



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

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<b>TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	Strategic Partnerships Update
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<b>Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas) Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)</b>
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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).

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.

Each PSB Well-Being Plan has 4 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 arrangement in place to the PSB.

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**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 Public Services Board (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 (WG).

A PSB must produce a “Local Assessment of Well-being” which were 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.

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 (RPB) Update**

A briefing was provided to the HDdUHB Board on 25 January 2024. The RPB last met on the 22 January 2024 with a RPB/Ministerial Meeting taking place in the same month. The latter included discussions on Further Faster Funding, building Third Sector capacity and Social Prescribing.

A summary of updated actions following the last meeting is detailed below:

- Initial feedback from WG on the 6-month evaluation of the Regional Integration Fund (RIF) from the RPB was positive, identifying significant improvement from the initial submissions. A follow-up workshop took place on 5 February 2024 including feedback on positives/ learning from the submission.
- Further/Faster Funding has been signed off for 2023-2024 and awaiting confirmation of 2024-2025 allocation.
- RPB self-assessment closing date was extended to 5 February 2024 to allow statutory partners to complete their submission. This survey is designed to gather feedback on partners views of the work of the RPB, areas of strength, and areas requiring development. The findings will be fundamental to the future work and direction of the RPB in supporting partners and will be discussed at the next Board meeting.
- The Preventions Board, a sub-group of the RPB, held a workshop in November 2023. This workshop was open to all partners, and included presentations from WG, Health Board and RPB. The aim of the workshop was to initiate discussion on identifying priorities and actions for the Preventions Board in the future. A report from the event will be considered at the next Preventions Board on 28 February 2024 and then be made available on the RPB website.

### **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.

## Ceredigion PSB

Ceredigion PSB last met on 5th December 2023 and received an update from each of the three sub-groups (Lampeter Project Group, Cardigan Project Group and the Climate and Nature Delivery Group) which reflect the PSB's Well-being Objective 2, 'Work Together to reduce inequalities in our communities and use social and green solutions to improve physical and mental health' and 3, 'Work together to deliver decarbonisation initiatives within Ceredigion to protect and enhance our natural resources'. The PSB received feedback from the 'Prioritising' Workshops that took place recently and agreed:

- A continued focus on 'place-based' working for Lampeter and Cardigan Project Groups and a widening of the scope to Country level, of the previous 'Aberystwyth Project Group' now to be known as the 'Climate and Nature Delivery Group'.
- A decision to include the 'Active Travel' work within the Climate and Nature Delivery Group
- A Delivery Plan will be drafted by a Task and Finish Group to reflect the Well-being priority areas resulting from the recently held workshops - to be launched in early 2024, supported by a launch event.
- Establishment of a Co-Production Network for Wales with representation at all Delivery Groups
- All Delivery Groups/sub-groups (and main PSB) to review Terms of Reference and membership reflecting the priority areas identified within the new Delivery Plan

A summary of the PSB Sub-Group work to date is detailed below:

### Lampeter Project Group

- The group has focused on sharing details of organisational priorities and strategies relevant to Lampeter and the surrounding area, and considered the specific themes of anti-social behaviour, food, physical and environmental well-being and social, emotional and mental health.
- Inputs on establishing 'Warm Hubs' and the links to the Green Infrastructure Plan have been discussed.
- In 2023, the Ceredigion Local Food Partnership was established which linked work already underway within this project group.
- Reflecting the Health Board's Planning Objective 7c, 'Social Model for Health and Wellbeing' and long-term community-driven focus on prevention, Lampeter was identified as a focus area for piloting this piece of work. Actions have included the implementation of 'Wednesday Walks' for Lampeter residents starting from Lampeter's University of Wales Trinity Saint David campus and supporting and facilitating work around the Lampeter Well-Being Centre.
- The group have considered participating in a feasibility study relating to a Youth Engagement Project and this will be developed further as part of a Group Action Plan

### Cardigan Project Group

- An initial mapping exercise of resources and groups within Cardigan was undertaken and identified that many partners have a county wide focus and opportunities exist to tailor provision at a local level. Sharing research, knowledge and experience of direct service provision partners have resulted in several joint pieces of work to include the Cardigan Baseline Study, Economic Strategy, Shared Prosperity Fund, Green Infrastructure Action Plans, Wellbeing Centre development, Mid Wales Area Statement, People and Place Plans, Resources for Change Report, and the Primary Care Cluster Profile for South Ceredigion.

- Future actions include linking partners and networks via an asset-based community development approach, Improving local education and skills for the benefit of young people, establishing a wellbeing centre, enhancing outdoor facilities and the use of green space for recreation, improving health and wellbeing and adopting a preventative approach to provision within the local community and Improving economic and social outcomes within the local community - including the promotion of healthier lifestyles and improving access to local food.
- Underpinning this work is the general principle of co-production and collaboration.

#### Climate and Nature Delivery Group

- Initially a place-based Aberystwyth group focusing on supporting a feasibility study for the development of a district heat network located around the University campus at Penglais. This work has now been completed and the recommendations have identified the need for an enhanced funding package, with its own delivery structure to enable progression to the next stage.
- The remit of the Delivery Group has widened to a county-wide approach and to consider all climate and nature related matters as outlined in the PSB's Well-being Plan Objective 3. As with other groups, sharing of resource and knowledge has been reflected in partnership plans such as the Mid Wales Area Statement (Natural Resources Wales) and the Health Board's Decarbonisation Strategy.
- Future actions include the co-production of the Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP), completion of a 'Climate Change Risk and Opportunity Assessment', engagement with community groups to encourage participation and support to decarbonisation actions, encourage positive actions aimed at enhancing local nature and the natural resource, agree key commitments within the Healthy Travel Charter and support the implementation of the Mid Wales Energy Plan.

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) meets quarterly and report by exception, to the PSB. The CSP have recently undertaken a Strategic Assessment, the purpose of which was to identify and examine current issues and potential future threats that may affect the County to provide a strong evidence based, intelligence led foundation to inform a Community Safety Strategy and Delivery Plan for Ceredigion. The priorities identified two categories: Crime Priorities (*Sexual Offences, Violence Against Women and Girls, Illegal Supply of Drugs and Substance Misuse, and Domestic Abuse*), and Feeling Safe Priorities (*Burglary, Online Crime, Fraud & Cold Calling, Criminal Damage, Drug & Alcohol Misuse, and Visible Police Presence*). A Delivery Plan and accompanying strategy is in the process of being put together, and these will be published online once approved.

Additionally, the Armed Forces Community Covenant Forum is under the PSB Governance structure. To date this has been referred to as a PSB Sub-Group - alongside the Children and Young Peoples Provider Forum, Poverty Sub-Group and the Refugee Resettlement Group. Ceredigion County Council facilitates a cross-sector Forum which draws its wide membership from the public, private and third sectors. The Forum exists to implement the aims of the Ceredigion armed Forces Community Covenant.

#### **Carmarthenshire PSB**

Carmarthenshire PSB met on 28 November 2023. Actions agreed within each of the objectives have been prioritised resulting in two delivery groups reflecting PSB Well-being Objective 2 'Tackling Poverty and its' impact' and Objective 3 'Ensuring a sustainable economy and fair employment'. Two groups have met and a summary of work to date is detailed below:

#### Making Every Contact Count (MECC) Task and Finish Group

- The aim of this group is to identify and action opportunities for PSB organisation staff to 'make every contact count' with improved signposting and referral to support services and to build on advice services and support for residents through the Council's Hwbs, by developing opportunities for collaboration across PSB organisations.
- The group have agreed to focus initial activity to support existing Hwb public support services by offering improved networking of information between partner organisations and exploring formal adoption of MECC.
- It was agreed that participating in Level 1 (Brief Advice) online training was a valuable tool to increase the skills and knowledge of staff in having conversations to improve individual's health and well-being, especially those living with limiting life-long conditions or those currently waiting for hospital treatment. On-going work agreed to explore how this could be embedded within existing organisational learning and development structures. Level 2 (Brief Intervention) training was agreed as a future training objective which may link to a wider, regional approach to develop an accredited MECC training programme for all partners.

#### Planning for our future Workforce Task and Finish Group

- This group aims to plan for the future workforce by working collaboratively to promote job and career opportunities in the public sector.

### **Pembrokeshire PSB**

Pembrokeshire PSB met on 28 November 2023 and the agenda focused on Environment themed projects, such as biodiversity and the nature emergency, climate adaption and decarbonisation and net zero.

The PSB Well-being Plan is delivered via a Gold (the PSB Board), Silver and Bronze structure. There are three 'Silver' Project Groups with agreed plans in place reflecting the four objectives. These identify and allocate organisational resource, monitor and measure progress, identify cross-cutting themes across project areas and lead on engagement in each project area.

These include:

- Poverty Group
- Nature, De-Carbonisation and Climate Change Group
- Pembrokeshire Strengthening Communities Group

In addition, 'Bronze' Groups include:

- Pembrokeshire Biodiversity Partnership
- Keep Warm, Keep Well Project Group

Two of the 'Silver' groups have met in January 2024 and a summary of work to date is detailed below:

#### Pembrokeshire Strengthening Communities Group

- This group has been reconstituted following workshops in November and December 2023 agreeing integration of the Community Co-ordination Recovery Group (CCRG).
- The Chair of the group has met with WG's Minister for Finance and Local Government and the group continues to engage with the Policy Team.
- Priorities for future action include continued multi-agency engagement and drafting of an Action Plan to be presented at the next PSB Board Meeting.

#### Poverty Group

- There is a Strategy and Action Plan in place with an agreed monitoring process to assess progress.

- A Pembrokeshire Poverty Summit took place on 14 February 2024 to launch the Poverty Strategy, and included action for HDdUHB to develop own strategic approach to poverty.
- Currently supporting Pembrokeshire Voluntary Services (PAVS)'s Keep Warm, Keep Well Project

**Argymhelliad / Recommendation**

The Board is asked to:

- **TAKE 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
- **NOTE** the actions which have been completed to date, which reflect agreed outcomes to reduce inequalities and poverty – both by the RPB and the respective PSBs

**Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)**

**Objectives: (must be completed)**

Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol: Datix Risk Register Reference and Score:	Not Applicable
Parthau Ansawdd: Domains of Quality <a href="#">Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)</a>	Not Applicable
Galluogwyr Ansawdd: Enablers of Quality: <a href="#">Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)</a>	Not Applicable
Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	All Strategic Objectives are applicable
Amcanion Cynllunio Planning Objectives	7a Population Health 7c Social model
Amcanion Llesiant BIP: UHB Well-being Objectives: <a href="#">Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives Annual Report 2021-2022</a>	4. Improve Population Health through prevention and early intervention, supporting people to live happy and healthy lives 8. Transform our communities through collaboration with people, communities and partners 7. Plan and deliver services to enable people to participate in social and green solutions for health 3. Promote the natural environment and capacity to adapt to climate change

**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 Strategic Development and Operational Delivery Committee:	PSB Well-being Plan Update provided to the Strategic Development and Operational Delivery Committee on 29 February 2024

<b>Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed)</b>	
<b>Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service:</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>The Regional Partnership Board is working collaboratively to deliver “A Healthier West Wales”. WG are transitioning from Transformation Funding and Integrated Care Funding to a new Health and Social Care Regional Integration Fund (RIF). This funding will flow into the Health Board, but its use must be agreed through the RPB. Guidance issued in relation to the new fund also identifies a requirement to identify an element of match-funding in order to be eligible for RIF funding.</p>
<b>Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care:</b>	Improving the well-being of the population is at the forefront of this legislation.
<b>Gweithlu: Workforce:</b>	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 new Regional Integration Fund.
<b>Risg: Risk:</b>	The UHB has a duty to work collaboratively to address the 7 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 UHBs goals.

<b>Cyfreithiol: Legal:</b>	<p><i>The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015</i> (the Act) provides that the UHB (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 5 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 UHB will need to ensure that all transformation and service change projects, including capital developments, take account of the new statutory requirements</p>
<b>Enw Da: Reputational:</b>	<p>There is a statutory requirement for the UHB to contribute to the work of the PSBs</p>
<b>Gyfrinachedd: Privacy:</b>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<b>Cydraddoldeb: Equality:</b>	<p>The focus of equality runs throughout the work of the PSBs aligned to the Well-being goal: A More Equal Wales</p>