



House of Commons  
Health Committee

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# **Formal Minutes of the Committee**

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**Session 2008-09**

## The Health Committee

The Health Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Department of Health and its associated bodies.

### Membership

Rt Hon Kevin Barron MP (*Labour, Rother Valley*) (Chairman)  
Charlotte Atkins MP (*Labour, Staffordshire Moorlands*)  
Mr Peter Bone MP (*Conservative, Wellingborough*)  
Jim Dowd MP (*Labour, Lewisham West*)  
Sandra Gidley MP (*Liberal Democrat, Romsey*)  
Stephen Hesford MP (*Labour, Wirral West*)  
Dr Doug Naysmith MP (*Labour, Bristol North West*)  
Mr Lee Scott MP (*Conservative, Ilford North*)  
Dr Howard Stoate MP (*Labour, Dartford*)  
Mr Robert Syms MP (*Conservative, Poole*)  
Dr Richard Taylor MP (*Independent, Wyre Forest*)

### Powers

The Committee is one of the departmental select committees, the powers of which are set out in House of Commons Standing Orders, principally in SO No 152. These are available on the Internet via [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk).

### Publications

The Reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the Internet at [www.parliament.uk/parliamentary\\_committees/health\\_committee.cfm](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/health_committee.cfm).

### Committee staff

The staff of the Committee are Dr D F Harrison (Clerk), Adrian Jenner (Second Clerk) until 30.09.09, Martin Gaunt (Second Clerk) from 01.10.09, Laura Daniels (Committee Specialist ) until 30.04.09, Lisa Hinton, (Committee Specialist) from 22.09.09, David Turner (Committee Specialist), Frances Allingham (Senior Committee Assistant), Julie Storey (Committee Assistant), and Gabrielle Henderson (Committee Support Assistant).

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# Proceedings of the Committee

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**Thursday 11 December 2008**

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Sandra Gidley                      Dr Howard Stoate  
Dr Doug Naysmith                Dr Richard Taylor

**1. Petition**

The Committee considered the petition to the House from residents of Cornwall and others concerned about the rural dispensing of medicines, presented by Mr Mark Prisk MP on 19 November 2008.

**2. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit St Thomas' Hospital in connection with the inquiry into Patient Safety.

**3. Public Expenditure Questionnaire**

David Nicholson CBE, NHS Chief Executive, Hugh Taylor CB, Permanent Secretary, David Flory, Director General of NHS Finance, Performance and Operations, and Richard Douglas, Director General for Finance and Chief Operating Officer, Department of Health, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 15 December 2008 at 4.00 pm.]

**Monday 15 December 2008**

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins                      Dr Howard Stoate  
Sandra Gidley                         Dr Richard Taylor  
Dr Doug Naysmith

**1. Top-up fees**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Ordered*, That Dr Daphne Austin be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Top-up fees.

Dr Daphne Austin declared her interest as Chair of the UK Commissioning Public Health Network.

**2. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. NHS Next Stage Review**

Draft Report, (*NHS Next Stage Review*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the First Report of the Committee, HC 53-I.*

[Adjourned till Thursday 15 January 2009 at 9.30 am.]

## Thursday 15 January 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins	Mr Lee Scott
Mr Peter Bone	Dr Howard Stoate
Jim Dowd	Mr Robert Syms
Sandra Gidley	Dr Richard Taylor
Dr Doug Naysmith	

### 1. Petitions

The Committee considered the following petitions to the House:

From the residents of Sunderland and others concerning the future funding of the funding of NHS GP services in Sunderland, presented by Bill Etherington MP on 8 December 2008.

From the residents of Cotswolds and others concerning the dispensaries at the Moore Health Centre in Bourton-on-the-Water and Westwoods Surgery in Northleach, presented, by Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP on 17 December 2008.

From the readers of the Bucks Free Press newspaper regarding services at Wycombe Hospital, presented by Paul Goodman MP on 17 December 2008.

### 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 3. Patient Safety

Professor Brian Toft, Professor of Patient Safety, Coventry University, Professor Andy Adam, President of the Royal College of Radiologists, and Dr David Whitaker, Immediate Past President, Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland; Professor Mike Murphy, Consultant Haematologist, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, Mr Roger Lamb, Healthcare Manager, GS1 UK, and Professor Bryony Dean Franklin, Director, Centre for Medication Safety and Service Quality, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 22 January 2009 at 9.30 am.]

## Thursday 22 January 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins  
Mr Peter Bone  
Sandra Gidley  
Dr Doug Naysmith

Dr Howard Stoate  
Mr Robert Syms  
Dr Richard Taylor

**1. The Work of the Committee 2007-08**

Draft Report, (*Work of the Committee 2007–08*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Second Report of the Committee, HC 193*

**2. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. Patient Safety**

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Charing Cross Hospital in connection with its inquiry into Patient Safety.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit New Zealand in connection with its inquiry into Patient Safety, and that the Chairman seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the said visit..

**4. Top-up fees**

Several memoranda relating to Top-up fees were ordered to be reported to the House for printing.

[Adjourned till Thursday 29 January 2009 at 9.30 am.

## Thursday 29 January 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Jim Dowd  
Sandra Gidley  
Stephen Hesford

Dr Doug Naysmith  
Dr Richard Taylor

**1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. Top-up fees**

Sophia Christie, Chief Executive, Birmingham East and North PCT, Sir Len Fenwick, Chief Executive, Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals Foundation Trust, and Dr Alison Jones, Royal College of Physicians; Prof Karol Sikora, Cancer Partners UK, Dr Jacky Davis, and Hilary Whittaker, Chief Executive, Beating Bowel Cancer, gave evidence.

**3. Patient Safety**

Rev Dr Pauline Pearson (Deputy Director, CETL4HealthNE: Centre for Excellence in Healthcare Professional Education, Newcastle University), Mr John Black (President, Royal College of Surgeons of England), Professor David Webb (Professor of Therapeutics and Clinical Pharmacology, University of Edinburgh);

Kathryn Fawkes (Senior Theatre Nurse, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London), Sarah Dheansa (Matron for Surgical Care, Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead), Dr Susannah Long (Clinical Research Fellow, Clinical Safety Research Unit, Imperial College London), and Dr Simon Kreckler (Clinical Research Fellow, Nuffield Department of Surgery, University of Oxford), gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 5 February 2009 at 9.30 am.]

## Thursday 5 February 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins	Dr Doug Naysmith
Sandra Gidley	Dr Howard Stoate
Stephen Hesford	Dr Richard Taylor

### 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into Alcohol.

### 2. Patient Safety

Dr Alison Holmes, Director of Infection Prevention and Control, and Consultant in Infectious Diseases, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, Professor Matt Griffiths, Nurse Prescriber and Visiting Professor of Prescribing and Medicines Management, Northampton University, and Professor Aneez Esmail, Professor of General Practice, Manchester University; Dr Jo Bibby, Director of Improvement Programmes, The Health Foundation, Dr Olga Kostopoulou, Medical Decision Making Research Group, Birmingham University, and Capt Guy Hirst, retired airline pilot; Human Factors trainer, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 12 February 2009 at 9.30 am.]

## Thursday 12 February 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins	Dr Doug Naysmith
Jim Dowd	Mr Lee Scott
Sandra Gidley	Dr Richard Taylor
Stephen Hesford	

### 1. Petition

The Committee considered the petition to the House from Emma and Alexander Pheby about the funding of research into unexplained stillbirths, presented by Charles Clarke MP on 3 February 2009.

### 2. Alcohol

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. Top-up fees**

Professor Chris McCabe, Professor of Health Economics, Leeds University, and Professor James Raftery, Professor of Health Economics, Southampton University; Professor Sir Michael Rawlins, Chairman of the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence, Professor Mike Richards CBE, National Clinical Director for Cancer, Una O'Brien, Director General of Policy and Strategy, and Felicity Harvey, Director and Head, Medicines Pharmacy and Industry, NHS Medical Directorate, Department of Health, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 26 February 2009 at 9.30 am.]

**Thursday 26 February 2009**

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins	Dr Howard Stoate
Mr Peter Bone	Mr Robert Syms
Sandra Gidley	Dr Richard Taylor
Dr Doug Naysmith	

**1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. Health Inequalities**

Draft Report, (*Health Inequalities*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Third Report of the Committee, HC 286-I.*

[Adjourned till Thursday 5 March 2009 at 9.30 a.m.]

**Thursday 5 March 2009**

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins	Mr Lee Scott
Jim Dowd	Dr Howard Stoate
Sandra Gidley	Mr Robert Syms
Dr Doug Naysmith	Dr Richard Taylor

**1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. Patient Safety**

Sir Ian Kennedy, Chairman of the Healthcare Commission, Baroness Young of Old Scone, Chairman of the Care Quality Commission; Dr Bill Moyes, Executive Chairman of Monitor; Finlay Scott, Chief Executive of the General Medical Council; Steve Walker, Chief Executive of the NHS Litigation Authority; Geoffrey

Podger, Chief Executive of the Health and Safety Executive; Professor Kent Woods, Chief Executive of the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 11 March 2009 at 9.30 am.]

## Wednesday 11 March 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone	Mr Lee Scott
Sandra Gidley	Dr Howard Stoate
Stephen Hesford	Dr Richard Taylor
Dr Doug Naysmith	

### 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Alcohol

*Ordered*, That Professor Christine Godfrey and Dr Nick Sheron be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Alcohol.

Professor Christine Godfrey declared her remunerated interest as adviser to the Institute of Alcohol Studies. Professor Godfrey's research group at the University of York also receives funding from the Department of Health and the NHS National Institute for Health Research (NHS NIHR).

Dr Nick Sheron declared his interest as Head of Clinical Hepatology University of Southampton and Southampton University Hospitals Trust, various memberships and unremunerated advisory work for the EU, national and local governments and as an unremunerated trustee of the Drinkaware Trust.

### 3. NHS Operating Framework

Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP, Secretary of State for Health, David Nicholson CBE, NHS Chief Executive, and Hugh Taylor CB, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 19 March 2009 at 9.30 am.]

*Thursday 12 March*

*The Chairman, Dr Howard Stoate and Dr Richard Taylor visited Charing Cross Hospital in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Patient Safety in accordance with the Committee's decision of 22 January 2009.*

## Thursday 19 March 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins	Dr Doug Naysmith
Mr Peter Bone	Mr Lee Scott
Sandra Gidley	Dr Howard Stoate
Stephen Hesford	Dr Richard Taylor



**1. Petitions**

The Committee considered the following petitions to the House:

From the residents of Rusden, Northamptonshire and surrounding areas regarding the outpatient facilities at Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, presented by Mr Peter Bone MP on 11 March 2009.

From care home residents, their relatives and others calling for an increase in the personal Expenses Allowance for people living in residential care who receive state support, presented by Paul Burstow MP on 11 March 2009.

**2. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. Patient Safety**

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Luton and Dunstable Hospital in connection with its inquiry into Patient Safety.

**4. Alcohol**

Several memoranda relating to Alcohol were ordered to be reported to the House for printing.

**5. Patient Safety**

Martin Fletcher, Chief Executive, and Lord Patel, Chairman, National Patient Safety Agency, and Professor Sir Michael Rawlins, Chairman, National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence; Ann Keen MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health Services, Professor the Lord Darzi of Denham KBE, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, and Professor Sir Liam Donaldson, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 23 April 2009 at 9.30 am.]

*Friday 27 March to Friday 3 April*

*The Chairman, Charlotte Atkins, Jim Dowd, Sandra Gidley, Dr Doug Naysmith, Dr Howard Stoate and Dr Richard Taylor visited New Zealand in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Patient Safety in accordance with the Committee's decision of 22 January.*

**Thursday 23 April 2009**

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Jim Dowd	Mr Lee Scott
Sandra Gidley	Dr Howard Stoate
Stephen Hesford	Dr Richard Taylor
Dr Doug Naysmith	

**1. Work of the Committee**

The Committee considered this matter

## 2. Alcohol

*Ordered*, That Professor Gerard Hasting be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Alcohol.

Professor Hastings declared his interest as member of the Alcohol Education and Research council and other interests associated with his role as Professor of Social Marketing at Stirling University.

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Edinburgh in connection with its inquiry into Alcohol.

Professor Ian Gilmore, President, Royal College of Physicians, Dr Peter Anderson, Public Health Consultant; Professor Martin Plant, Professor of Addiction Studies, University of Western England, Dr James Nicholls, Senior Lecturer, Bath Spa University, and Dr James Kneale, University College London, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 30 April at 9.30 am.]

## Thursday 30 April 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins	Dr Doug Naysmith
Mr Peter Bone	Dr Howard Stoate
Sandra Gidley	Mr Robert Syms
Stephen Hesford	Dr Richard Taylor

## 1. Consideration of Petition

The Committee considered the petition to the House from Mavis Hunt and others urging the Government to review its guidance to local councils on the use of permanent wardens in sheltered housing, presented by Bob Spink MP on 20 April 2009.

## 2. Future programme

The committee considered this matter.

## 3. Alcohol

*Resolved*, That the Committee visit Brussels, France and Germany in connection with its inquiries into Alcohol and that the Chairman seek approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the visit.

## 4. Top-up fees

Draft Report, (*Top-up fees*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 194.*

## 5. Management Consultants

Draft Report, (*Management Consultants*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Fifth Report of the Committee, HC 28.*

[Adjourned till Thursday 7 May at 9.30 am.]

## Thursday 7 May 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins	Mr Lee Scott
Sandra Gidley	Dr Howard Stoate
Stephen Hesford	Dr Richard Taylor
Dr Doug Naysmith	

### 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Alcohol

Professor Mike Kelly, Public Health Excellence, NICE, Dr Paul Cassidy, GP, Lynn Owens, Alcohol Nurse Specialist; Professor Robin Touquet, Accident and Emergency Consultant, St. Mary's Hospital London, Carole Binns, Commissioner, Southampton PCT, Brian Hayes, Alcohol Bus Service, London Ambulance Service, and Dr Duncan Raistrick, Alcohol Treatment Specialist, Leeds Addition Unit, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 14 May at 9.30 am.]

## Thursday 14 May 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins	Mr Lee Scott
Sandra Gidley	Dr Howard Stoate
Stephen Hesford	Dr Richard Taylor
Dr Doug Naysmith	

### 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Alcohol

Dr Petra Meier, University of Sheffield; and Lila Rabinovich, Analyst, RAND; David North, Tesco Community and Government Director; Jeremy Beadles, Chief Executive Wine and Spirit Trade Association; Mike Benner, Chief Executive CAMRA, The Campaign for Real Ale, and Jeremy Blood, Chief Executive, Scottish and Newcastle (on behalf of the British Beer & Pub Association); Mike Craik, Chief Constable of Northumbria, Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) Lead for Licensing, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 June 2009 at 9.00 am.]

*Thursday 21 May*

*The Chairman, Sandra Gidley and Dr Richard Taylor visited Luton and Dunstable Hospital in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Patient Safety in accordance with the Committee's decision of 19 March.*

## Wednesday 3 June 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins	Dr Doug Naysmith
Mr Peter Bone	Mr Lee Scott
Jim Dowd	Dr Howard Stoate
Sandra Gidley	Mr Robert Syms
Stephen Hesford	Dr Richard Taylor

### 1. Petitions

The Committee considered the following petitions to the House:

- From the supporters of General Practice Surgeries in South West Bedfordshire urging the Government to halt its plans to encourage the involvement of commercial companies in local General Practice surgeries, presented by Andrew Selous MP on 11 May 2009.
- From Maureen Faith, residents of sheltered accommodation at Kitkatts Road Canvey Island, urging the Government to encourage the local Council and wheelchair service providers to implement a programme of access and safety improvements at the residency, presented by Bob Spink MP on 6 May 2009.

### 2. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 3. Patient safety

Dr Peter Daggett, Consultant Physician and Endocrinologist, Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust, Howard Catton, Head of Policy Development and Implementation, Royal College of Nursing; Ben Bradshaw MP, Minister of State for Health Services, Department of Health, Professor Sir Bruce Keogh, NHS Medical Director, David Flory, Director General of NHS Finance, Performance and Operations; and Eric Morton, Interim Chief Executive, Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 18 June 2009 at 9.30 am.]

*Thursday 11 June*

*The Chairman, Charlotte Atkins, Sandra Gidley, Dr Doug Naysmith, and Dr Richard Taylor visited Edinburgh in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Alcohol in accordance with the Committee's decision of 23 April.*

## Thursday 18 June 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Jim Dowd	Mr Lee Scott
Sandra Gidley	Dr Howard Stoate
Dr Doug Naysmith	Dr Richard Taylor

**1. Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. Commissioning**

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an Inquiry into NHS Commissioning.

**3. Patient Safety**

Draft Report (Patient Safety), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 151-I.*

[Adjourned till Thursday 2 July at 9.30 am.]

## Thursday 2 July 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone

Jim Dowd

Sandra Gidley

Dr Doug Naysmith

Mr Lee Scott

Dr Howard Stoate

Dr Richard Taylor

**1. Petition**

The Committee considered the petition to the House from the people of Croydon and others concerned about the future of Mayday University Hospital's Hyper-Acute Stroke Unit, presented by Andrew Pelling MP on 26 June 2009

**2. Alcohol**

Guy Parker, Chief Executive, Advertising Standards Authority, Kate Stross, Director of Content and Standards, Ofcom; Derek Lewis, Chairman, Drink Aware Trust, David Poley, Chief Executive, Portman Group; Sonya Branch, Senior Director in Markets and Projects, Goods, Office of Fair Trading, Alan Downey, UK Head of Public Sector, KPMG; and Professor David Foxcroft, Chair in Healthcare, Oxford Brookes University, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Monday 6 July at 5.15 pm.]

## Monday 6 July 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr Peter Bone

Jim Dowd

Dr Doug Naysmith

Mr Robert Syms

Dr Richard Taylor

**1. The Appointment of the Chair of the Food Standards Agency**

The Rt Hon Lord Rooker gave evidence.

Draft Report (*The Appointment of the Chair of the Food Standards Agency*), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

*The draft Report was agreed to; the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the consideration of the Report are published in the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 856-I.*

[Adjourned till Thursday 9 July at 9.30 am.]

**Thursday 9 July 2009**

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins	Dr Doug Naysmith
Mr Peter Bone	Dr Howard Stoate
Jim Dowd	Mr Robert Syms
Sandra Gidley	Dr Richard Taylor

**1. Petition**

The Committee considered the petition to the House from residents of Northwich and others concerned about car parking charges of the Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust at Victoria Infirmary Northwich, presented by Mr Mike Hall MP on 1 July 2009.

**2. Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter

Resolved, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into Patient Safety

**3. Commissioning**

*Ordered, That Professor Alan Maynard be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Commissioning.*

**4. Alcohol**

Nick Gill, Account Planner, Five by Five, Nick Constantinou, Managing Director, AKQA, Roberta Fuke, Head of Planning, Bray Leino; Charlotte Thompson, Director, BJL, Joseph Petyan, Joint Managing Director JWT, Chris Morris, Chairman, Big Communications Group, Andrew McGuinness, Chief Executive, BMB; Andy Fennell, Chief Marketing Officer, Diageo, Simon Davies, Director, Molson Coors, Deborah Carter, Marketing Director Beverage Brands (WKD), and Graham Oak, Director, Halewood International Ltd, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 16 July at 9.30 am.]

**Thursday 16 July 2009**

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins  
Jim Dowd  
Sandra Gidley  
Stephen Hesford

Dr Doug Naysmith  
Mr Lee Scott  
Dr Howard Stoate  
Dr Richard Taylor

**1. Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee undertake an inquiry into Social Care.

**2. Public Expenditure Questionnaire**

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. Alcohol**

Gerry Sutcliffe MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, Alan Campbell MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office; Edward Troup, HM Treasury Director of Business and Indirect Tax, HM Treasury; Gillian Merron MP, Minister of State for Public Health; and Sir Liam Donaldson, Chief Medical Officer, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 15 October at 9.30 am.]

*Monday 14 to Wednesday 16 September*

*The Chairman, Charlotte Atkins, Jim Dowd, Sandra Gidley, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Robert Syms, and Dr Richard Taylor visited France in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Alcohol in accordance with the Committee's decision of 30 April.*

**Thursday 15 October 2009**

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins  
Sandra Gidley  
Dr Doug Naysmith

Mr Lee Scott  
Dr Richard Taylor

**1. Petition**

The Committee considered the petition to the House from people who have embryos stored under the terms of the 1990 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act and the regulations made there under and others, presented by Paul Burstow MP on 21 July 2009.

**2. Future Programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

**3. Social Care**

*Ordered*, That José Luis Fernández Plotka be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry.

Several memoranda relating to the Committee's inquiry were ordered to be reported to the House for printing.

**4. Commissioning**

*Ordered,* That Dr Daphne Austin be appointed Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry.

Dr Austin declared her interest as a consultant in public health medicine with the West Midlands Specialised Commissioning Team, and as Chair of the UK Commissioning Public Health Network.

Several memoranda relating to the Committee's inquiry were ordered to be reported to the House for printing.

**5. Patient Safety**

*Ordered,* That the Committee publish Monitor's and the Care Quality Commission's responses to the Committee's Report on Patient Safety, and correspondence between the Chairman of the Committee and Sir Ian Kennedy.

**6. Alcohol**

Paul Kelly, Corporate Affairs Director, ASDA, Nick Grant, General Counsel, Sainsbury's, Giles Fisher, Head of Alcohol Buying, Waitrose; William Bush, Director of Communications and Public Policy, Premier League, and Stewart Thomson, Commercial Director, Football League, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 22 October at 9.30 am.]

## Thursday 22 October 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins

Mr Peter Bone

Sandra Gidley

Dr Doug Naysmith

Mr Lee Scott

Dr Howard Stoate

Dr Richard Taylor

**1. Future programme**

The Committee considered this matter.

**2. Epsom Hospital**

Resolved, That the Chairman will visit the South West London Elective Orthopaedic Centre in Epsom Hospital on Monday 25th January, possibly accompanied by other Members and staff of the Committee.

**3. Commissioning**

Professor Gwyn Bevan, London School of Economics, Dr Hamish Meldrum, British Medical Association; Gary Belfield, Acting Director General of Commissioning and System Management, Department of Health, David Colin-Thome, National Clinical Director for Primary Care, Department of Health, Mark Britnell, Former Director General of Commissioning and System Management at the Department of Health, and David Stout, Director, Primary Care Trust Network, NHS Confederation, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 29 October at 9.30 am.]



## Thursday 29 October 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins	Mr Lee Scott
Mr Peter Bone	Dr Howard Stoate
Sandra Gidley	Mr Robert Syms
Stephen Hesford	Dr Richard Taylor
Dr Doug Naysmith	

### 1. Future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Social Care

David Behan, Director General of Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships, Department of Health, Alexandra Norrish, Head of Social Care Strategy, Department of Health, John Bolton, Director of Strategic Finance in the Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships Directorate, Department of Health, and Jeff Jerome, National Director for Social Care Transformation, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 5 November at 9.30 am.]

## Thursday 5 November 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins	Mr Lee Scott
Sandra Gidley	Dr Howard Stoate
Stephen Hesford	Dr Richard Taylor
Dr Doug Naysmith	

### 1. Petition

The Committee considered the petition to the House from the residents of the Borough of Telford and the Wrekin and of East Shropshire and others concerning plans for The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust to cut local health services from the Princess Royal Hospital, Telford, presented by Mark Pritchard MP on 27 October 2009.

### 2. Work of the Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

### 3. Social Care

Raphael Wittenberg, Personal Social Services Research Unit at the London School of Economics and Senior Economist at the Department of Health, Carol Jagger, Professor of Epidemiology and Director of the Leicester Nuffield Research Unit at Leicester University; Donald Hirsch, independent consultant on social policy and Head of Income Studies in the Centre for Research in Social Policy at Loughborough University, Richard Humphries, Fellow in Social Care at the King's Fund, and James Lloyd, Senior Research Fellow at the Social Market Foundation, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 12 November at 9.30 am.]

## Thursday 12 November 2009

Members present

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins  
Sandra Gidley  
Stephen Hesford  
Dr Doug Naysmith

Mr Lee Scott  
Dr Howard Stoate  
Dr Richard Taylor

### 1. Work of the Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Social Care

Baroness Young of Old Scone, Chair, and Ronald Morton, Strategy Development and Innovations Manager, Care Quality Commission, Sampson Low, National Policy Officer, UNISON, Lin Hinnigan, Director of Strategy, General Social Care Council, Allan Bowman, Chair, Social Care Institute for Excellence, Andrea Rowe, Chief Executive Skills for Care, gave evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 19 November at 9.30 am.]