

Health and Sport Committee

16th Meeting, 2016 (Session 5), Tuesday, 20 December 2016

Note of Committee's work to date

Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide Members with a refresh of the Committee's work to date prior to the evidence session on the draft budget with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport on 20 December 2016.
2. The Committee has so far undertaken 8 short inquiries which included oral evidence and has also issued correspondence on three other subjects. They are:

Inquiries

- Draft Budget 17-18
- Delayed Discharges
- Social and Community Care Workforce
- GPs and GP Hubs
- Recruitment and Retention
- Mental Health
- Targets
- Obesity

Correspondence Issued

- Ageing Population
- Fertility Treatment
- Palliative and End of Life Care

Draft Budget Scrutiny 2017-18

3. The Committee began its draft budget scrutiny by issuing a survey to all 31 Integration Joint Boards. The survey asked questions on the draft budget 2016-17, delayed discharges and the social and community care workforce.
4. Responses to the survey from all 31 Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCPs) can be read [here](#). SPICe also produced an analysis of all the survey responses received and this can be read [here](#).
5. Following analysis of the responses the Committee held two oral evidence sessions. On the [4 October 2016](#) you heard from representatives of HSCPs in Edinburgh, South Lanarkshire, Highland and the Scottish Borders. This was followed by an evidence session with the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport on [25 October 2016](#).

6. The Committee then published a report [Health and Social Care Integration Budgets](#) on 30 November 2016.

Delayed Discharges

7. As mentioned above the survey issued to all Integration Joint Boards included a section on delayed discharges. Following analysis of survey responses a sample of integration joint boards, local authorities and health boards provided oral evidence on [6 September 2016](#).

8. The Committee also received two individual submissions from [BMA Scotland](#) and the [Care Inspectorate](#).

9. On the [5 October](#) the Committee wrote to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport outlining the Committee's findings. The Cabinet Secretary responded to the Committee's letter on [17 October](#).

10. On [19 October](#) the Committee received a letter from East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership in response to our letter to the Cabinet Secretary.

11. The Committee then wrote a follow-up letter to the Cabinet Secretary on [8 November](#) and received a response on [18 November](#).

Social and Community Care Workforce

12. Following analysis of the social and community care workforce responses in the IJB survey the Committee received one additional written submission from the [Care Inspectorate](#).

13. The Committee then held two oral evidence sessions. A roundtable with relevant stakeholders on [13 September](#) and a session with the Scottish Government on [27 September](#).

14. After the formal evidence session on 13 September the Committee received updates on the Scottish Living Wage from [Scottish Care](#) and [the Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland](#).

15. The Committee wrote to the Cabinet Secretary advising of findings on [26 October](#) and received a response on the [1 December](#).

GPs and GP Hubs

16. The Committee held 3 formal evidence sessions looking at GPs and GP Hubs. On [20 September](#) the Committee heard from a roundtable focussing on GPs and GP Hubs. Following this, on [27 September](#), a panel of witnesses focussed on GP recruitment and then the Scottish Government discussed both GP recruitment and GPs and GP Hubs.

17. On [17 October](#) the Committee received a letter from the Cabinet Secretary following her appearance on 27 September.

18. The Committee received a further letter from the Cabinet Secretary on [8 November](#) which provided an update on the GMS contract.

19. The Committee wrote to the Cabinet Secretary on [9 November](#) outlining their findings.

Recruitment and Retention

20. On 20 July, prior to taking any oral evidence, the Committee wrote to the [Scottish Government](#) and [NHS Education for Scotland](#) seeking information on current policies and initiatives to improve the retention and recruitment of staff, focussing in particular on staff in rural and remote areas.

21. The Committee received a response from the Cabinet Secretary on [23 August](#) and from NHS Education for Scotland on [31 August](#).

22. The Committee also issued a targeted call for views over the summer and received [20 responses](#).

23. The Committee then held two roundtable evidence sessions on [1 November](#). The first roundtable focussed on general recruitment and retention issues and the second focussed on rural recruitment and retention issues.

24. The Committee followed these roundtables by taking oral evidence from the Scottish Government on [8 November](#).

25. The Committee wrote to the Cabinet Secretary with the findings from the inquiry on [9 December](#). A response from the Cabinet Secretary has not yet been received.

Mental Health

26. On the [27 July](#) the Convener wrote to the Minister for Mental Health seeking an update on progress since a previous Health Committee's 2009 report into CAMHS. The Minister for Mental Health responded to the Convener on [31 August](#).

27. The Committee issued a call for views on mental health over the summer and received [30 responses](#).

28. The Committee then held four evidence sessions covering CAMHS and adult mental health services. On [8 November](#) and [15 November](#) the Committee heard from panels about CAMHS. These were followed by a roundtable looking at adult mental health services on [22 November](#). The final evidence session was with the Scottish Government on [29 November](#) and covered CAMHS and adult mental health services.

29. The Committee has still to issue a letter to the Minister for Mental Health outlining the conclusions.

Targets

30. The Committee agreed to carry out an inquiry into targets however following an announcement from the Scottish Government on 8 June that they were to carry out a review on targets it was agreed that the Committee would only take evidence from the expert group once it was formed.

31. On [15 November](#) the Committee took evidence from Sir Harry Burns, the Chair of the review into targets and indicators.

Obesity

32. On [15 July](#) the Convener wrote to the Minister for Public Health seeking an indication of any proposals to update current policy and a response was received on [12 August](#).

33. Two oral evidence sessions were held on the [6 December](#). One roundtable with stakeholders and then a session with the Minister for Public health.

34. The Committee has yet to write to the Minister for Public Health with their findings.

Ageing Population

35. On [20 July](#) the Convener wrote to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport seeking an update on the Reshaping Care for Older People programme, specifically the Older People's Change Fund.

36. The Cabinet Secretary responded to the Committee on [3 August](#) and then again on [24 August](#).

Fertility Treatment

37. The Minister for Public Health and Sport wrote to the Committee on 22 June 2016 highlighting the publication of the National Infertility Group Report and the Scottish Government's confirmation it will accept all but one of the report's recommendations. The Committee responded on [15 July](#). The Minister for Public Health and Sport responded to the Committee's letter on [29 August](#).

38. The Committee also wrote to all Scottish NHS boards and received [12 responses](#).

Palliative and End of Life Care

39. The Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary to follow-up on the Inquiry to Palliative and End of Life Care carried out by the previous Health Committee and the subsequent publication of a new Scottish Government Palliative and End of Life Care Strategy. A letter was issued on [16 November](#).

40. A response was received from the Cabinet Secretary on 6 [December](#).

Health Inflation and the NHS Estate

41. Following a one-off evidence session on the Audit Scotland Report *NHS in Scotland 2016* the Cabinet Secretary provided further information on [Health Inflation and the NHS Estate](#).

42. Members may wish to bring any of the above issues up in discussion with the Cabinet Secretary on 20 December.