



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC AUDIT AND POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

30th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Thursday 20 December 2018

Present:

Colin Beattie
Willie Coffey
Liam Kerr (Deputy Convener)
Anas Sarwar

Bill Bowman
Angela Constance
(Committee Substitute)
Jenny Marra (Convener)

Apologies were received from Alex Neil.

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed take items 4, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Section 22 reports - The 2017/18 audits of NHS Highland: Financial sustainability and NHS Ayrshire and Arran: Financial sustainability:** The Committee took evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's reports entitled "The 2017/18 audit of NHS Highland: Financial sustainability" and "The 2017/18 audit of NHS Ayrshire and Arran: Financial sustainability" from—

John Burns, Chief Executive, NHS Ayrshire and Arran;

Professor Elaine Mead, Chief Executive, NHS Highland.
3. **Section 23 report - NHS in Scotland 2018:** The Committee took evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland's report entitled "NHS in Scotland 2018" from—

Paul Gray, Director-General Health & Social Care, Scottish Government and Chief Executive, NHS Scotland;

Christine McLaughlin, Director of Health Finance, Shirley Rogers, Director of Health Workforce and Strategic Change, and Dr Catherine Calderwood, Chief Medical Officer, Scottish Government.

4. **Section 22 reports - The 2017/18 audits of NHS Highland: Financial sustainability and NHS Ayrshire and Arran: Financial sustainability (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 2 and took further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Claire Sweeney, Audit Director, Performance and Best Value, and Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, Performance and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

5. **Section 23 report - NHS in Scotland 2018 (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard at agenda item 3 and took further evidence from—

Caroline Gardner, Auditor General for Scotland;

Claire Sweeney, Audit Director, Performance and Best Value, and Leigh Johnston, Senior Manager, Performance and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to consider its future scrutiny of the Auditor General for Scotland's reports: 2017/18 audits of NHS Highland - Financial sustainability, NHS Ayrshire and Arran - Financial sustainability and NHS in Scotland 2018 at a future meeting.

6. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee agreed a letter to the Scottish Police Authority in relation to the Auditor General for Scotland's report on the 2017/18 audit of the Scottish Police Authority.

The meeting closed at 11.13 am.

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