Present:
Keith Brown
Emma Harper (Deputy Convener)
David Stewart
Sandra White

Alex Cole-Hamilton
Lewis Macdonald (Convener)
David Torrance
Brian Whittle

Apologies were received from Miles Briggs.

The meeting opened at 10.01 am.

1. **Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

   Jeane Freeman, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, Fiona McQueen, Chief Nursing Officer, Diane Murray, Associate Chief Nursing Officer, Louise Kay, Safe Staffing Bill Team Leader, Programme and Stakeholder Engagement, and Ailsa Garland, Principal Legal Officer, Scottish Government.

   Brian Whittle declared a relevant interest. Full details of which can be found in the Official Report of the meeting.

2. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee considered a proposal by the Scottish Government to consent to the UK Government legislating using the powers under the Act in relation to the following UK statutory instrument proposals—

   The Human Tissue (Quality and Safety for Human Application) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations,
   The Quality and Safety of Organs Intended for Transplantation (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations,
   The Blood Safety and Quality (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations
The Committee agreed to issue correspondence to the Human Tissue Authority, NHS Blood and Transplant, Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service, Anthony Nolan Trust and the Minister for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing requesting further information. The Committee agreed to return to the issue at its next meeting.

3. **Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

4. **Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered and agreed its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.

5. **NHS Governance (in private):** The Committee considered the Scottish Government's response to its inquiry report *The Governance of the NHS in Scotland - ensuring delivery of the best healthcare for Scotland* and agreed to issue follow-up correspondence to the Scottish Government and COSLA.

6. **Preventative Agenda (in private):** The Committee agreed to consider a draft report at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.03 pm.

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