

FINAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING: 10 DECEMBER 2024

Present: **First Minister (Chair)**
deputy First Minister (Chair)
Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
Minister of Education
Minister for Communities
Minister of Finance
Minister of Health
Minister for Infrastructure
Minister of Justice
Minister for the Economy

In attendance: Junior Minister Reilly (TEO)
Junior Minister Cameron (TEO)

**Dame Brenda King, Attorney General for Northern Ireland
Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service
Head of Executive and Central Advisory Division**

**Sir Michael McBride, Chief Medical Officer
Chris Garland, deputy Chief Pharmaceutical Officer**

The First Minister chaired the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 1

E (24) 099 Gender Dysphoria Medicines

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5. Ministers agreed that the scientific and medical advice must be followed and noted the importance in public messaging of referring to the clinical trial as providing an evidence base for future policy decisions in this area. The Minister of Health committed to providing further information in relation to the future provision of Gender Identity Services.

6. The Executive

- i. noted the background to Executive Memorandum E (24) 099 and the recommendations made by the Commission on Human Medicines (CHM) in their report to Ministers as attached as an Annex to the paper; and
- ii. supported the legislative proposals for Northern Ireland on the making of an indefinite order to prevent new patients aged under 18 from beginning to take puberty blockers for the purposes of gender incongruence and/or gender dysphoria, under the care of private prescribers.

Date of next meeting

The next Executive meeting was scheduled for 19 December.