



**PWYLLGOR STRATEGAETH A CHYNLLUNIO
STRATEGY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:	01 July 2025
TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:	Regional Joint Committee Update Report and ARCH
CYFARWYDDWR ARWEINIOL: LEAD DIRECTOR:	Lee Davies, Executive Director of Strategy and Planning
SWYDDOG ADRODD: REPORTING OFFICER:	Siôn Charles – Head of ARCH Strategy & Service Planning

Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas)

Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)

Er Gwybodaeth/For Information

**ADRODDIAD SCAA
SBAR REPORT**

Sefyllfa / Situation

The purpose of the report is to present an update on the Regional Joint Committee (RJC) and A Regional Collaboration for Health (ARCH) to the Strategy and Planning Committee (SPC). The report outlines regional discussions held between Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDdUHB) and Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB).

Primary discussion at the RJC and progress of the Regional Clinical Services Programmes are summarised in this report.

Cefndir / Background

The RJC is a new joint committee reporting the HDdUHB and SBUHB Boards. The RJC met for the first time in January 2025.

The HDdUHB Board agreed governance arrangements for the RJC on 27 March 2025. The RJC will replace ARCH governance and delivery arrangements. This transition is underway.

ARCH meetings during this reporting period:

- Regional Planning Group met on 18 March and 15 April 2025

Meetings of the new RJC and subgroups held during this reporting period:

- The RJC met on 7 May 2025
- The Regional Clinical Services Group met on 20 May 2025

Asesiad / Assessment

The RJC in May 2025 approved the proposed governance arrangements, including the revised Terms of Reference, covering the establishment of the RJC, leadership, work programme, and transitioning arrangements.

The RJC endorsed the proposed work programme, focusing on regional population health and wellbeing challenges. The RJC regional work programme includes objectives for:

- Regional Health Economy
- Clinical Services
- Workforce and Organisational Development
- Digital and Data
- Research, Development and Innovation
- Finance and Contracting
- Capital Planning

The RJC will receive an updated work programme and development of collaborative models for regional working in August 2025.

Work is underway to prepare a resource analysis to assist in understanding existing resources and any required additional resources to support delivery of the work programme.

Public Health Wales led a presentation on establishing a Southwest Wales Regional Health Economy. The discussion highlighted the need for regional collaboration and the importance and benefits of a well-being economy for population health. The August 2025 RJC meeting will receive a Southwest Wales Regional Health Economy Action Plan.

The RJC received a presentation on the work programme for the Clinical Services Plan, which outlined regional performance targets for eye care, orthopaedics, diagnostics, endoscopy, radiology, pathology, and cancer services. RJC members endorsed the areas identified for progression and agreed to receive detailed plans at its meeting in August 2025. Further work included: exploring regional opportunities to optimise existing capacity and engaging professional support for alternative service delivery methods.

The RJC received outline plans to improve urgent and emergency care services, proposing a regional workstream to transform the operating model. RJC members endorsed the proposal for an exploratory workshop and agreed to receive an update on the outcomes.

The RJC received a presentation on Digital initiatives for 2025/26 included information on the enablement of regional pathology and ophthalmology models. Acknowledging the barriers to the production of a more ambitious and further-thinking work programme, RJC members reflected on the time constraints and demanding existing agenda. The RJC requested a revised Data and Digital work programme, in time for consideration at the August 2025 meeting.

RJC members received a presentation on updated plans for a learning event to support regional working, and endorsed the proposal, agreeing to allocate staffing resources and incorporate financial resource requirements in the 2026/27 budget planning for both Health Boards. RJC members agreed that subject to this agreement, the Chair of Hywel Dda University Health Board should chair the working group designing the event; and to receive an update at the August 2025 meeting.

A presentation on the regional approach to research, development, and innovation proposed the appointment of a shared, Regional Research and Development Director. The RJC agreed the appointment in principle and tasks the Chief Executives with leading further discussions at Executive level on the role's scope and salary, whilst ensuring appropriate appointment procedures are followed.

Argymhelliad / Recommendation

The Committee is asked to **NOTE** the:

- Report of the RJC meeting held on 7 May 2025 and Regional Clinical Services Group on 20 May 2025;
- Progress made in establishing the new governance arrangements; and
- Progress and plans for developing the 2025/26 regional work programme.

Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)

Objectives: (must be completed)

Committee ToR Reference: Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor:	10.4.1 Report formally, regularly and on a timely basis to the Board on the Committee's activities. This includes the submission of a Committee update report, as well as the presentation of an annual report within six weeks of the end of the financial year.
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)	7. All apply
Galluogwyr Ansawdd: Enablers of Quality: Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)	6. All Apply
Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	All Strategic Objectives are applicable
Amcanion Cynllunio Planning Objectives	All Planning Objectives Apply
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:	Agendas and minutes of meetings 2025-26
Rhestr Termau:	Contained within the report

Glossary of Terms:	
Partïon / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Pwyllgor Strategaeth a Chynllunio Parties / Committees consulted prior to Strategy and Planning Committee:	Lead Director Strategy and Planning Committee

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