



**CYFARFOD BWRDD PRIFYSGOL IECHYD
UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD MEETING**

DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:	28 September 2023
TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:	Report of the Chair
CYFARWYDDWR ARWEINIOL: LEAD DIRECTOR:	Miss Maria Battle, Chairman
SWYDDOG ADRODD: REPORTING OFFICER:	Miss Maria Battle, Chairman

Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas)

Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)

Er Sicrwydd/For Assurance

ADRODDIAD SCAA

SBAR REPORT

Sefyllfa / Situation

To provide an update to the Board on relevant matters undertaken by the Chair of Hywel Dda University Health Board (the Health Board) since the previous Board meeting.

Cefndir / Background

This overarching report highlights the key areas of activity and strategic issues engaged in by the Chair and also details topical areas of interest to the Board.

Asesiad / Assessment

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

As the public is aware, Withybush Hospital (WGH) had a major internal incident declared because of the presence in large parts of the hospital of RAAC. The Board carefully considered all the evidence and its legal duty and took the decision to close 6 wards and other large areas of WGH to protect patients, staff and visitors. Many patients were transferred to South Pembrokeshire Hospital and other services were moved to parts of WGH that are safe. We regret the difficulties this has caused staff and patients.

On 18 August 2023, the Chief Executive and I accompanied the Director General of NHS Wales and the Minister for Health and Social Services to show them the extent of the RAAC problem and the challenges in transferring patients and services to other locations and continuing to provide care at WGH now and in the future.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to sincerely thank every member of staff, in particular the kitchen staff and all teams who managed to undertake this huge logistical exercise to keep everyone safe within 2 weeks.

It is heart breaking to hear the impact this has had on some patients because of the changed environment which is less dignified. I am grateful to the Welsh Government for funding the £13m to undertake short term repairs. However, the danger, disruption and cost will continue.

This starkly reinforces the need to accelerate the building of our new urgent and planned care hospital.

Site for Urgent and Planned Care Hospital

We had an Extraordinary Board meeting on 14 September 2023 and, following consideration of the comprehensible and extensive evidence, the Board decide on two potential sites for the new hospital at St Clears and Ty Newdd Whitland.

Conclusion of Public Consultation on Paediatric Services

On 24 August 2023, the public consultation period addressing the future of urgent and emergency paediatric services at WGH and Glangwili Hospitals (GGH) concluded. The consultation is an integral part of the Health Board's broader strategy to enhance health and care in the region. We will now begin considering the options and the consultation responses in a process called 'conscientious consideration'. At this stage, there is no preferred option for how urgent and emergency paediatric services at WGH and GGH will be delivered. The consultation findings and stakeholders' views will be presented to the Board at the end of November 2023 for a decision on the future options for the urgent and emergency services for children and young people.

Protecting Young Children Against Flu

Public health experts are strongly encouraging parents of children aged 2 or 3 years old to ensure their child receives their annual flu nasal spray vaccine to help lessen their risk of complications should they catch the virus this winter. Last year, flu was the primary reason for nearly 800 children in Wales aged 2-16 years old being admitted to hospital. Further, there is still a concern that children who did not encounter the flu virus between 2020-2022, when there was not a lot of social mixing, could be particularly vulnerable. Whilst anyone can catch flu, children have the highest rate of infection, and it can be serious for them. Given the anticipated winter pressures for the NHS, it is more important than ever that those who are eligible for a free flu or COVID-19 vaccine get vaccinated to help prevent them becoming seriously unwell and protect the NHS this winter.

Board Seminar 24 August 2023

Progress Recovery on Financial Choices Framework Update

Members received an update on the recovery progress as part of the Financial Choices Framework, highlighting that since the previous Board Seminar meeting, the Core Delivery Group will oversee actions in an effort to meet the financial deficit of £112.9 million. Members received assurance that all options are being considered with Directorate Leads to reduce spending, where appropriate; however, recognised the significant challenge to the Health Board.

Land Consultation Conscientious Consideration

Members received the Land Consultation Conscientious Consideration presentation by the Consultation Institute, which provided context and the significance of the steps undertaken in deciding on the land options appraisal for the new hospital. Members were reminded of the legal requirement to ensure conscientious consideration during the decision-making process. The Consultation Institute summarised the outcomes and the emerging themes from all sites, with Members noting that the feedback received has formed part of the planning work streams and that the outcome of the Land Consultation will be presented to Board on 14 September 2023.

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) Update

Members received an update on the Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) challenges that have been experienced at WGH. In addition, received an update on the work of the team at WGH and South Pembrokeshire Hospital to reconfigure the community model to manage a reduction in bed capacity. Members noted the timescales for completion of the surveys on the ground floor and the remedial work required before re-occupation of the affected areas.

Vision for Unscheduled Emergency Care

Members received an update on the vision for Unscheduled Emergency Care, including an overview of the innovative work undertaken in the Pembrokeshire region to date. It was noted that the multi-agency team has been working to streamline access to primary and urgent emergency care and make every contact count to maximise resources and improve the quality of services for patients. Members acknowledged that as part of the Transforming Clinical Services strategy, systems and pathways will need to be revised prior to the new hospital development and effective engagement with the public will be key. It was noted that there is commonality in the developments that are being made across the three counties of the Hywel Dda region; while resources and terminology may differ, it will be important to align the models.

Digital Services for Patients and Public NHS APP

Members received the Digital Services for Patients and Public NHS APP update, including an overview of the functions of the APP. Members were advised of the next steps to accelerate the APP's functions and roll out to all General Practices by November 2023 and work is underway with Third Sector partners, patients and Public Assurance Groups to encourage use of the APP. Further opportunities will require commitment from a number of services due to funding limitations. The progress of the APP was welcomed, given the complexity of what it is trying to achieve; however, the challenges in maintaining momentum for the system while the additional functions are being rolled out, was emphasised.

Celebrating Success/Awards

Long Service Awards

In 2019, we introduced the Long Service Awards in recognition of staff who have given the most hours, days and years to serving the local NHS across different professions across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire. We wanted to celebrate staff who have reached milestones working within the NHS. I and other Independent Members have been privileged to meet them personally to present them with their award, listen to their experiences during their 40 years of service, to their advice and to thank them on behalf of the Board.

Employee	Position/Location
Mererid Randall	Clinical lead Physiotherapist, WGH
Sharon Downing	Frailty Specialist Nurse, St David's Park
Nikki Cornish	Clinical Specialist Paediatric Physiotherapist MSK, WGH
Pamela Russan	Personal Assistant, Radiology WGH
Michael Swann	Reporting Radiographer / Project Manager, Radiology WGH
Sian Lewis	Office Manager, Radiology WGH
Alison Grigg	Sonographer Radiology WGH
Angela Merriman	Radiographer, Radiology WGH
Pauline Morrisey	Sonographer, Radiology WGH
Ann Davies	Staff Nurse, GGH

Helen Davies	Healthcare Support Worker
Jeni Bryant	Manual Handling Coordinator, Bronglais Hospital (BGH)
Wendy White	Senior Radiographer, Radiology WGH
Maureen Jones	Midwife, Maternity, BGH
Kay Cotter	Midwife, Maternity, BGH
Valerie Ruloff	Bro Cerwyn, WGH

Innovative Health Projects Shortlisted at NHS Wales Awards 2023

Two Health Board teams are celebrating after making the final of this year's NHS Wales Awards. These national awards recognise how innovative ideas for change can make a significant difference to the patients who need care, the organisations who provide care, and the health and care system as a whole. The two local health improvement projects are shortlisted in the Providing Services in Partnership across NHS Wales and Improving Patient Safety categories. It is wonderful to see two of our teams of staff and partners showcased for their inspiring work together. Our health and care community in west Wales continues to strive to improve healthcare practices and patient care. The next stage will see judges take part in virtual visits with each finalist to find out more about their improvement projects. The winners will be announced at a ceremony in Cardiff, on 26 October 2023.

Patient Experience Network National Awards 2023

The Patient Experience Network National Awards (PENNA) recognise best practice in patient experience across all areas of health and social care in the UK. The aim of the awards is to improve patient and staff experience by sharing and celebrating best practice. With 22 categories in this year's awards, there was an opportunity for a diverse range of teams to showcase their work. I am pleased to announce that the Health Board has been shortlisted in the following:

Category	Finalist
Cancer Experience of Care Award	Prostate active care together (PACT)
Commissioning for Patient Experience - Arts Boost	Improving Children and Young Peoples Mental Health through Art

The winners will be announced at a ceremony in Birmingham, on 28 September 2023.

Independent Member Update

I am pleased to confirm that following approval by the Minister for Health & Social Services, Mr Michael Imperato has been appointed as Independent Member (Legal) from 1 September 2023, for a period of four years.

My tenure as Chair comes to an end on 31 October 2023. It has been an honour to serve as Chair of the Health Board particularly during the global pandemic and work alongside our dedicated staff and Board Members who work tirelessly every day to ensure the health and care of our patients and population and to deliver our ambitious strategy. I would like to place on record my personal thanks to all who have supported me in this time and wish my successor well.

Following my retirement on 31 October 2023, Mrs Judith Hardisty, current HDdUHB Vice-Chair will undertake the role of HDdUHB Chair, until the Health Board appoints a new Chair.

Argymhelliad / Recommendation

The Board is asked to support the work engaged in by the Chair since the previous meeting and note the topical areas of interest.

Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)

Objectives: (must be completed)

Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol: Datix Risk Register Reference and Score:	Not Applicable
Galluogwyr Ansawdd: Enablers of Quality: Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)	1. Leadership 2. Culture and valuing people
Parthau Ansawdd: Domains of Quality Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)	Not Applicable
Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	Not Applicable
Amcanion Cynllunio Planning Objectives	Not Applicable
Amcanion Llesiant BIP: UHB Well-being Objectives: Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives Annual Report 2021-2022	6. Contribute to global well-being through developing international networks and sharing of expertise 8. Transform our communities through collaboration with people, communities and partners

Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol:

Further Information:

Ar sail tystiolaeth: Evidence Base:	Chairman's Diary & Correspondence
Rhestr Termiau: Glossary of Terms:	Included within the body of the Report
Partion / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Cyfarfod Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol: Parties / Committees consulted prior to University Health Board:	Chairman

Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed)	
Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service:	No impact
Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care:	Ensuring the Board and its Committees make fully informed decisions is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of the information presented and considered by those making decisions. Informed decisions are more likely to impact favourably on the quality, safety and experience of patients and staff.
Gweithlu: Workforce:	No impact
Risg: Risk:	No impact
Cyfreithiol: Legal:	No impact
Enw Da: Reputational:	No impact
Gyfrinachedd: Privacy:	No impact
Cydraddoldeb: Equality:	No EqIA is considered necessary for a paper of this type.