

Health & Social Services Committee

(HSS(2)-03-06)

Meeting date: Thursday 16 February 2006

Meeting time: 9.30 am to 12. 05 pm

Meeting venue: Committee Room 3, Senedd, National Assembly for Wales

Assembly Members in Attendance

Assembly Member	Constituency
Rhodri Glyn Thomas (Chair)	Carmarthen East & Dinefwr
Brian Gibbons (Minister)	Aberavon
John Griffiths	Newport East
Jonathan Morgan	South Wales Central
Jenny Randerson	Cardiff Central
Karen Sinclair	Clwyd South
Lynne Neagle	Torfaen

In Attendance

Mutale Nyoni	Chair - Care Council for Wales
Elizabeth Williams	Council Member - Care Council for Wales
John Williams	Council Member - Care Council for Wales
Rhian Huws Williams	Chief Executive - Care Council for Wales

Officials in Attendance

Name	Job title
Ann Lloyd	Head of Health and Social Care Department

Dr David Salter	Acting Chief Medical Officer
Graham Williams	Chief Inspector Social Services Inspectorate Wales (SSIW)
Dr Barbara Bale	Health and Social Care Department

Members' Research and Committee Service

Name	Job title
Jane Westlake	Committee Clerk
Julie Owen	Deputy Committee Clerk
Peter Jones	Counsel to the Committee
Carolyn Eason	Members Research Service

Item 1: Apologies and Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 An Apology was received from Helen Mary Jones. There was no substitution.

1.2 There were no declarations of interest.

1.3 A verbatim record of the meeting will be available.

1.4 The Minister made a statement about the introduction of the new home oxygen service contract.

Action

The Minister to provide statistical information on those who were left without supplies during the transition.

Item 2: European Commission Forward Work Programme

Paper: HSS(2)-02-06(p.1);

2.1 It was agreed that Rhodri Glyn Thomas and Jonathan Morgan would discuss items that the HSS Committee might scrutinise with Members of the European Parliament whilst in Brussels with the European and External Affairs Committee.

Item 3: European Commission Green Paper on Nutrition and Health

Paper: HSS(2)-02-06(p.2);

3.1 The Committee discussed the proposals

Action

The Committee would respond to the consultation paper, highlighting examples of initiatives being undertaken in Wales and noting the Committee's concerns about consistency in food labelling and advertising targeted at children.

Item 4: Care Council for Wales

Paper: HSS(2)-02-06(p.3);

4.1 Mutale Nyoni introduced the Care Council's annual report and gave an overview of the main points. Members questioned Ms Nyoni and her team on the contents of the report.

Action

The Care Council will provide information on the number of managers of child care services, adult residential and domiciliary care who had been invited to register.

Item 5: Secondary Legislation – The Health Professions Wales Abolition Order 2006

5.1 The draft legislation was scrutinised in accordance with the Committee's agreed protocol for scrutinising legislation, whereby members notify in advance any queries they have or amendments they wish to make.

5.2 Eight points of clarification had been raised. No amendments had been proposed. The Committee noted the Minister's responses to the points of clarification and was content with the directions as drafted.

Action

A report on the Committee's conclusions would be laid before the Assembly.

Item 6: Schedule of Secondary Legislation

6.1 The Committee identified the following items for consideration.

Ref No	Title
HSS57(04)	The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations
HSS19(05)	The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations 2006

Action:

Clerk to notify Chair of the Business Committee of items identified.

Papers to Note

Minutes of the meeting on 1 February 2006

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