

PWYLLGOR IECHYD A DIOGELWCH HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:	14 January 2025
TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:	Fire Safety Management Update Report – Delivery of Programmes for the Management of Fire Enforcement Notices (FEN)
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Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas)

Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)

Er Sicrwydd/For Assurance

ADRODDIAD SCAA SBAR REPORT

Sefyllfa / Situation

This report provides an update to the Health and Safety Committee (HSC) regarding progress on the Major Projects linked to the Fire Enforcement Notices (FENs) and Letters of Fire Safety Matters (LoFSM) issued by Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (MWWFRS).

Cefndir / Background

The HSC will recall previous updates on each of the above. The last update to the HSC Meeting being on 10 September 2024.

The Health Board (HB) has recently undertaken a joint presentation with Welsh Government (WG) to MWWFRS setting out all project programme dates for the full investment programme on all sites. This applies to all current FENs in place and the LoFSM at BGH.

This was well received by MWWFRS as an acceptable way forward. In addition, they were reassured by the attendance of senior WG officials involved in major capital funding decisions. They will now monitor the Health Board on progress against issued timelines.

WG have also recently briefed the HB on their ongoing commitment for funding projects where Fire Enforcement is in place which is reassuring as we develop future Business Justification Cases (BJC) over the next 12-18 months. Further discussion is needed around BGH but the funding needs on this scheme in the 2025/2026 Financial Year are minimal, supporting BJC development only.

Asesiad / Assessment

1. Fire Enforcement Notices (FENs)/Letters of Fire Safety Matters (LoFSMs)

1.1 Withybush Hospital (WGH)

Phase 2

All departments/ ward areas/ risk rooms **(FEN KS/890/04) (Current date April 2025)**.

The HB have now confirmed dates to MWWFRS for the forward progression of this final Phase of Fire Enforcement works at WGH.

The latest programme is as follows:

- Completion of BJC – May 2025
- WG approval of BJC – July 2025
- Commencement of works – c. Sep 2025
- Completion of works – mid 2027

The above programme is the latest available however this will be dependent on the WG scrutiny period and subsequent approvals to proceed.

The MWWFRS deadline completion date is currently April 2025. They are fully aware that this will now need to be amended in line with the presentation of our full programme. We will work closely with MWWFRS to ensure this is managed appropriately.

1.2 Glangwili Hospital (GGH)

Phase 1

All remaining horizontal escape routes at GGH **(FEN KS/890/08 Completion Date July 2022) (Currently extended to 31 January 2025)**.

At the previous committee it was noted that there was a potential risk of the project running into December 2024.

Following this review further delays have been encountered within the Sub Terranean Ducts which has resulted in an extended completion date of early to mid-February 2025.

This programme is currently being maintained and given the short period now until completion there is confidence in this date being maintained.

MWWFRS have been fully briefed on this, noting the short overrun beyond the current FEN deadline (31 January 2025). They are however fully satisfied that the HB is doing all it can to deliver the works as quickly as possible and will work with us on adjusting deadlines to accommodate the actual completion date.

Phase 2

All departments/ ward areas/ risk rooms **(FEN KS/890/09) (Current date August 2024) (Currently extended to 30 June 2025)**

The HB have now confirmed dates to MWWFRS for the forward progression of this final phase of fire enforcement works at GGH.

The latest programme is as follows:

- Completion of BJC – August/September 2025

- WG approval of BJC – October 2025
- Commencement of works – November 2025
- Completion of works – late 2027

The above programme is the latest available however this will be dependent on the WG scrutiny period and subsequent approvals to proceed.

The MWWFRS deadline completion date is currently 30 June 2025. They are fully aware that this will now need to be amended in line with the presentation of our full programme. We will work closely with MWWFRS to ensure this is managed appropriately.

2. Additional Letters of Fire Safety Matters

2.1 Bronglais General Hospital (BGH) Main Building

Whilst BGH is under a LoFSM currently, it is clear from discussions with MWWFRS that progress needs to be made against the agreed plan to avoid any future escalation of this status. The development programme for BGH is running slightly behind the other sites as we are currently undertaking a major refresh of the initial BJC. This was submitted to WG in February 2023 and was in the order of c. £30m costs. We are now in negotiations with MWWFRS to agree a similar scope reduction to that already successfully achieved at WGH and GGH.

In addition, all the learning achieved on the earlier projects around alternative framework and procurement approach will also be embedded in the proposed BJC process.

The HB have now confirmed initial dates to the MWWFRS for the latest programme as follows:

- Refresh of the Programme Business Case (PBC) submission – February/March 2025
- Completion of BJC – May 2026
- WG approval of BJC – June 2026
- Commencement of works – July 2026
- Completion of works – mid 2028

The above programme is the latest available however this will be dependent on the WG scrutiny period and subsequent approvals to proceed.

MWWFRS are fully aware of this programme and are able to continue with the LoFSM approach subject to progress being achieved.

The HB is in close contact with both WG and MWWFRS as we progress the BJC/PBC documents on all the above major projects. In addition, the HB has representation from NHS Wales Shared Service Partnership (NWSSP) Specialist Estates Services and Audit and Assurance Services on the regular Project Team meetings. It is also a standing item on the agenda of the Capital Resource Meeting.

2.2 Prince Philip Hospital (PPH)

All planned investment in Fire Safety funded as part of the Estate Funding Advisory Board (EFAB) programme are being delivered to plan. All works will be completed by March 2025.

The Operations Teams are currently assessing the scope and approximate costs of any remaining works needed beyond April 2025. Subject to this review it may be possible to complete these works under a Targeted Estates Funding bid in the 2025/2026 Financial Year, but this will be dependent on the level and scope of works needed.

2.3 South Pembrokeshire Hospital (SPH)

All planned investment in Fire Safety funded as part of the EFAB programme is being delivered to plan. All works will be completed by March 2025.

3. Operationally Led LoFSM

As part of ongoing engagement with MWWFRS, Fire Inspectors will continue to visit our Estate and issue LoFSMs as they identify any potential weaknesses in our Fire Safety systems. This is standard practice and will be coordinated via the Estates Operational Teams.

Any further investment needed as part of this ongoing management requirement will now fall within the operational team to manage and report appropriately.

Argymhelliad / Recommendation

The Health and Safety Committee is requested to:

- **Acknowledge and gain assurance** from the agreements reached with MWWFRS for the future programme on Fire Investment Projects.
- **Note** the reassurance received from WG on future capital support for this programme.
- **Note** the ongoing management requirement from the Estates Operational Teams in coordinating future inspections by MWWFRS outside of the Major Compliance work now underway.
- **Note** that further updates will be presented at future Health & Safety Committee meetings.

Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)

Objectives: (must be completed)

Committee ToR Reference: Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor:	3.11 Ensure reports and factual information from external regulatory agencies are acted upon within achievable timescales.
Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol: Datix Risk Register Reference and Score:	Estates and Facilities Risk No 813 Score 15
Galluogwyr Ansawdd: Enablers of Quality: Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)	6. All Apply
Parthau Ansawdd: Domains of Quality Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)	2. Safe Care 1. Staying Healthy 3. Effective Care

Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	5. Safe sustainable, accessible and kind care 4. The best health and wellbeing for our individuals, families and communities
Amcanion Cynllunio Planning Objectives	2a Staff health and wellbeing 5a Estates Strategies 7a Population Health
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:	MWWFRS and extensive site based survey information.
Rhestr Termau: Glossary of Terms:	Contained within the body of the report.
Partïon / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Pwyllgor Ansawdd Iechyd a Diogelwch: Parties / Committees consulted prior to Health and Safety Committee:	Not Applicable

Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed)	
Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service:	Funding sought from Welsh Government.
Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care:	Not Applicable
Gweithlu: Workforce:	Delivering a safe working environment
Risg: Risk:	Estates and Facilities Risk No 813
Cyfreithiol: Legal:	Potential for legal challenge if HDdUHB does not comply with requirements of Fire Enforcement Notices.

Enw Da: Reputational:	Potential for legal challenge if HDdUHB does not comply with requirements of Fire Enforcement Notices.
Gyfrinachedd: Privacy:	Not Applicable
Cydraddoldeb: Equality:	Not Applicable