



**PWYLLGOR DATBLYGU STRATEGOL A CHYFLENWI GWEITHREDOL
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONAL DELIVERY COMMITTEE**

DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:	27 February 2025
TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:	Extension to the review dates of Strategic Development and Operational Delivery Committee - Access Policy Review
CYFARWYDDWR ARWEINIOL: LEAD DIRECTOR:	Stephanie Hire, General Manager, Scheduled Care Services
SWYDDOG ADRODD: REPORTING OFFICER:	Amorelle Jones, Service Delivery Manager Planned Care (Performance & Transformation)/ Jim Plunkett, Validation Manager

**Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas)
Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)**

Ar Gyfer Penderfyniad/For Decision

**ADRODDIAD SCAA
SBAR REPORT**

Sefyllfa / Situation

The Strategic Development and Operational Delivery Committee (SDODC) is asked to approve extension to the review date (12 August 2024) of the Access Policy until 30 May 2025.

Cefndir / Background

It is imperative that Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDdUHB) has up to date and accurate written control documentation in order to comply with relevant legislation/regulations and minimise any associated risk. The Access Policy ensures that the period patients wait for elective (planned) care is measured and reported in a consistent and fair manner and in line with National Referral to Treatment (RTT) times rules.

The Health Board's Access Policy was officially last reviewed in August 2021 and was due for review by 12 August 2024. During July 2024, the policy was reviewed within the Scheduled Care directorate with a conclusion of no changes required. During the time of that review, a national consultation on Referral to Treatment times rules was commenced by Welsh Government.

Asesiad / Assessment

Justifications for the extension to the review date of the policy are detailed below. The extension date has been determined by the lead officers and assurance has been provided by the lead authors that the documents remain fit for purpose during the extension period.

- In July 2024, Welsh Government (WG) commenced a consultation on a refresh of the National Referral to Treatment Guidelines across all Health Boards. The consultation closes 12 August 2024. The Health Board's Scheduled Care directorate is actively engaged in the process.

- This WG consultation coincided with the internal review of the access policy (due 12 August 2024) where no changes to the access policy were recommended. The recent internal review took the following into account since the last review in August 2021:
 - Have there been any changes to national referral to treatment guidelines?*
 - Any further official guidance provided by the Welsh Assembly Government?*
 - Any significant changes to local service delivery impacting the access policy?*
 - Any significant changes to Information systems that may affect administration of elective care pathway patients?*
- The new rules are now not going to be confirmed until the end of March 2025.
- The national rules are due to be submitted to Chief Operating Officers and Medical Directors for consultation and to the wider planned care audience.

Argymhelliad / Recommendation

The Committee is requested to:

- **APPROVE** the extension to the review dates of the Access policy until 30 May 2025 when the new national guidelines are expected to be agreed.

Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)	
Objectives: (must be completed)	
Committee ToR Reference: Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor:	3.16 Approve relevant corporate policies and plans within the scope of the Committee.
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)	1. Safe 2. Timely 5. Equitable 6. Person-Centred
Galluogwyr Ansawdd: Enablers of Quality: Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)	6. All Apply
Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	3. Striving to deliver and develop excellent services 4. The best health and wellbeing for our individuals, families and communities 5. Safe sustainable, accessible and kind care 6. Sustainable use of resources
Amcanion Cynllunio Planning Objectives	4 Planned care, diagnostics and cancer Recovery

**Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol:
Further Information:**

Ar sail tystiolaeth: Evidence Base:	https://hduhb.nhs.wales/about-us/performance-targets/performance-documents/elective-care-policy/ All Wales Access Policy
Rhestr Termau: Glossary of Terms:	Within the report

Partion / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Pwyllgor Datblygu Strategol a Chyflenwi Gweithredol: Parties / Committees consulted prior to Strategic Development and Operational Delivery Committee:	Not Applicable

Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed)	
Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service:	Not Applicable
Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care:	Not Applicable
Gweithlu: Workforce:	Not Applicable
Risg: Risk:	Not Applicable
Cyfreithiol: Legal:	Not Applicable
Enw Da: Reputational:	Not Applicable
Gyfrinachedd: Privacy:	Not Applicable

**Cydraddoldeb:
Equality:**

Not Applicable