



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

DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:	24 April 2025
TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:	PSBs Wellbeing Assessments - Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (WBFGA)
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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

Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDdUHB) is a statutory member of Public Services Boards (PSBs) in Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire and the West Wales Regional Partnership Board (RPB).

Each PSB Well-Being Plan has four priority areas, with an over-arching theme of reducing inequalities, inequity and poverty. Delivery and Task and Finish Groups have been established to support specific programmes reflected in the Plans with governance arrangements in place to the PSB.

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Board in respect of the recent work of the three PSBs and the RPB.

Cefndir / Background

PSBs were established under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (WFGA), with the purpose of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of populations within their geographic areas by strengthening joint working across all public services in Wales. The effective working of PSBs is subject to overview and scrutiny by the Well-being of Future Generations Commissioner and Audit Wales, as well as by designated Local Authority overview and scrutiny Committees.

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires each local authority area in Wales to establish a PSB. HDdUHB is therefore a member of Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire PSBs, and is represented on these strategic partnerships by the Executive Director of Public Health.

The WFGA places a collective well-being duty on each Board to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of its area through its contribution to meeting seven national Well-being Goals established by Welsh Government.

A PSB must produce a “Local Assessment of Well-being” which was last refreshed in 2022 and used to inform the production of “Well-being Plans” which contain “Well-being Objectives” that contribute to achieving the national Well-being Goals as laid out by WG. All three PSB Well-being Plans were published in 2023 for a three-year period, due to be reviewed and published in 2027.

The Health Board developed eight well-being objectives in 2019 that aligned with the strategic objectives to support long-term goals as outlined in the strategy, *A Healthier Mid and West Wales: Our Future Generations Living Well* (HDdUHB, 2019). These objectives are not confined to a single national outcome and align to more than one of the seven well-being goals as outlined in the Act. The Health Board publishes an Annual Report that outlines activities and programmes that contribute to achieving the national Well-being goals. These Objectives will be reviewed in 2025, in consultation with all staff, to inform future reports and publications.

Regional Partnership Boards, based on Local Health Board footprints, became a legislative requirement under Part 9 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (SSWBWA). Their core remit is to promote and drive the transformation and integration of health and social care within their areas, linking with PSB partners and established Delivery Groups.

Asesiad / Assessment

West Wales Regional Partnership Board Update

The RPB last met on 27 January 2025, focusing on proposed changes to form and function, and the identification of key priorities. Proposed changes were agreed, as was a focus on agreeing priorities and utilising Board meetings to spotlight priority for strategic discussion and direction. The importance of key data sets was highlighted, as was improving engagement with other RPBs. The ‘50-day challenge’ was discussed, and an agreement that further discussion was needed on the role of the RPB within this process. A ‘Senior Manager/Executive Workshop’ is planned to identify high level, long term strategic priorities to be agreed.

The NEST (Nurturing, Empowering, Safe, Trusted)/NYTH Framework, (Welsh Government, December 2024), for improving the mental health and wellbeing of babies, children, young people and their families, and the feedback received from Welsh Government was discussed, together with the role of the Children and Young Persons Board. It was agreed that a current vacant post within the Regional Partnership team be re-assigned to ensure compliance. The introduction of increased reporting for individual projects was also agreed.

The role of the RPB and how it can add value and ensure it meets its aims has been the subject of discussion in a number of planned meetings between senior Executives and the Chair and Lead of the RPB. Once completed, a written report will be presented to the Board. It will also be part of the refresh of the self-assessment tool and the Population Health Needs Assessment that each RPB in Wales must complete by September 2025.

The ‘50-Day challenge’ has continued to evolve, with the funding announced. Additional supporting papers have been requested, including completion of an initial ‘50 day’ funding template, a review of spending/achievements within eight weeks, a self-assessment tool to facilitate a discovery discussion, and ongoing weekly slides. The Regional Partnership team has worked closely with partners to develop a dashboard to evidence outcomes/outputs, and the funding has been added to our ‘tracker’ to enable monitoring of funding alongside Regional Integration Funding and ‘Further Faster’.

The Health and Social Care Regional Integration Fund (RIF) is currently at the half-way point of its five-year cycle, and two meetings have been held to begin discussing the future of RIF and

options for further iteration. A general consensus view is that this will be aligned to the vision of an Integrated Community Care System (ICCS)

The RPB conference and awards were held in March 2025, and partners were encouraged to sign up.

PSB Well-being Plan Update

PSB Well-being Plans have agreed objectives (or 'themes') which reflect the findings from the Well-being Assessments and subsequent engagement exercises which took place with key stakeholders, communities and PSB partners prior to publication. All three PSBs have cross-cutting themes of reducing inequalities, inequity and poverty and these are reflected in the updates provided by each PSB to inform this paper.

Ceredigion PSB

Ceredigion PSB met on 3 March 2025.

The Activity Tracker of progress made during the quarter against the identified priorities within the Local Well-being Plan for 2023-2028, was presented to the Board for comment and feedback.

It was noted that work had commenced on drafting the Ceredigion PSB Annual Report 2024-2025, which is planned to be presented at the PSB meeting in June 2025.

Discussion took place on publicising and sharing Well-being Plan Information Events that are relevant to all partners of the PSB. A calendar would be added to the PSB's website to help promote these activities.

The PSB received feedback on the Lampeter Well-being Show held on 28 March 2024. Over 20 stalls were present and insights from the event will be shared via a report, with PSB partners. It was suggested that a similar event could be held in other areas such as Cardigan and noted that support to host events could be accessed via Ceredigion Association of Volunteer Organisations (CAVO).

The PSB Chair provided an update on joint work between CAVO and Mid and West Wales Regional Safeguarding Children Board (CWMPAS) relating to community travel and engagement and access to services and support, the recently held workshop relating to the Shared Prosperity Fund and future regional collaboration.

A spotlight session on 'Ways of Working' was presented to the group, highlighting the work of Ceredigion County Council in developing and adopting a hybrid way of working utilising organisational assets and estates.

Other items discussed included the Refugee Resettlement Group update and feedback from Ceredigion County Council Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Well-being in Lampeter Delivery Group

The revised Lampeter Poverty and Deprivation Report was presented to the group. The report provides an overview of both urban and rural issues in ward areas Lampeter 1 (primarily in Lampeter town centre), and Lampeter 2. The report highlighted issues around community safety, emphasising concerns around high rates of specific crimes, increasing housing prices and high levels of unclaimed pension credit.

An update was received on the provision of youth services available, including the new Phoenix Project, Area 43, Stage Goats and a new Youth Café.

A Whole System Approach to Healthy Weight session had taken place, around asset mapping with access to food being the key priority focus area.

The group also received an update on the recent Good Food Survey, with over 200 responses received, and noted that a Social Model for Health and Wellbeing Summit event was taking place on 20 March 2025 to which a number of PSB partners had been invited.

Climate and Nature Delivery Group

It was noted that, due to the current Chair of the Group leaving their role with Natural Resources Wales (NRW), and with NRW currently undergoing a staff restructure, a replacement (and consequently a new Chair) has yet to be assigned. It is hoped that NRW's new staff structure will be in place from the start of the next financial year, and a new Chair appointed to continue the work of the Delivery Group.

It was noted that an opportunity to collaborate with Carmarthenshire PSB to complete the Climate Change Risk and Opportunity Assessment had been identified, with an initial meeting scheduled.

A meeting with the national Healthy Travel Lead and the Partnerships and Civil Contingencies Manager, Ceredigion County Council has been arranged as part of ongoing work relating to the Mid and West Wales Healthy Travel Charter.

Well-being in Cardigan Delivery Group

The group received the same update on the Good Food Survey and an update on the Age-Friendly Project.

It was noted that twelve members of the group had attended training to map food systems as part of the Whole System Approach to Healthy Weight.

Carmarthenshire PSB

Carmarthenshire PSB met on 21 January 2025.

Members noted that Welsh Government's, *Future Generations Commissioner's Report, 2025* is due to be published on 29 April 2025 and members agreed that this document would provide key drivers for setting future well-being objectives, reflecting the key priorities outlined in the Report – noted as better community involvement, simplified partnerships, and a focus on inequality and prevention. Key recommendations included promoting Community Wealth Building, making culture a statutory requirement, developing food strategies, establishing nature recovery targets, and prioritising prevention across policies. The published report will be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

Members received an update from the Whole Systems Approach to Healthy Weight, Healthy Wales programme, and confirmation that the regional work will focus on food access and affordability, and the importance of local sourcing and community partnerships.

The Head of Children's Services, Carmarthenshire County Council, introduced the Corporate Parenting Charter, highlighting the principles and promises to support care-experienced young people, and called for nominations to develop the offer.

A Climate Change Risk Assessment meeting was held on 4 March 2025.

Safer Communities Partnership

The group met on 31 January 2025. Key agenda items included:

- Implementation of the Single Unified Safeguarding Review process
- Domestic Homicide review action plans
- Initiatives funded by the Home Office Anti-Social Behaviour Hotspot
- Additional projects agreed to be funded by the Home Office Serious Violence funding stream
- An overview of the proposed Prevention Partnerships

Pembrokeshire PSB

Pembrokeshire PSB met on 4 February 2025.

The meeting focused on the Strengthening Communities workstream, where PSB partners took part in a 'Most Significant Change' (MSC) session. This technique is a form of participatory monitoring and evaluation, involving the collection of stories and data. Those examples showing the most significant outcomes are then examined by a panel selection process. Panel participants consider each story to identify the type of change that has occurred, for example, in the quality of people's lives or in organisational culture. Four stories, which had been through a selection process led by the operational and strategic Strengthening Communities Groups were chosen for considered by the PSB. It was noted that balancing measurable and meaningful data to inform organisational decision-making is needed but is challenging in practice.

Updates were also provided on the Poverty workstream of the PSB Well-being Plan including the local Family and Community Engagement (FaCE) Programme, which was noted as an example of joint working with education, health, social services and housing.

The Nature, De-carbonisation and Climate Change (NDC) Group discussed options for future Chairing of the NDC group as the current Chair is stepping down. It was noted that Pembrokeshire County Council is currently monitoring 24 climate adaption initiatives and projects and developing a climate adaption toolkit for local communities.

Argymhelliad / Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

- **RECEIVE ASSURANCE** that the Health Board is working effectively with Statutory Partners in order to meet the required obligations as laid out by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014.

Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)

Objectives: (must be completed)

Committee ToR Reference: Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor:	3.1.13. Consider population health and wellbeing assessments and other key information that underpins the strategic planning process to ensure the robustness and best fit of developing plans.
Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol:	Not Applicable

Datix Risk Register Reference and Score:	
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:	All UHB Strategic Objectives are applicable
Amcanion Cynllunio Planning Objectives	10 Population health
Amcanion Llesiant BIP: UHB Well-being Objectives: Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives Annual Report 2021-2022	9. All HDdUHB Well-being Objectives apply

Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol: Further Information:

Ar sail tystiolaeth: Evidence Base:	Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014
Rhestr Termiau: Glossary of Terms:	Contained within the body of the report
Partïon / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Pwyllgor Datblygu Strategol a Chyflenwi Gweithredol: Parties / Committees consulted prior to Strategy and Planning Committee:	PSB Well-being Plan Update provided to the Strategic Development and Operational Delivery Committee on 29 February 2024. Bi-monthly Update Reports produced for HDdUHB Board Meetings (last reported, 27 March 2025)

Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed)

Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service:	HDdUHB staff time to support progression of PSB Assessments of Local Well-being as well as supporting project groups established to deliver existing Well-being Plans. The Regional Partnership Board is working collaboratively to deliver "A Healthier West Wales". Health and Social Care Regional Integration Fund (RIF) funding will flow into the Health Board, but its use must be agreed through the RPB. Guidance issued in relation to the funding also identifies a requirement to identify an element of match-funding in order to be eligible for RIF funding.
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Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care:	<p>Improving the well-being of the population is at the forefront of this legislation.</p>
Gweithlu: Workforce:	<p>Implementing the five ways of working required under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 should lead to increased collaboration and integration between services, professionals and communities. “A Healthier West Wales: Transformation proposal by the West Wales Regional Partnership Board” includes a key programme of work focused on “an asset-based workforce”. This work will be refreshed as part of the development of new proposals to implement the requirements of the Regional Integration Fund.</p>
Risg: Risk:	<p>The Health Board has a duty to work collaboratively to address the seven Well-being Goals for Wales. Embedding the principles of the act into everyday business is therefore paramount and contributing to the project and delivery groups of PSBs needs to demonstrate the synergy with achieving the Health Boards goals.</p>
Cyfreithiol: Legal:	<p><i>The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015</i> (the Act) provides that the Health Board (as a designated public body) must publish a Well-being Statement, Well-being Objectives and provide an Annual Report on progress towards meeting these objectives.</p> <p>An aim of the Act is to place communities at the heart of decision making. The public can use the Act to ensure that public bodies are taking the approach to decision making that utilises the five ways of working in line with the sustainable development principle when developing or making changes to services that impact upon them and their community. The Health Board will need to ensure that all transformation and service change projects, including capital developments, take account of the new statutory requirements.</p>
Enw Da: Reputational:	<p>There is a statutory requirement for the Health Board to contribute to the work of the PSBs.</p>

Gyfrinachedd: Privacy:	Not Applicable
Cydraddoldeb: Equality:	The focus of equality runs throughout the work of the PSBs aligned to the Well-being goal: A More Equal Wales