

**COFNODION Y CYFARFOD**  
**PWYLLGOR HOSPITAL MANAGERS POWER OF DISCHARGE SUB COMMITTEE**  
**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE**  
**HOSPITAL MANAGERS POWER OF DISCHARGE SUB COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date and Time of Meeting:	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 1.30pm
Venue:	MS Teams

Present:	<p>Professor Iwan Thomas, Independent Board Member (Chair to POD Sub-Committee)</p> <p>Mr Maynard Davies, Independent Member</p> <p>Mrs Angela Brown, Member Appeal Panel</p> <p>Mr John Williams, Member Appeal Panel</p> <p>Mr Owen Burt, Member Appeals Panel</p> <p>Mr Phil Layton, Member Appeals Panel</p> <p>Mr Richard Griffith, Member Appeals Panel</p> <p>Mrs Lyn Maliphant, Member Appeals Panel</p> <p>Professor John Gammon, Member Appeals Panel</p>
In Attendance:	<p>Sarah Roberts, Mental Health Legislation Manager</p> <p>Ruth Bourke, Mental Health Act Administration Lead</p> <p>Louise Howells, Mental Health Act Administrator</p> <p>Nia Williams, Independent Mental Health Advocate, Advocacy West Wales</p>

Governance:		
Agenda Item	Item	Action
HMPODSC (23) 1.1	Introductions and Apologies for Absence.	
	Apologies for Absence were received from: Mr Rhodri Evans, Independent Member Mrs Sue Richards, Member Appeals Panel Mr Stephen Smedley, Member Appeals Panel Natalie Williams, Mental Health Act Administrator	
	Presenter welcomed all members, and informed members of a new member Ian Rees, the Chair also announced that Mollie Roach has now retired, and thanked her for her service.	
HMPODSC (23) 1.2	<b>Declarations of Interests</b> No declarations declared.	

Hospital Managers Power of Discharge Sub-Committee  
Part 1  
Sub Committee Business and Information

HMPODSC (23) 1.3	<b>Minutes of Meeting Held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023</b>	
	Members in attendance confirmed the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.	

HMPODSC (23) 1.4	<b>Table of Actions</b>	
	Table of Actions from last meeting held now all completed: .	

HMPODSC (23) 1.5	<b>Discussion of Learning and Governance from panel hearings</b>	
	<p>Discussion about matters arising from hearings during the last quarter:-</p> <p>Owen Burt expressed concerns with regards to ongoing building works within buildings during appeal hearings.</p> <p>Angela Brown highlighted a recent hearing which she attended whereby the professionals attending did not have extensive knowledge of the patient.</p> <p>Ruth raised concerns whereby some hearings have had to be postponed due to non attendance of panel members, and asked if there is anything more the MHA administration team can do in order to prevent such situations in future. Panel members agreed that it is unacceptable. The Chair will escalate the situation</p>	IT

<b>Received for Assurance – Operation of Section 23 Mental Health Act 1983</b>		
HMPODSC (23) 2.1	Operation of S23 Mental Health Act 1983 Report on the use of the Mental Health Act 1983 – 1st July 2023 – 30th September 2023	
	<p>Ruth Bourke presented the report and highlighted key areas of the report.</p> <p>The report showed that the number of applications made to hospital managers continue to remain low in comparison to pre covid years. This is the same too of applications to MHRT</p> <p>The chair raised concerns with the lateness of reports for hearings,</p>	

Ruth confirmed that this has been an ongoing issue, however due to distributing reports electronically members are able to receive reports in a timely manner, no hearings have had to be postponed due to this.

### For Discussion

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	<b>IMHA report (July 2023)</b>
HMPODSC (23) 3.1	<p>Members received the report provided by Nia Williams, Advocacy West Wales for information.</p> <p>Nia confirmed that the report represents a difficult time for IMHA services due to staff shortages, all essential needs are being met. Two new members have now been employed and the IMHA service has a full team.</p> <p>The report highlighted that Managers appeals have been quiet this period.</p> <p>Members congratulated the IMHA service on securing funding for a further 3 year in the Llanelli / Ammanford service and for the Advocacy drop in service in Pembrokeshire</p>

### For Information

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	<b>Minutes Mental Health Legislation Committee 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>
HMPODSC (23) 4.1	Provided for information.

Any Other Business	
HMPODSC (23) 5.0	<p>Ruth updated members that there was no mention in the Kings speech this year with regards to the mental health act reform</p> <p>Ruth confirmed that the annual reports from HIW and MHRT have not yet been published, once these are available they will be distributed to all members.</p>
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	Sarah gave an update on right care right person, a letter has been received this week from Dyfed Powys Police, there is an officer who will be overseeing this, they will be implementing it in four phases commencing in March 2024	
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	<b>Dates for HMPODSC 2024</b>	
HMPODSC (23) 5.1	2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024 @ 13:30 via MS teams 6 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 @ 10:30 – venue to be arranged 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 @ 13:30 via MS teams	

	<b>PART II TRAINING</b>	
HMPODSC (23) 6.0	<u>Further training requirements</u>  Ruth Bourke provided a training video on Consent to Treatment which is to be circulated to all members.  Richard Griffith confirmed that there has been an Upper Tribunal decision recently which looked at appropriate treatment in relation to people with Autism –SF v Avon MHPNHST [2023] this will be circulated with the training video	LH  LH

	<b>Date and time of next meeting</b>	
HMPODSC (23) 7.0	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2023 at 1.30 pm via MS teams	