

# Concise Minutes – Public Accounts Committee

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Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 3 – Senedd

Meeting date: Monday, 15 July 2019

Meeting time: 12.45 – 16.35

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## Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Nick Ramsay AM (Chair) Mohammad Asghar (Oscar) AM Gareth Bennett AM Vikki Howells AM Rhianon Passmore AM Adam Price AM Jenny Rathbone AM
Witnesses:	Andrew Slade, Welsh Government Simon Jones, Welsh Government Andy Falley, Welsh Government Dr Andrew Goodall, Welsh Government Alan Brace, Welsh Government Helen Arthur, Welsh Government
Wales Audit Office:	Adrian Crompton – Auditor General for Wales Matthew Mortlock
Committee Staff:	Adrian Crompton



	Matthew Mortlock Fay Bowen (Clerk) Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Andrew Minnis (Researcher)
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## **1 Management of follow up outpatients across Wales: Consideration of draft report**

1.1 Due to time constraints, the Members agreed to consider the revised draft report outside of Committee.

## **2 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest**

2.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting. There were no apologies.

## **3 Paper(s) to note**

3.1 The papers were noted.

3.2 The Chair agreed to write to the Welsh Government seeking further clarification on MyTravelPass and Housing Adaptations and on the special payments made by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

**3.1 The Welsh Government's youth discounted bus fare scheme – MyTravelPass: Letter from the Welsh Government (28 June 2019)**

**3.2 Scrutiny of Accounts 2017–18: Letter from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (4 July 2019)**

**3.3 Housing Adaptations: Letter from the Welsh Government (5 July 2019)**

**3.4 Governance Review of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board: Lessons Learnt: Welsh Government Response**

## **4 M4 Relief Road: Evidence Session with Welsh Government**

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Welsh Government as part of their inquiry into the costs incurred on the M4 Relief Road.

4.2 Andrew Slade agreed to send further information on:

- Details of the total net cost for the M4 development – itemising total development costs plus winding up costs and any other related costs, less any profits from the sale of properties acquired, other income or costs recovered;
- Send copies of the M4 corridor around Newport, Objectors' Suggested Alternatives Report (March 2017);
- The breakdown of the proposed tunnelling beneath the Gwent Levels, how these costs had been benchmarked and what percentage they were of the overall costs of the alternatives;
- Provide a timetable on the disposal of the properties in the Welsh Government's ownership.

## **5 Implementation of the NHS Finance (Wales) Act 2014: Evidence Session with Welsh Government**

5.1 The Committee took evidence on their inquiry into the implementation of the NHS Finances (Wales) Act 2014 from Welsh Government.

5.2 Dr Andrew Goodall agreed to send further information on:

- Provide details of the appointment of the Turnaround Director at BCUHB from the recent external recruitment exercise
- Provide a description together with examples of what has been funded as part of the Transformation Fund

5.3 Due to time constraints, the Chair said he would write to the Welsh Government with a number of questions on the use of agency staff in NHS Wales.

## **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 and also included the meeting on 16 September 2019.

## **7 M4 Relief Road: Consideration of evidence received**

7.1 Members discussed the evidence received.

## **8 Implementation of the NHS Finance (Wales) Act 2014: Consideration of evidence received**

8.1 Members discussed the evidence received.