

# Health & Social Services Committee

**(HSS(2)-07-06)**

**Meeting date: Wednesday 5 April 2006**

**Meeting time: 9.30 am to 10.55 pm**

**Meeting venue: Committee Room 2, 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
Helen Mary Jones	Mid & West Wales
Jonathan Morgan	South Wales Central
Lynne Neagle	Torfaen
Jenny Randerson	Cardiff Central
Karen Sinclair	Clwyd South

## Officials in Attendance

Name	Job title
Ann Lloyd	Head of Health and Social Care Department
Dr David Salter	Acting Chief Medical Officer
Karen Morgan	

## Assembly Parliamentary Service

Name	Job title

Jane Westlake	Committee Clerk
Sara Mansour	Deputy Committee Clerk
Kathryn Potter	Members Research Service

## **Item 1: Apologies and Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**

- 1.1 There were no apologies or substitutions.
- 1.2 There were no declarations of interest.
- 1.3 A verbatim record of the meeting will be available.

## **Item 2: Minister's Report**

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- 2.1 The Committee considered the Minister's report.
- 2.2 The Minister responded to questions from Members on his report.

## **Action**

- Minister to inform Members what the maximum distance people have to travel for dialysis.
- The Minister would provide Committee Members with an update on tertiary autism services in south Wales in his next Ministerial report and for the Committee to consider further before the summer recess.

## **Item 3: Secondary legislation - The National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations 2006**

HSS(2)-07-06(p2) & HSS(2)-07-06(p3);

- 3.1 Members discussed the secondary legislation.

## **Item 4: Policy Review on Cancer Services – Approval of terms of reference;**

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- 4.1 The committee agreed to set up an expert reference group.

4.2 The terms of reference were endorsed by Members and the possibility of the Committee being involved in the Wales Against Cancer conference in October was discussed.

## **Action**

- Chair to write to Professor Mason, Professor Maughan and Professor Baroness Finlay to seek their guidance on a reference group.
- Amend one point in the terms of reference to make it clear that the quality of service is "good".
- Clerk to explore the possibility of being involved in the conference in October.
- Clerk to issue consultation letters.

## **Item 5: Committee forward work programme – Summer term**

HSS(2)-07-06(p5);

5.1 The Committee agreed the forward work programme.

## **Papers to Note**

Health Bill- NHS Security Management – Document Disclosure

HSS(2)-07-06(p6)

Promoting use of the Welsh Language by health professionals

HSS(2)-07-06(p7)

Minutes of the meeting on 13 and 23 March 2006

HSS(2)-05-06-min and HSS(2)-06-06-min

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