



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC AUDIT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

3rd Meeting, 2016 (Session 4)

Wednesday 20 January 2016

Present:

Colin Beattie
Colin Keir
Stuart McMillan
Tavish Scott
David Torrance

Nigel Don
Paul Martin (Convener)
Mary Scanlon (Deputy Convener)
Dr Richard Simpson

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Section 22 report - The 2014/15 audit of NHS 24: Update on management of an IT contract:** The Committee took evidence on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "The 2014/15 audit of NHS 24: Update on management of an IT contract" from—

Ian Crichton, Interim Chief Executive, and Margo McGurk, Director of Finance, NHS 24;

and then from—

John Turner, Former Chief Executive, NHS 24.

3. **Section 23 report - NHS in Scotland 2015:** The Committee considered a response from the Scottish Government and Audit Scotland on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "NHS in Scotland 2015".

The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government on issues raised in discussion.

4. **Section 22 reports - The 2014/15 audit of NHS Highland and The 2014/15 audit of NHS Tayside:** The Committee considered a response from Audit Scotland on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "The 2014/15 audit of NHS Highland: Update on 2013/14 financial management issues" and "The 2014/15 audit of NHS Tayside: Financial management".

The Committee agreed to note the response.

5. **Section 22 report - The 2014/15 audit of NHS 24: Update on management of an IT contract (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the evidence received at agenda item 2 and took evidence from—

Fraser McKinlay, Director of Performance Audit and Best Value, Audit Scotland.

The Committee agreed to seek oral evidence from Director-General Health and Social Care and Director-General Communities at the Scottish Government, at a future meeting.

6. **Section 23 report - Managing ICT contracts in central government: An update (in private):** The Committee considered a paper from the Clerk on the Auditor General for Scotland report entitled "Managing ICT contracts in central government: An update".

The Committee agreed to follow-up issues raised with the Director-General Health and Social Care and Director-General Communities.

The meeting closed at 1.07 pm.

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