

Health, Wellbeing and Local Government Committee

Minutes : HWLG(3)-15-10 : 6 October 2010

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Time: 9.01 – 11.34

Venue: Committee Room 1, Senedd

Assembly Members in attendance

Darren Millar, Clwyd West (Chair)
Lorraine Barrett, Cardiff South and Penarth
Veronica German, South Wales West
Ann Jones, Vale of Clwyd
Helen Mary Jones, Llanelli
Dai Lloyd, South Wales West
Val Lloyd, Swansea East

Witnesses

Kevin Richards, Managing Director, Golden Grove Mansion Appeal (Healing the Wounds) (Item 2)
Carol Richards, Director, Golden Grove Mansion Appeal (Healing the Wounds) (Item 2)
Dr Alastair Clarke-Walker (Item 2)
Robert Paxman, Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Talking2Minds (Item 3)
Ian Pitchford, Trainer and Therapy Provider, Talking2Minds (Item 3)
Neil Loughborough, Service User (Item 3)
Nicolas Cowan, Service User (Item 3)
Simon Weston OBE, Patron of Talking2Minds (Item 3)
Dr David Thomas, Consultant in Dental Public Health, National Public Health Service (Item 4)
Dr Hugh Bennett, Consultant in Dental Public Health, National Public Health Service (Item 4)
Professor Jeremy Knox, Lead Cleft Lip and Palate and Consultant Orthodontist, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (Item 5)
Emma Proctor, Head of Primary Care, Aneurin Bevan Health Board (Item 5)

Committee Staff

Marc Wyn Jones, Clerk
Sarita Marshall, Deputy Clerk
Steve Boyce, Members' Research Service (Items 2 to 3 only)
Sarah Hatherley, Members' Research Service (Items 4 to 5 only)

Item 1: Introduction, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

1.1 The Chair welcomed Committee Members and members of the public.

1.2 Apologies had been received from Andrew R.T. Davies and Irene James. There were no substitutions.

Item 2: Inquiry into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Treatment for Veterans: Evidence Gathering (9.00 – 9.40)

Paper: HWLG(3)-15-10-p1 Healing the Wounds

HWLG(3)-15-10-p2 Dr Alastair Clarke-Walker

2.1 The Committee took evidence from the Golden Grove Mansion Appeal and Dr Alastair Clarke-Walker on the diagnosis and treatment of PTSD; specialist and generic services; future services; veterans with additional diagnoses; and their recommendations for improving services for veterans with PTSD.

Action

- Dr Alastair Clarke-Walker to provide Committee with information on the research paper on PTSD in younger and/or more junior armed services personnel .

Item 3: Inquiry into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Treatment for Veterans: Evidence Gathering (9.40 – 10.20)

Paper: HWLG(3)-15-10-p3 Talking2minds

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Talking2Minds on their work; veterans' transition to civilian life; services for veterans with PTSD; future services; and their recommendations for improving services for veterans with PTSD.

Actions

- Talking2Minds to provide written answers to the questions not asked due to time constraints.
- Talking2Minds to provide a paper on the therapies it offers.
- The Clerking Team to explore the possibility of undertaking a site visit to the Talking2Minds treatment centre.

Item 4: Inquiry into Orthodontic Services in Wales: Evidence Gathering (10.20-11.00)

Papers: HWLG(3)-14-10-p4 National Public Health Service

HWLG(3)-14-10-p4 Annex A

HWLG(3)-14-10-p4 Annex B

4.1 The Committee took evidence from the National Public Health Service on expenditure on orthodontic treatment; the commissioning of orthodontic treatments in primary care; the quality of health-gain outcomes; orthodontic waiting lists and backlog of patients; and

resources.

Item 5: Inquiry into Orthodontic Services in Wales: Evidence from LHBs (11.00-11.40)

Papers: HWLG(3)-14-10-p5 LHBs

HWLG(3)-14-10-p5 Annex A

HWLG(3)-14-10-p5 Annex B

5.1 The Committee took evidence from LHBs on the impact of the new dental contract on the provision of primary care orthodontic services; referrals to primary and secondary care; prolonged waiting times for assessments and subsequent treatment; the Community Dental Service; the co-ordination of orthodontic treatment and contract monitoring and management; and the commissioning of services in the current financial climate.

Action

- Aneurin Bevan Health Board to provide Committee with a note on its arrangements for improving waiting times.

6. Papers Noted

6.1 The Committee noted the following papers:

- HWLG(3)-14-10-Minutes of previous meeting