

**PWYLLGOR CRONFA ELUSENNOL
CHARITABLE FUNDS COMMITTEE**

DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:	17 March 2026
TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:	Future funding requests to the Hywel Dda Health Charities Making a Difference Fund
CYFARWYDDWR ARWEINIOL: LEAD DIRECTOR:	Sharon Daniel, Executive Director of Nursing, Quality & Patient Experience
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Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas)

Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)

Er Gwybodaeth/For Information

ADRODDIAD SCAA

SBAR REPORT

Sefyllfa / Situation

This report is presented to the Charitable Funds Committee (CFC) to provide a summary of the approach being taken for the next phase of applications to the Hywel Dda Health Charities (HDdHC) Making a Difference Fund.

Cefndir / Background

In June 2025, the CFC approved the ring fencing of £400,000 from the Making a Difference Fund to support an open call for applications between July and October 2025, with the intention of establishing twice yearly application windows moving forward.

The 2025 application window generated a significant level of interest, with 61 funding applications totalling £1.96m received. Of these, 44 progressed to full assessment and the 12 highest scoring applications were shortlisted for CFC consideration.

At its December 2025 meeting, the CFC approved funding for 10 applications (£370,345.30) and agreed that the next funding window should take place between January and April 2026, with recommendations to be made to the June 2026 CFC meeting.

Asesiad / Assessment

At its December 2025 meeting, the CFC considered the first round of open call applications to the Making a Difference Fund. This was the first time the general fund had been opened in this way and learning from the process was acknowledged in respect of:

- Wide variation of application quality.
- The potential for high impact ideas to be lost due to insufficiently developed applications.
- Strengthening consideration of exit strategies where relevant.
- Ensuring match funding opportunities are explored where appropriate.
- The need for clearer articulation of impact, including Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) and Patient Reported Experience Measures (PREMs), where appropriate.

- Staff posts should not be funded by the Making a Difference fund and applications re-directed to more appropriate funding routes.

The learnings from the first open call of applications have shaped the design of the second funding window and have been embedded in the approach being undertaken:

- **Eligibility criteria:** guidance has been refined to clarify that we are unable to accept applications for staff posts or from services that have sufficient designated funds to support the request.
- **Feedback to applicants:** structured feedback will be given to applicants following detailed assessment of bids. Applicants will be given an opportunity to revise their bids based on the feedback received and re-submit prior to final assessment. This aims to ensure that high impact projects are not lost due to poor quality applications.
- **Evaluation plans:** shortlisted applications will be asked to submit a comprehensive evaluation plan, proportionate to the value of funding requested, to ensure that the anticipated benefits can be clearly demonstrated, measured and reported. This aims to ensure that funded projects can evidence meaningful improvements for patients, service users or staff.
- **Scoring criteria:** the scoring criteria have been strengthened so that bids are assessed on set criteria focused on the demonstration of clear and meaningful patient benefit (impact and reach), how success will be measured and evidenced (impact), demonstrating value for money (efficient and appropriate use of funds) and ensuring lasting benefits beyond the funding period (exit strategy and sustainability).
- **Role of the Charitable Funds Sub-Committee (CFSC):** the role of the CFSC has been strengthened to approve the revised scoring criteria, review the scored applications and agree a prioritised list for CFC consideration. This aims to provide greater scrutiny and consistency for improved efficiency at CFC meetings.

The closing date for applications to the second funding round is 6 March 2026.

Bids will undergo an initial assessment and where improvements are required, detailed feedback will be provided, and applicants will be given the opportunity to strengthen their applications.

The closing date for final draft applications is 17 April 2026.

Scored applications will be considered by the CFSC on 5 May 2026 and a prioritised list for consideration will be submitted to the CFC meeting being held on 9 June 2026.

Argymhelliad / Recommendation

The Charitable Funds Committee is asked to **NOTE** the summary of the approach being taken for the next phase of applications to the Hywel Dda Health Charities Making a Difference Fund.

Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)

Objectives: (must be completed)

Committee ToR Reference:

Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor:

4.1 Within the budget, priorities and spending criteria determined by the Health Board as Corporate Trustee, and consistent with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (or any modification of these acts), apply the charitable funds in accordance with its respective governing documents.

	<p>4.19 Provide scrutiny with a view to approving or rejecting all requests for expenditure over £50,000 and under £100,000 against named charitable funds, within the scheme of delegation for authorisation of charitable funds expenditure.</p> <p>4.20 Consider and recommend for approval to the Board in its capacity as Corporate Trustee all requests for expenditure over £100,000 against named charitable funds, within the scheme of delegation for authorisation of charitable funds expenditure.</p>
Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol: Datix Risk Register Reference and Score:	Not Applicable
Parthau Ansawdd: Domains of Quality Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)	Not Applicable
Galluogwyr Ansawdd: Enablers of Quality: Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)	Not Applicable
Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	Not Applicable
Amcanion Cynllunio Planning Objectives	Not Applicable
Amcanion Llesiant BIP: UHB Well-being Objectives: Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives Annual Report 2021-2022	10. Not Applicable

Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol: Further Information:

Ar sail tystiolaeth: Evidence Base:	Financial reports CFC Terms of Reference Charitable Funds Financial Administration and Governance Procedure (FP 420)
Rhestr Termiau: Glossary of Terms:	Included within the main body of the report
Partïon / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Pwyllgor Cronfa Elusennol: Parties / Committees consulted prior to Charitable Funds Committee:	Head of Accounting & Statutory Reporting Fundraising Manager Senior Communications Officer

Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed)	
Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service:	The effective application of charitable funds should have a positive impact on the experience of our patients, service users and staff.
Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care:	The effective application of charitable funds should have a positive impact on the experience of our patients, service users and staff.
Gweithlu: Workforce:	The effective application of charitable funds should have a positive impact on the experience of our patients, service users and staff.
Risg: Risk:	Not applicable
Cyfreithiol: Legal:	Any recommendations within the report are in compliance with HDdUHB's Standing Orders
Enw Da: Reputational:	Not applicable
Gyfrinachedd: Privacy:	Not applicable
Cydraddoldeb: Equality:	No EqIA is considered necessary for a paper of this type