcher)
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1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

1.2 Joyce Watson MS declared that a close family member is a member of the Royal College of Nursing.

2 Impact of waiting times backlog on people who are waiting for diagnosis or treatment: evidence session with primary care organisations

2.1 The Committee received evidence from representatives of primary care organisations.

2.2 The Chair informed Members and witnesses that this was Professor Peter Saul's last day of his three year term as RCGP Joint-Chair, and wished him well for the future.

3 Impact of waiting times backlog on people who are waiting for diagnosis or treatment: evidence session with mental health and psychological support organisations

3.1 The Committee received evidence from representatives of mental health and psychological support organisations.

3.2 Rhun ap Iorwerth MS declared that he is Co-Chair of the Long Covid Cross Party Group.

4 Paper(s) to note

4.1 Letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services to the Chair regarding the Public Health Protection and Health Security Provisional Common Framework

4.1 The Committee noted the letter.

4.2 Letter from the Chair to the Ministers with follow up questions from the general scrutiny session on 23 September 2021

4.2 The Committee noted the letter.

4.13 Response from the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding follow up questions from the general scrutiny session on 23 September 2021

4.3 Mike Hedges MS noted that he was not content with the written response from the Minister for Health and Social Services in answer to the question he had raised about whether local authorities were spending their standard spending assessments and expenditure.

4.4 Letter from Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee to the Chair regarding the Mental Health Review Tribunal: Annual Report 2020–21

4.4 The Committee noted the letter.

4.5 Letter from the Professional Standards Authority to the Chair regarding the LCM for the Health and Care Bill

4.5 The Committee noted the letter.

4.6 Letter from Chair, Children, Young People and Education Committee to the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23

4.6 The Committee noted the letter.

4.7 Response from the Chair to the letter from Chair, Children, Young People and Education Committee to the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2022–23

4.7 The Committee noted the response.

4.8 Letter from Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee regarding the UK/Switzerland: Convention on social security coordination

4.8 The Committee noted the letter.

5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42(ix) to resolve to exclude the public from the remainder of this meeting

5.1 The Committee agreed the motion.

6 Impact of waiting times backlog on people who are waiting for diagnosis or treatment: consideration of evidence

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received and identified issues to raise in future evidence and Committee outputs.

7 Sixth Senedd Health and Social Care Committee Strategy

7.1 The Committee agreed its strategy document subject to minor additions and asked officials to prepare a version of the strategy for publication.

8 Common frameworks: consideration of approach

8.1 The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Health and Social Services and Public Health Wales to seek additional information to inform its scrutiny of the Public Health Protection and Health Security Common Framework.

9 Welsh Government's Health and Social Care Winter Plan 2021 to 2022: consideration of approach

9.1 The Committee agreed the suggested approach.