



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

<b>DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:</b>	28 November 2024
<b>TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	Hywel Dda University Health Board and Swansea Bay University Health Board Joint Committee Update Report
<b>CYFARWYDDWR ARWEINIOL: LEAD DIRECTOR:</b>	Neil Wooding, Chair Hywel Dda University Health Board
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**Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas)**

**Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)**

Ar Gyfer Penderfyniad/For Decision

**ADRODDIAD SCAA**

**SBAR REPORT**

**Sefyllfa / Situation**

The Board is provided with an update report on the arrangements for developing the Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDdUHB) and Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB) Joint Committee.

**Cefndir / Background**

In March 2024, the Welsh Government advised HDdUHB and SBUHB of their intention to direct both health boards to establish a Joint Committee in accordance with Section 12(3) of the National Health Services (Wales) Act 2006. This would be formed to strengthen arrangements for planning and delivering healthcare services on a regional basis where it is appropriate to do so to ensure continued safety, quality and ongoing viability of services.

Whilst there has previously been a Joint Committee for similar purposes, establishing a new Joint Committee provides opportunities which have not existed previously, including:

- Through the appointment of new Chairs and substantive Chief Executives;
- Establishment of new, and/or the resetting of existing relationships;
- Exploring regional solutions that will progress sustainable service provision and improved quality and outcomes, whilst addressing workforce, infrastructure and financial constraints under the banners of the National Clinical Framework and the Value and Sustainability Board; and
- Providing co-ordinated support to both health boards, with a particular focus on priority areas through the NHS Executive.

Welsh Government expects to see a commitment to regional working within the Integrated Medium-Term Plans/Annual Plans for 2024/25 for both health boards. There will also be key deliverables within our objectives and where there is a requirement to work collaboratively, Welsh Government intend to hold both health boards to account via the quality, performance and delivery framework.

## Asesiad / Assessment

The then Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services issued a statement on 19 March 2024 with the intention to issue a Ministerial Direction in quarter 3, and both boards welcomed the opportunities presented through this. The focus will be on population health, prevention and early intervention, with excellent health services that are leading edge and sustainable, and effective partnerships that focus on the wider determinants of health and reducing inequalities.

Both health boards attended a joint Board to Board meeting held on 17 October 2024 to develop a joint ambition and consider how to strengthen the existing regional working arrangements that are already in place. Even though both health boards were facing challenges, this was recognised as an exciting opportunity to work together for the benefit of our joint population.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Jeremy Miles AM, provided the keynote speech, charging both Boards to take the opportunity to 'set the aspirations and meet the challenges'.

At the meeting the two Board came together to:

- *Be courageous, to make decisions and work seamlessly across boundaries*
- *Improve the health and care of our joint population by making best use of the resources*
- *Co-create and co-produce ensuring health and care services are equitable and sustainable*

Furthermore, design principles were developed by the Boards, which will underpin our work as a Joint Committee. Design principles are a set of agreed rules, standards or constructs that will help us to make decisions and plan action. Furthermore, they help us to define our purpose through our intentions and behaviour. The benefits of using design principles are as follows:

- They will embed our values in our behaviours and actions;
- They will provide a compass point when conflict or disagreement occurs;
- They will ensure we are consistent in what we say and do; and
- They are universally understood and accepted.

The design principles agreed by both Boards are:

Mindset	Trusting each other to do the right thing and to act with courage and conviction.
Process	Driven by data and evidence and embracing opportunities to re-imagine, redesign and innovate
Outcome	Building sustainable and future proofed services that have the greatest impact and are in the best interests of all communities and patients

The inaugural meeting of the Joint Committee will take place in January 2025, where the draft terms of reference will be considered, prior to approval by both Boards at the end of January 2025. The next Board to Board meeting will be held in April 2025.

A programme of work will also be developed to accelerate the benefits of joint working and encourage a regional perspective on the work of each individual board.

## Argymhelliad / Recommendation

The Board is asked to:

- **NOTE** the update from the recent HDdUHB and SBUHB Board to Board meeting held on 17 October 2024.
- **APPROVE** the design principles as an agreed way of undertaking our joint working.

## 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>	6. All Apply
Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	All Strategic Objectives are applicable
Amcanion Cynllunio Planning Objectives	Not Applicable
Amcanion Llesiant BIP: UHB Well-being Objectives: <a href="#">Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives Annual Report 2021-2022</a>	9. All HDdUHB Well-being Objectives apply

## Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol:

### Further Information:

Ar sail tystiolaeth: Evidence Base:	Not applicable
Rhestr Termiau: Glossary of Terms:	Contained within the body of the report.
Partïon / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Cyfarfod Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol: Parties / Committees consulted prior to University Health Board:	Chair, HDdUHB

<b>Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau)</b> <b>Impact: (must be completed)</b>	
<b>Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian:</b> <b>Financial / Service:</b>	No direct impact
<b>Ansawdd / Gofal Claf:</b> <b>Quality / Patient Care:</b>	No direct impact
<b>Gweithlu:</b> <b>Workforce:</b>	No direct impact
<b>Risg:</b> <b>Risk:</b>	No direct impact
<b>Cyfreithiol:</b> <b>Legal:</b>	No direct impact
<b>Enw Da:</b> <b>Reputational:</b>	No direct impact
<b>Gyfrinachedd:</b> <b>Privacy:</b>	No direct impact
<b>Cydraddoldeb:</b> <b>Equality:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has EqIA screening been undertaken? No (if yes, please supply copy, if no please state reason)</li> <li>• Has a full EqIA been undertaken? No (if yes please supply copy, if no please state reason)</li> </ul>