

# Public Accounts Committee

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Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 3 – Senedd**

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Meeting date: **Tuesday, 28 April 2015**

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Meeting time: **09.03 – 11.04**

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## Concise Minutes:

### Assembly Members:

**Darren Millar AM (Chair)**  
**Jocelyn Davies AM**  
**William Graham AM**  
**Mike Hedges AM**  
**Sandy Mewies AM**  
**Julie Morgan AM**  
**Jenny Rathbone AM**  
**Aled Roberts AM**

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### Witnesses:

**Allison Williams, Cwm Taf Local Health Board**  
**Mary Williams, Cwm Taf Community Health Council**  
**Dr Paul Worthington, Cwm Taf Community Health Council**  
**Ruth Treharne, Cwm Taf University Health Board**

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### Committee Staff:

**Michael Kay (Clerk)**  
**Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk)**  
**Joanest Varney-Jackson (Legal Adviser)**  
**Mark Jeffs (Wales Audit Office)**  
**Dave Thomas (Wales Audit Office)**

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## **1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

1.1 The Chair welcome the Members to the meeting.

1.2 There were no apologies.

## **2 Papers to note**

2.1 The papers were noted.

2.1 Scrutiny of Commissioners' Accounts 2013–14: Letter from the Permanent Secretary, Welsh Government (20 April 2015)

## **3 NHS Waiting Times and Key Performance Targets**

3.1 The Committee took evidence from Peter Meredith–Smith, Director of the Board of Community Health Councils in Wales, Mary Williams, Chair, Cwm Taf Community Health Council and Dr Paul Worthington, Chief Officer, Cwm Taf Community Health Council on its inquiry into NHS Waiting Times and Key Performance Targets.

2.1 Peter Meredith–Smith agreed to provide details of the number of complaints related to communication and patients coming to harm where their appointment have been rescheduled across Wales and a summary, by CHC, of the number of issues raised by information, concern and complaint

## **4 NHS Waiting Times and Key Performance Targets**

4.1 The Committee took evidence from Allison Williams, Chief Executive, Cwm Taf University Health Board and Ruth Treharne, Director of Planning and Performance, Cwm Taf University Health Board on its inquiry into NHS Waiting Times and Key Performance Targets.

4.2 Allison Williams agreed to provide:

- The Health Board's latest report showing the trajectories month on month together with the percentage of patients who have missed targets
- A copy of the Health Board's current three-year plan
- Templates of all the appointment letters issued to patients
- A note on Ophthalmology services within the Health Board
- A note on how patients, currently waiting for treatment, who move into the Health Board's area from outside of Wales, are added to waiting lists so as not to be disadvantaged
- A note on the timescale for the audit work being undertaken on long-term follow up patients (follow ups not booked patients)

**5 Motion under Standing Order 17.42 to resolve to exclude the public from the meeting for the following business:**

5.1 The motion was agreed.

**6 NHS Waiting Times and Key Performance Targets: Consideration of evidence**

6.1 The Committee considered the evidence received.