



### Introduction

- To promote and encourage the use of the arts across the health board, working with the full range of health services across the 3 counties for the benefit of patients, communities and staff.
- Based with the Patient Experience Team
- An arts in health strategy/manifesto and associated delivery plans
- A vision to create a new and sustainable arts in health service
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Arts council of Wales (ACW) and NHS confederation – with a vision for putting arts at the heart of service transformation
- Capacity building funding from ACW with match funding from HDHB

#### **Hywel Dda Arts in Health Coordinators**







Dr Cath Jenkins (0.2) Medical background



#### What is arts in health?

- A Healthier Mid and West Wales.
- Hywel Dda University Health Board (HdUHB) has a shared vision with our communities to live healthy joyful lives. The ambition is to shift from a service that just treats illness to one that keeps people well, prevents ill-health and provides help early on.
- Arts in health is any art intervention, commission or offer which is intended to improve health and wellbeing through engagement.
- There is much evidence to suggest that the arts have a role in helping people live well
- Improved mental and physical health and wellbeing
- Reduced loneliness and isolation
- Connected communities
- Express complex stories and emotions
- Commemorate, remember and reflect
- Improved environments

### healing not just 'curing,

**Dance** for falls prevention **Reading** aloud to address

loneliness on wards **Drama** based workshops to

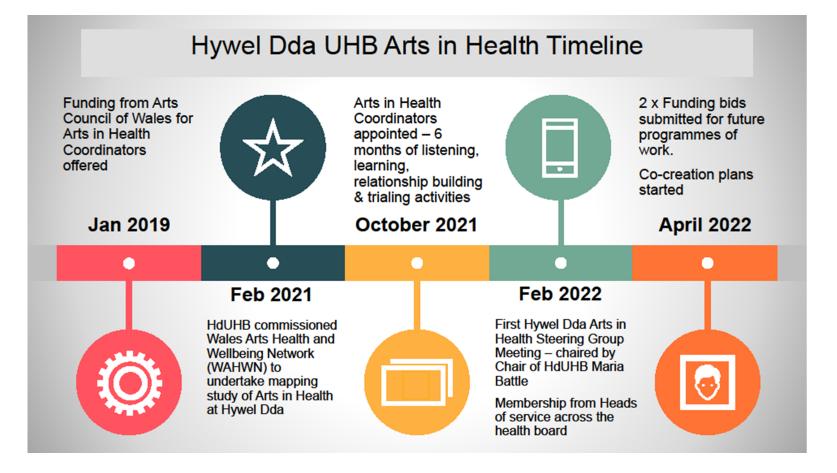
support staff wellbeing **Music** to alleviate pain **Visual art** to reduce distress **Singing** to improve lung

health and provide respite.



### **Situation:**

- Overwhelming interest, need, support and enthusiasm for arts in health provision right across the health board.
- Huge possibilities for arts in health interventions right across the health board



## Arts in Health at Hywel Dda



Image: People Speak Up

- Piloting creative activities for patients, staff and communities
- Established an Arts in Health Steering group
- Co-producing an Arts in Health Strategy and work plan

### **Current work:**

- Patient Pilot Arts Boost Arts & Mental Health project for children and young people (CYP) with disorder eating and low mood/anxiety. In partnership with Specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (sCAMHS)
- Staff Wellbeing Programme A healing arts programme:
   Hywel Dda Creative Collective, Art Gifts, Singing, benefits
- Arts Seeds Patient focused pilots eg Neuro Art Café with Neuro rehabilitation Team
- In development:
- Creative Prescribing Development Programme
- Dance on Prescription programme

## Arts in Health at Hywel Dda



Image: Online singing with Hywel Dda staff to mark the 2 year COVID anniversary



# Co-creation of Arts in Health Manifesto/strategy

- What are your thoughts about an Arts in Health Strategy/Manifesto/Charter for the Health Board?
- What do you think about developing a set of Arts in Health Principles?
- What are your priorities for arts in health?
- How could the arts help you to achieve your health priorities?
- If there was a 3 year Arts in Health Programme, what would be your priorities?
- Feedback, thoughts, ideas, suggestions?



Image: Arts Boost, Gemma-Green Hope, Span Arts



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