

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.16998.25
<b>Subject:</b>	Community/patient public involvement on research board
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**Requested:**

1. Does your health board have an executive board or committee where health research strategy is set? e.g. a Research and Innovation Board or other relevant high-level board.
2. If yes, is there a PPIE (patient public involvement engagement) representative on this board with the specific remit to provide insights into research agenda setting from the perspective of a patient with lived experience of health issues or as a member of the public/community? [I am not referring to the presence of a lay chair].
3. Is there a PPIE advisory structure (e.g. board, committee, panel) which provides PPIE insights to inform the work of the executive board? (not within individual study groups- I refer to high level feedback into your research strategy meetings).
4. Is there a PPIE representative on medical specialty specific boards e.g women's health?
5. If yes to question 2, 3 or 4, please provide the most recent minutes/agenda with a list of members with designated roles/remits (not names).
6. Are PPIE representatives remunerated?
7. Do you require PPIE representatives to do any training? If yes, please specify e.g. NIHR training or in house-training.
8. I realise that some of this information may already be available. However, I was unable to locate it. So, if it is, please provide me with a link to the data.

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms it does have a committee where health research strategy is set. This committee is titled Digital, Data and Innovation Committee (DDIC).
2. The UHB confirms there is no patient public involvement engagement (PPIE) representative on this board.
3. The UHB confirms there is no PPIE advisory structure which provides insights to inform the work of the executive board.
4. Not applicable as the UHB does not have Medical Speciality Boards. A link to all established committees within the UHB, can be found below:  
  
[Board committees - Hywel Dda University Health Board](#)
5. Not applicable. However, in accordance with the Code of Practice under Section 45 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance.

Therefore, the UHB can confirm that it has a Research and Innovation Strategic Plan 2025 – 2030, which was presented to the Research and Innovation Sub-Committee (RISC) and then the People, Organisational Development and Culture Committee (PODCC) for approval, prior to being presented to Public Board. The UHB provides a link to the strategic plan that was presented to Public Board on 27 March 2025 below:

[hdub.nhs.wales/about-us/your-health-board/board-meetings-2025/board-agenda-and-papers-27-march-2025/board-agenda-and-papers-27-march-2025/25-1-research-and-innovation-strategic-plan-pdf/](https://hdub.nhs.wales/about-us/your-health-board/board-meetings-2025/board-agenda-and-papers-27-march-2025/board-agenda-and-papers-27-march-2025/25-1-research-and-innovation-strategic-plan-pdf/)

6. Not applicable.

7. Not applicable.