



House of Commons
Health Committee

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee

Session 2005–06

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)
Mr David Amess MP (*Conservative, Southend West*)
Charlotte Atkins MP (*Labour, Staffordshire Moorlands*)
John Austin MP (*Labour, Erith and Thamesmead*) (discharged 31.10.05)
Mr Paul Burstow MP (*Liberal Democrat, Sutton & Cheam*) (discharged 24.4.06)
Mr Ronnie Campbell MP (*Labour, Blyth Valley*) (added 31.10.05)
Jim Dowd MP (*Labour, Lewisham West*)
Sandra Gidley MP (*Liberal Democrat, Romsey*) (added 24.4.06)
Anne Milton MP (*Conservative, Guildford*)
Dr Doug Naysmith MP (*Labour, Bristol North West*)
Mike Penning MP (*Conservative, Hemel Hempstead*)
Dr Howard Stoate MP (*Labour, Dartford*)
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.

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.

Committee staff

The staff of the Committee are Dr D F Harrison (Clerk), Emma Graham (Second Clerk), Ralph Coulbeck (Committee Specialist), Christine Kirkpatrick (Committee Specialist), Duma Langton (Committee Assistant), Julie Storey (Secretary) and Jim Hudson (Senior Office Clerk).

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Proceedings of the Committee

Tuesday 19 July 2005

Members present:

Mr David Amess	Anne Milton
Charlotte Atkins	Dr Doug Naysmith
John Austin	Mike Penning
Mr Kevin Barron	Dr Howard Stoate
Mr Paul Burstow	Dr Richard Taylor

Members disclosed their interests, pursuant to the resolution of the House of 13 July 1992. For details of the declarations see Annex.

Chairmanship

Mr Kevin Barron was called to the Chair.

The Committee's working practices

Resolved, That the Committee meet in public when hearing evidence from witnesses, unless the Committee decides otherwise.

Resolved, That witnesses should have leave to publish written submissions accepted by the Committee as evidence, except where the Committee otherwise orders.

The Committee's programme of work (Choice of inquiries)

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Smoking in Public Places, Public Expenditure, The Responsibilities of the Secretary of State, The Responsibilities of the Minister of State for Health Services, and NHS Charges and Co-Payments.

Smoking in Public Places (Appointment of Special Advisers and visits)

Ordered, That Professor Martin Jarvis and Professor John Britton be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Smoking in Public Places.

Resolved, That the Committee visit Dublin in connection with its inquiry into Smoking in Public Places and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the said visit.

Public Expenditure (Appointment of Specialist Advisers)

Ordered, That Mr Seán Boyle, Ms Melanie Henwood, Mr Jon Sussex and Mr Peter Yeun be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Public Expenditure 2005.

[Adjourned till Thursday 13 October at Nine o'clock.

Thursday 13 October 2005

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess
Charlotte Atkins
John Austin
Anne Milton

Dr Doug Naysmith
Mike Penning
Dr Howard Stoate
Dr Richard Taylor

The Committee's programme of work (Choice of inquiries)

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Changes to Primary Care Trusts.

Smoking in Public Places

Several Memoranda relating to Smoking in Public Places were ordered to be reported to the House for printing.

[Adjourned till Thursday 20 October at Nine o'clock.

Thursday 20 October 2005

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess
Charlotte Atkins
Anne Milton
Dr Doug Naysmith

Mike Penning
Dr Howard Stoate
Dr Richard Taylor

Changes to Primary Care Trusts (Appointment of Specialist Advisers)

Ordered, That Dr Richard Lewis be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Changes to Primary Care Trusts.

Smoking in Public Places

Dr Fiona Adshead, Deputy Chief Medical Officer and Mr Nick Adkin, Project Manager on Tobacco, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

Professor Dame Carol Black, President, Dr Richard Edwards, Senior Lecturer in Public Health, University of Manchester, Dr Richard Ashcroft, Reader in Biomedical Ethics, Imperial College and Dr Allan Hackshaw, Deputy Director of Cancer Research UK and UCL Cancer Trials Centre, University College London, gave oral evidence.

Dr Steve Stotesbury, Industry Affairs Manager and Chief Scientist, Imperial Tobacco Ltd (UK), Ms Christine Mohrmann, Head of UK Corporate Affairs, Philip Morris Ltd and Mr Barry Jenner, Director of UK Business, Gallaher Group plc, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 27 October at Eleven o'clock.

Thursday 27 October 2005

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess	Dr Doug Naysmith
Charlotte Atkins	Mike Penning
John Austin	Dr Howard Stoate
Mr Paul Burstow	Dr Richard Taylor
Anne Milton	

The Responsibilities of the Secretary of State for Health

Rt Hon Patricia Hewitt MP, Secretary of State for Health and Sir Nigel Crisp, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, and Chief Executive of the NHS, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 3 November at Nine o'clock.

Thursday 3 November 2005

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess	Dr Doug Naysmith
Charlotte Atkins	Mike Penning
Mr Paul Burstow	Dr Howard Stoate
Mr Ronnie Campbell	Dr Richard Taylor
Anne Milton	

Changes to Primary Care Trusts

Dame Gill Morgan, Chief Executive, NHS Confederation, Mr John McIvor, Chief Executive, Rotherham Primary Care Trust, Ms Diane Jeffrey, Chair, High Peak & Dales Primary Care Trust, Ms Caro Millington, Chair, North West London SHA and Mr John de Braux, Chief Executive, Beds & Herts SHA, gave oral evidence.

Dr Helen Groom, General Practitioner, member of Professional Executive Committee, Oxford Primary Care Trust, gave oral evidence.

Dr Michael Dixon, Chair, NHS Alliance, Mr Robert Sloane, NHS Alliance Leadership Network, Dr Peter Reader, Associate Medical Director, Islington Primary Care Trust, Ms Yvonne Sawbridge, Vice-Chair and National Nurse Lead, NHS Alliance and Director of Nursing, Solihull Primary Care Trust, Dr Tony Stanton, Joint Chief Executive, London Local Medical Committees, Ms Lucy Marks, Chair, Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trust Professional and Executive Committee, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 10 November at Nine o'clock.

Thursday 10 November 2005

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess	Dr Doug Naysmith
Charlotte Atkins	Mike Penning
Mr Paul Burstow	Dr Howard Stoate
Mr Ronnie Campbell	Dr Richard Taylor
Anne Milton	

Changes to Primary Care Trusts

Anne Milton declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Changes to Primary Care Trusts as a member of The Royal College of Nursing.

Charlotte Atkins declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the Committee's inquiry into Smoking in Public Places as a member of UNISON.

Mr Alwyn Hollins, Chair, Basildon Primary Care Trust, Ms Karen Rhodes, North Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust and Mr Philip Barrett, High Peak & Dales PCT, gave oral evidence.

Ms Lynn Young, Royal College of Nursing, Ms Liz Railton, Association of Directors of Social Services, Dr Tim Crayford, Faculty of Public Health and the Association of Directors of Public Health, Councillor David Rogers OBE, Local Government Association and

Mr David Nicholson CBE, Birmingham and Black Country Strategic Health Authority, gave oral evidence.

Lord Warner, Minister of State for NHS Delivery, Mr John Bacon, Director of Health and Social Services Delivery, Department of Health and Mr Michael O'Higgins, Chair, External Review Panel (Commissioning a Patient-Led NHS), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 17 November at Nine o'clock.

Thursday 17 November 2005

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins
Mr Paul Burstow
Jim Dowd
Anne Milton

Dr Doug Naysmith
Mike Penning
Dr Richard Taylor

NHS Charges and Co-Payments (Appointment of Specialist Advisers)

Ordered, That Professor John Mohan and Professor Nick Bosanquet be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in its inquiry into NHS Charges and Co-Payments.

Smoking in Public Places

Anne Milton declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of The Royal College of Nursing.

Charlotte Atkins declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of UNISON.

Mr Phil Wheatley CB, Director General, HM Prison Service, Mr Paul Fowweather, Governor, HM Young Offenders' Institute Wetherby, Mr Paul Thain, Director of Modernisation and Strategic Development, Norfolk & Waveney Mental Health Trust, Mr Ian Hulatt, Mental Health Adviser, The Royal College of Nursing and Mr Paul Corry, Director of Campaigns & Communications, Rethink Severe Mental Illness, gave oral evidence.

Mr Rob Hayward OBE, Chief Executive, British Beer and Pub Association, Mr John Hutson, Chief Executive, J.D. Wetherspoon, Mr Nick Bish, Chief Executive, Association of Licensed Multiple Retailers, Mr Bob Cotton OBE, Chief Executive, British Hospitality Association and Mr Tony Payne CBE, Chief Executive, Federation of Licensed Victuallers Associations, gave oral evidence.

Mr Simon Thomas, Managing Director, Thomas Holdings Ltd, Sir Peter Fry, Chairman and Mr John Carpenter, The Bingo Association, gave oral evidence.

Hugh Robertson, Trades Union Congress, Mr Vincent Borg, UNISON, Mr Michael Ainsley, GMB, Mr Brian Revell and Ms Pauline Robson, TGWU, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 24 November at Nine o'clock.

Thursday 24 November 2005

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

David Amess
Charlotte Atkins
Mr Paul Burstow
Jim Dowd

Dr Doug Naysmith
Mike Penning
Dr Howard Stoate
Dr Richard Taylor

Smoking in Public Places

Mr Bill Callaghan, Chairman, Health and Safety Commission, Ms Deborah Arnott, Director, Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), Councillor David Rogers OBE, Local Government Association (LGA), Mr Derek Allen, Executive Director, Local Authorities Coordinators of Regulatory Services (LACORS), Mr Graham Jukes, Chief Executive and Mr Ian Gray, Policy Officer for Health Development, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, gave oral evidence.

Professor Sir Liam Donaldson, Chief Medical Officer, gave oral evidence.

Vice Admiral Rory McLean CB, OBE, Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Health), and Mr Chris Williams, Finance and Secretariat Branch Leader, Ministry of Defence, gave oral evidence.

Mr Shaun Woodward, MP, Under-Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Northern Ireland Office, Ms Pat Osborne, Head of Investing for Health Branch, and Mr Jim Gibson, Deputy Principal, Investing for Health Branch, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety Northern Ireland, gave oral evidence.

Caroline Flint MP, Under-Secretary of State for Public Health, Fiona Mactaggart MP, Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department, and Mr Nick Adkin, Tobacco Programme Manager, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 1 December at Nine o'clock.

Thursday 1 December 2005

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

David Amess	Dr Doug Naysmith
Charlotte Atkins	Mike Penning
Mr Paul Burstow	Dr Howard Stoate
Mr Ronnie Campbell	Dr Richard Taylor
Anne Milton	

Report relevant to Estimates Day debate

Resolved, That the Committee request that its Fourth Report of Session 2004-05, The Influence of the Pharmaceutical Industry (HC 42), be listed on the Order Paper as relevant to the Estimates Day debate on Thursday 8 December 2005.

Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2005

Sir Nigel Crisp, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health, and NHS Chief Executive, Mr John Bacon, Group Director of Health and Social Care Services Delivery, Richard Douglas, Director of Finance, and Andrew Foster, Director of Workforce, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 6 December at Nine o'clock.

Tuesday 6 December 2005

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

David Amess	Dr Doug Naysmith
Charlotte Atkins	Mike Penning
Mr Paul Burstow	Dr Howard Stoate
Mr Ronnie Campbell	Dr Richard Taylor
Anne Milton	

Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2005

The Rt Hon Patricia Hewitt MP, Secretary of State for Health, Sir Nigel Crisp, Permanent Secretary, Department of Health and Chief Executive of the National Health Service, and Mr Richard Douglas, Director of Finance, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 15 December at half-past Nine o'clock.

Thursday 15 December 2005

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess
Charlotte Atkins
Mr Paul Burstow

Mr Ronnie Campbell
Dr Doug Naysmith
Dr Richard Taylor

Smoking in Public Places

Draft Report (Smoking in Public Places), 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 Health Committee HC 485-I.

Changes to Primary Care Trusts

Draft Report (Changes to Primary Care Trusts), 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 Health Committee HC 646.

[Adjourned till Thursday 12 January at Ten o'clock.

Thursday 12 January 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins
Mr Paul Burstow
Jim Dowd
Anne Milton

Dr Doug Naysmith
Mike Penning
Dr Howard Stoaite
Dr Richard Taylor

The Committee's Programme of Work (Choice of Inquiries and Visits)

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Independent Sector Treatment Centres.

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Workforce Needs and Planning for the Health Service.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the United States of America in connection with its inquiry into Workforce Needs and Planning for the Health Service and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the said visit.

Resolved, That the inquiry into NHS Charges and Co-Payments be renamed NHS Charges.

[Adjourned till Thursday 19 January at Ten o'clock.

Thursday 19 January 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess

Dr Doug Naysmith

Charlotte Atkins

Dr Howard Stoate

Mr Ronnie Campbell

Dr Richard Taylor

Anne Milton

NHS Charges

Resolved, That the Committee visit the National Assembly for Wales in Cardiff in connection with its inquiry into NHS Charges.

Dr Felicity Harvey, Head of Medicines, Pharmacy and Industry Group, Dr Barry Cockcroft, Acting Chief Dental Officer, Mr Ben Dyson, Head of Dental and Ophthalmic Service, Mr Rob Smith, Director of Estates and Facilities Management, and Mr Mike Brownlee, Deputy Head of Medicines, Pharmacy and Industry Group, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

Mr Andrew Haldenby, Director, Reform, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 26 January at Ten o'clock.

Thursday 26 January 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess	Anne Milton
Charlotte Atkins	Dr Doug Naysmith
Mr Paul Burstow	Mike Penning
Mr Ronnie Campbell	Dr Howard Stoate
Jim Dowd	Dr Richard Taylor

Independent Sector Treatment Centres (Appointment of Specialist Advisers and Visits)

Ordered, That Professor Sir Ara Darzi, Mr Seán Boyle and Professor Nick Bosanquet be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Independent Sector Treatment Centres.

Resolved, That the Committee visit the Redwood Diagnostic and Treatment Centre, Redwood, the Will Adams NHS Treatment Centre, Gillingham, and the Woodland NHS Treatment Centre, Dartford.

The Responsibilities of the Minister of State for Health Services

Ms Rosie Winterton MP, Minister of State for Health Services, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 2 February at Ten o'clock.

Thursday 2 February 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess	Anne Milton
Charlotte Atkins	Dr Doug Naysmith
Mr Paul Burstow	Dr Howard Stoate
Mr Ronnie Campbell	Dr Richard Taylor
Jim Dowd	

NHS Charges and Independent Sector Treatment Centres

Resolved, That the Committee visit Sweden in connection with its inquiries into NHS Charges and Independent Sector Treatment Centres and that the Chairman seek the approval of the Liaison Committee for expenditure in connection with the said visit.

NHS Charges

Dr Anthony Harrison, Senior Fellow, The King's Fund, Mr Robert Darracott, Director of Corporate and Strategic Development, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Dr Ellen Schafheutle, Research Fellow, Drug Usage and Pharmacy Practice Group, University of Manchester, and Dr Hamish Meldrum, Chairman, General Practitioners' Committee, British Medical Association, gave oral evidence.

Ms Pauline Thompson, Policy Adviser on Care Finance, Age Concern, Ms Liz Phelps, Social Policy Officer, Citizens' Advice, and Mr Martin Rathfelder, Director, Socialist Health Association, gave oral evidence.

Mr Peter Cardy, Chief Executive, Macmillan Cancer Relief, Dr Robert Meadowcroft, Director of Research, Parkinson's Disease Society, Mrs Rosie Barnes, Chief Executive, Cystic Fibrosis Trust, Ms Lynsey Beswick, Cystic Fibrosis Trust Expert Patient Adviser, and Dr Moira Fraser, Policy Officer, Mind, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 9 February at Ten o'clock.

Thursday 9 February 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess	Anne Milton
Charlotte Atkins	Mike Penning
Mr Ronnie Campbell	Dr Howard Stoate
Jim Dowd	Dr Richard Taylor

Workforce Needs and Planning for the Health Service (Appointment of Specialist Advisers)

Ordered, That Professor James Buchan be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into Workforce Needs and Planning for the Health Service.

NHS Charges

Dr Lester Ellman, Chairman, General Dental Practice Committee of the British Dental Association, Dr Maureen Baker, Honorary Secretary of Council, Royal College of

General Practitioners, Ms Lynn Hansford, Chair of the Association of Optometrists, and Mr David Cartwright, President of the College of Optometrists, gave oral evidence.

Mr Derek Lewis, Chairman of Patientline, Dame Gill Morgan, Chief Executive of the NHS Confederation, and Ms Maggie Elliot, President of the Royal College of Midwives and Head of Midwifery and Women's Services at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, gave oral evidence.

Mr Bernie Hurn, Research and Strategy Manager, Simplyhealth Group Ltd, and Mr Michael Hall, Chief Executive of Standard Life, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 16 February at Ten o'clock.

Thursday 16 February 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess
Charlotte Atkins
Mr Paul Burstow

Mr Ronnie Campbell
Dr Howard Stoate
Dr Richard Taylor

Independent Sector Treatment Centres

Several memoranda relating to Independent Sector Treatment Centres were ordered to be reported to the House for printing.

NHS Charges

Mr Sean Williams, Board Member and Partner for Competition, and Mr David Stewart, Director of Investigations, Ofcom, gave oral evidence.

The Rt Hon Jane Kennedy MP, Minister of State for Quality and Patient Safety, Ms Rosie Winterton MP, Minister of State for Health Services, Dr Felicity Harvey, Head of Medicines, Pharmacy and Industry Group, and Mr Ben Dyson, Head of Dental and Ophthalmic Services, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 2 March at Ten o'clock.

Thursday 2 March 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess	Mike Penning
Charlotte Atkins	Dr Howard Stoate
Mr Ronnie Campbell	Dr Richard Taylor

Workforce Needs and Planning for the Health Service (Appointment of Specialist Advisers)

Ordered, That Professor Alan Maynard, Professor Charles Easmon and Professor Judy Hargadon be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in matters relating to its inquiry into Workforce Needs and Planning for the Health Service.

[Adjourned till Thursday 9 March at Ten o'clock.

Thursday 9 March 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess	Mike Penning
Jim Dowd	Dr Howard Stoate
Anne Milton	Dr Richard Taylor

Independent Sector Treatment Centres

Mr Ken Anderson, Commercial Director, and Mr Bob Ricketts, Head of Demand Side Reform, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

Mr Bernard Ribeiro, President, Royal College of Surgeons of England, Mr Simon Kelly, Royal College of Ophthalmologists, Professor Janet Husband, President, Royal College of Radiologists, Dr Peter Simpson, President, Royal College of Anaesthetists, and Mr Ian Leslie, President, British Orthopaedic Association, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 16 March at Ten o'clock.

Thursday 16 March 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess	Dr Doug Naysmith
Charlotte Atkins	Mike Penning
Mr Paul Burstow	Dr Howard Stoate
Mr Ronnie Campbell	Dr Richard Taylor
Anne Milton	

Independent Sector Treatment Centres

Dr Thomas Mann, Chief Executive, Capio Healthcare UK, Mr Mike Parish, Chief Executive, Care UK, Mr Mark Adams, Chief Executive Officer, Netcare UK, Mr Peter Martin, Chief Executive, Mercury Health, Dr Ian Smith, Chief Executive Officer, BMI Healthcare, and Mr Alan Pilgrim, Chief Executive Officer, Alliance Medical, gave oral evidence.

Ms Anna Walker, Chief Executive, Healthcare Commission, Professor Sir Graeme Catto, President, General Medical Council, and Professor Peter Rubin, Chairman, Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board, gave oral evidence.

Professor John Appleby, Chief Economist, The King's Fund, Dr Sally Ruane, Senior Lecturer, Health Policy Research Unit, De Montfort University, Mr James Johnson, Chairman, British Medical Association, Dr Paul Miller, Chairman, Central Consultants' and Specialist Committee, British Medical Association, and Mr Daniel Eayres, Public Health Information Specialist, National Centre for Health Outcomes Development, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 23 March at Ten o'clock.

Thursday 23 March 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess	Dr Doug Naysmith
Charlotte Atkins	Dr Howard Stoate
Mr Ronnie Campbell	Dr Richard Taylor
Jim Dowd	

Independent Sector Treatment Centres

Ms Jane Hanna, former Non-Executive Director, South-West Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust, and Mr Robin Smith, Chief Executive, Mendip Primary Care Trust, gave oral evidence.

Ms Nicola Easey, Lead for the Modernisation and Commissioning Paired Leads Network, NHS Alliance, and Mrs Pauline Quan Arrow, Chair, Southampton City Primary Care Trust, gave oral evidence.

Dr Donal Hynes, Vice-Chairman, NHS Alliance, Dr Tony Marsh, Chairman, Gedling Primary Care Trust Professional Executive Committee, Ms Valerie Smith, Independent Sector Adviser, Royal College of Nursing, Ms Gail Adams, Head of Nursing, UNISON, and Mr Barrie Brown, Health Sector Officer, Amicus, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 26 April at Ten o'clock.

Tuesday 28 March – Thursday 30 March 2006

Mr Kevin Barron (Chairman), Mr David Amess, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mike Penning and Dr Richard Taylor visited Stockholm in connection with the Committee's inquiries into NHS Charges and Independent Sector Treatment Centres, in accordance with the decision of the Committee on 2 February.

Thursday 20 April 2006

Mr Kevin Barron (Chairman), Charlotte Atkins, Dr Howard Stoate, Anne Milton and Dr Richard Taylor visited Redwood Diagnostic and Treatment Centre, Redwood, the Will Adams NHS Treatment Centre, Gillingham, and the Woodland NHS Treatment Centre, Dartford in connection with the Committee's inquiries into Independent Sector Treatment Centres, in accordance with the decision of the Committee on 26 January.

Wednesday 26 April 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess
Charlotte Atkins
Jim Dowd
Sandra Gidley
Anne Milton

Dr Doug Naysmith
Mike Penning
Dr Howard Stoate
Dr Richard Taylor

The Committee's Programme of Work (Choice of Inquiries)

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into NHS Deficits.

Workforce Needs and Planning for the Health Service

Several memoranda relating to Workforce Needs and Planning for the Health Service were ordered to be reported to the House for printing.

Independent Sector Treatment Centres

The Rt Hon Patricia Hewitt MP, Secretary of State for Health, Sir Ian Carruthers, Acting Chief Executive of the NHS, Mr Hugh Taylor, Acting Permanent Secretary and Dr Bill Kirkup, Acting Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 3 May at Ten o'clock.

Wednesday 3 May 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess

Mike Penning

Mr Ronnie Campbell

Dr Howard Stoate

Sandra Gidley

Dr Richard Taylor

Dr Doug Naysmith

Workforce Needs and Planning for the Health Service

Resolved, That the inquiry into Workforce Needs and Planning for the Health Service be renamed Workforce Planning.

[Adjourned till Thursday 11 May at Ten o'clock.

Thursday 11 May 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess	Anne Milton
Charlotte Atkins	Dr Doug Naysmith
Mr Ronnie Campbell	Dr Howard Stoate
Jim Dowd	Dr Richard Taylor
Sandra Gidley	

Workforce Planning

Mr Andrew Foster, Director of Workforce, Ms Debbie Mellor, Head of Workforce Capacity, Mr Keith Derbyshire, Economic Adviser, Department of Health, and Dr Judy Curson, Head of Workforce Review Team, National Health Service, gave oral evidence.

Professor Sue Hill, Chief Scientific Officer, Professor Sir Liam Donaldson, Chief Medical Officer, Dr David Colin-Thome, National Clinical Director, Professor Bob Fryer, National Director for Widening Participation in Learning, and Mr Andrew Foster, Director of Workforce, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 18 May at Ten o'clock.

Thursday 18 May 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess	Anne Milton
Charlotte Atkins	Dr Doug Naysmith
Mr Ronnie Campbell	Mike Penning
Jim Dowd	Dr Howard Stoate
Sandra Gidley	Dr Richard Taylor

NHS Deficits (Appointment of Specialist Advisers)

Ordered, That Mr Seán Boyle, Professor Nick Bosanquet and Mr Robert Dredge be appointed Specialist Advisers to assist the Committee in its inquiry into NHS Deficits.

Opinion on the EC Draft Regulation 15023/05 (27059) (Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products)

The Committee considered the draft Opinion [EC Draft Regulation 15023/05 (27059) (Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products)], proposed by the Chairman.

Opinion agreed to.

Ordered, That the Opinion be sent to the European Scrutiny Committee.

Workforce Planning

Ms Sian Thomas, Deputy Director, NHS Employers, Mr David Amos, Director of Workforce, University College London Hospitals, Mr Warren Town, Secretary, Alliance for Health Professionals, Professor Sir Alan Craft, President, Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, and Ms Josie Irwin, Head of Employment Relations, Royal College of Nursing, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 8 June at Ten o'clock.

Sunday 21 May – Thursday 25 May 2006

Mr Kevin Barron (Chairman), Mr David Amess, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Jim Dowd, Sandra Gidley, Dr Doug Naysmith, Dr Howard Stoate and Dr Richard Taylor visited California in connection with the Committee's inquiry into Workforce Planning, in accordance with the decision of the Committee on 12 January.

Thursday 8 June 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess
Charlotte Atkins
Anne Milton
Dr Doug Naysmith

Mike Penning
Dr Howard Stoate
Dr Richard Taylor

Workforce Planning

Dr Jonathan Fielden, Deputy Chair of Consultants' Committee, British Medical Association, Ms Karen Jennings, Head of Health, Unison, and Mr Alastair Henderson, Deputy Director, NHS Employers, gave oral evidence.

Professor Dame Carol Black, President, Royal College of Physicians, Mr George Blair, Managing Consultant, Shared Solutions Consulting, and Dr Karen Bloor, Senior Research Fellow, University of York, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 15 June at Ten o'clock.

Thursday 15 June 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins
Mr Ronnie Campbell
Sandra Gidley

Dr Doug Naysmith
Mike Penning
Dr Richard Taylor

Workforce Planning

Professor Bonnie Sibbald, Deputy Director, National Primary Care Research and Development Centre, University of Manchester, Ms Deborah O'Dea, Director of Human Resources, St Mary's NHS Trust, Dr Hugo Mascie-Taylor, Medical Director, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, and Ms Alison Norman, Director of Nursing and Operations, Christie Hospital NHS Trust, gave oral evidence.

Dr Sally Pidd, Chair of the Recruitment and Retention Working Group, Royal College of Psychiatrists, Mr Rob Darracott, Director of Corporate Strategic Development, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, and Mr Bill O'Neill, Head of Education and Development, London Ambulance Service, gave oral evidence.

Mr Marc Seale, Chief Executive, Health Professions Council, Mr Finlay Scott, Chief Executive, General Medical Council, and Ms Sarah Thewlis, Chief Executive, Nursing and Midwifery Council, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 21 June at Two o'clock.

Wednesday 21 June 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins	Dr Doug Naysmith
Mr Ronnie Campbell	Dr Howard Stoate
Sandra Gidley	Dr Richard Taylor
Anne Milton	

NHS Charges (Informal Consideration of Draft Report)

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 22 June at Ten o'clock.

Thursday 22 June 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess	Dr Doug Naysmith
Charlotte Atkins	Mike Penning
Jim Dowd	Dr Howard Stoate
Sandra Gidley	Dr Richard Taylor

Workforce Planning

Mr Brian Shipley, Director of Finance, Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Mr Steve Phoenix, Chief Executive, Adur, Arun and Worthing Teaching Primary Care Trust, Mr John McIvor, Chief Executive, Rotherham Primary Care Trust, and Mr Keith Ford, Director of Finance, Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Strategic Health Authority, gave oral evidence.

Mr Philip Davidson, Partner in Restructuring Advisory Group, KPMG, Mr Kevin Ellis, Partner in PWC Business Recovery Services, Mr Sean Sullivan, Turnaround Director, Essex, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Strategic Health Authority, and Mr Martyn Everett, Director of Recovery, Kensington and Chelsea Primary Care Trust, gave oral evidence.

Mr David Law, Chief Executive, West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust, Mr Antony Sumara, Chief Executive, University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust,

Mr Simon Pleydell, Chief Executive, South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust, and Mr Andrew Kenworthy, Chief Executive, Kensington and Chelsea Primary Care Trust, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Wednesday 28 June at half-past Two o'clock.

Wednesday 28 June 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess
Charlotte Atkins
Jim Dowd

Dr Doug Naysmith
Mike Penning
Dr Richard Taylor

Independent Sector Treatment Centres

Mr Ken Anderson, Commercial Director, Mr Bledwyn Rees, General Counsel, and Mr Geoff Serle, ISTC Programme Lead, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 29 June at Ten o'clock.

Thursday 29 June 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess
Charlotte Atkins
Mr Ronnie Campbell
Sandra Gidley

Dr Doug Naysmith
Dr Howard Stoate
Dr Richard Taylor

NHS Deficits (Memoranda of Evidence)

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

Workforce Planning

Mr Paul Streets, Chief Executive, Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board, Professor Elisabeth Paice, Chair, Conference of Postgraduate Medical Deans,

Mr Bernard Ribeiro, President, Royal College of Surgeons, and Professor David Gordon, Chair, Council of Heads of Medical Schools, Medical Education, gave oral evidence.

Professor Dame Jill Macleod Clark, Chair, Council of Deans of UK Faculties for Nursing and Health Professions, Professor Andrew Haines, Health Committee Member, Universities UK, and Professor Tony Butterworth, Director, Centre for Clinical and Academic Workforce Innovation, University of Lincoln, gave oral evidence.

Dr David McKinlay, Director of Postgraduate GP Education, North Western Deanery, Dr Graham Archard, Vice-Chairman, Royal College of GPs, Professor Selena Gray, Registrar, Faculty of Public Health, and Mr Paul Holmes, Chief Executive, Kingston Primary Care Trust, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 6 July at Ten o'clock.

Thursday 6 July 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess	Dr Doug Naysmith
Charlotte Atkins	Mike Penning
Mr Ronnie Campbell	Dr Howard Stoate
Jim Dowd	Dr Richard Taylor
Sandra Gidley	

NHS Charges (Consideration of Draft Report)

Draft Report (NHS Charges), 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 Health Committee HC 815-I.

[Adjourned till Thursday 13 July at half-past Nine o'clock.

Thursday 13 July 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Charlotte Atkins	Mike Penning
Mr Ronnie Campbell	Dr Howard Stoate
Sandra Gidley	Dr Richard Taylor
Dr Doug Naysmith	

Independent Sector Treatment Centres (Consideration of Draft Report)

Draft Report (*Independent Sector Treatment Centres*), 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 Health Committee HC 934-I.

[Adjourned till Thursday 20 July at half-past Nine o'clock.

Thursday 20 July 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess	Anne Milton
Charlotte Atkins	Dr Doug Naysmith
Mr Ronnie Campbell	Dr Howard Stoate
Sandra Gidley	Dr Richard Taylor

In the temporary absence of the Chairman, Dr Doug Naysmith was called to the Chair for the beginning of the meeting.

NHS Deficits

Ordered, That Professor John Appleby be appointed a Specialist Adviser to assist the Committee in its inquiry into NHS Deficits.

Mr Ken Cunningham, former Chief Executive, Surrey and Sussex Hospital Trust, gave oral evidence.

Sir Ian Carruthers, Acting Chief Executive of the NHS, Mr Richard Douglas, Director of Finance and Investment, Department of Health, and Dr William Moyes, Executive Chairman, Monitor, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 12 October at Ten o'clock.

Thursday 12 October 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess	Dr Doug Naysmith
Charlotte Atkins	Dr Howard Stoate
Sandra Gidley	Dr Richard Taylor
Anne Milton	

The Work of the Committee

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Thursday 19 October at half-past Nine o'clock

Thursday 19 October 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess	Anne Milton
Charlotte Atkins	Dr Doug Naysmith
Mr Ronnie Campbell	Dr Howard Stoate
Jim Dowd	Dr Richard Taylor
Sandra Gidley	

NHS Deficits

Professor Sheena Asthana, University of Plymouth, Professor Mervyn Stone, University College London, and Professor Barry McCormick, Chief Economic Adviser, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

Mr Andy McKeon, Managing Director, Audit Commission and Phil Taylor, Chairman, Healthcare Financial Management Association, gave oral evidence

[Adjourned till Thursday 26 October at half-past Nine o'clock

Thursday 26 October 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess
Charlotte Atkins
Sandra Gidley
Anne Milton

Dr Doug Naysmith
Mike Penning
Dr Richard Taylor

The Work of the Committee

Resolved, That the Committee inquire into Public and Patient Involvement and Section 11 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001.

The Responsibilities of the Minister of State for Quality and Delivery

Andy Burnham MP, Minister of State for Quality and Delivery, Department of Health, gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 2 November at half-past Nine o'clock

Thursday 2 November 2006

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron, in the Chair

Mr David Amess
Charlotte Atkins
Mr Ronnie Campbell
Sandra Gidley
Anne Milton

Dr Doug Naysmith
Mike Penning
Dr Howard Stoate
Dr Richard Taylor

Public and Patient Involvement in the NHS

Ordered, That Laura Daniels be appointed Specialist Adviser to the Committee in its inquiry into Public and Patient Involvement in the NHS.

Travel in a representative capacity

Ordered, That the Chairman visit Slovenia to attend the Chairs of Parliamentary Health Committees meeting in a representative capacity.

NHS Deficits

John Rostill, Chief Executive Worcestershire Acute Trust, Dr Ros Keeton, Chief Executive Worcestershire Mental Health Trust, and Mike Ridley, Former Chief Executive South Worcestershire PCT, gave oral evidence.

Dr Jonathan Fielden, Chair Central Consultants and Specialists Committee, British Medical Association, Paul Turner, Executive Officer, Council of Deans and Heads of United Kingdom University Faculties for Nursing and Health Professionals, and Professor Anne Marie Rafferty, Head of the Florence Nightingale School of Nursing and Midwifery, Kings College London (also representing the Council of Deans and Heads of United Kingdom University Faculties for Nursing and Health Professionals), gave oral evidence.

[Adjourned till Thursday 16 November at half-past Nine o'clock

Annex

Declaration of Members Interests

Tuesday 19 July 2005

Mr David Amess declared an interest as Parliamentary Adviser to the Caravan Club (*Up to £5,000*). He also declared that he had undertaken a visit to Qatar as a guest of the Government of Qatar on 29 April – 4 May 2004, and that he had undertaken a visit to Jordan as a guest of the Government of Jordan on 3 – 7 January 2005.

Charlotte Atkins declared no pecuniary or other interests.

Mr John Austin declared that he had undertaken a visit to Lebanon at the invitation of the Lebanese Parliament (all travel and accommodation costs met by the Lebanese Parliament)

Mr Kevin Barron declared an interest as a lay member of the General Medical Council (*£10,001-£15,000*). He also declared an interest as a member of an advisory panel for Action on Smoking and Health.

Mr Paul Burstow declared no pecuniary or other interests.

Jim Dowd, who was not present, declared no pecuniary or other interests.

Anne Milton declared an interest as an adviser to the following social housing providers: Corporation of London and Kingsmead Homes and the Shaftsbury Housing Group. Anne Milton declared that she is a registered nurse and that she is a member of the Royal College of Nursing. She also declared that her husband was employed as a doctor by East Surrey Primary Care Trust.

Dr Doug Naysmith declared that he had undertaken a visit to Toulouse to attend the Airbus UK celebration of the A380 (return air travel costs from London to Toulouse met by Airbus UK)

Mike Penning declared no pecuniary or other interests.

Dr Howard Stoate declared an interest as a general medical practitioner, and an interest as a general practice tutor in the London Deanery. Dr Howard Stoate declared that he had undertaken a visit to Cairo, Egypt, to attend the Avicenna Conference, where he was invited to present a paper on challenges facing community pharmacy as Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Pharmacy Group (all travel and accommodation costs for Dr Howard Stoate and his wife were met by Avicenna, a trade association that supports community pharmacy). He also declared that he had undertaken a visit to South Africa to present a paper on Government plans for a Community Pharmacy to a Unichem Conference in his capacity as Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Pharmacy (all travel and accommodation costs for Dr Howard Stoate and his wife were met by Unichem, a pharmaceutical wholesaler).

Dr Richard Taylor declared that he was in receipt of donations towards election expenses from the Health Concern Lottery. Dr Taylor also declared an interest as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, as a member of the British Medical Association, as a member of the Royal Society of Medicine and as a member of the Medical Defence Union. Dr Taylor is a retired hospital physician.