

CYFARFOD BWRDD PRIFYSGOL IECHYD UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD MEETING

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TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:	Statutory Partnerships Update
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Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)

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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).

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 arrangement 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 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.

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

The RPB meetings have been focussing on a series of facilitated workshops concentrating on the form, function and purpose of the Board following completion of a self-assessment tool. Following these workshops, and the report that followed, the RPB meetings will now be re-purposed to ensure concentration on setting direction around integration and regional working and focusing on specific issues in each meeting.

The first of these ‘new style’ meetings will take place in January 2025, where the agenda is likely to concentrate on the changes to the Partnership Regulations, which came into force on 31 December 2024, and how the RPB will implement them.

Welsh Government attended a Neuro-diversity Conference arranged by the RPB, in preparation for the Rapid Design Event on 27 and 28 November 2024. Feedback from the event was very positive. This is a challenging area, requiring integration and partnership working. Welsh Government has confirmed that the West Wales Neuro-diversity Board has been successful in its bid for additional funding, with three projects being awarded £100,643 between them.

The ‘50-Day challenge’ has been introduced, with 10 ‘good practice’ principles that each Region has been asked to assess against and provide a weekly update to the Cabinet Secretary. Funding for this challenge has been announced, with the RPB asked to collate and oversee the work. The weekly returns have identified an issue in terms of access to information and data, which the RPB will look to resolve, to enable it to fully support partners. The quarterly Minister/Chair meeting was also focussed on the ‘50-day challenge’ discussing how to maintain and sustain long-term impact. The RPB will be organising a partnership workshop for Senior Managers/Executives to reflect and learn from the ‘50-day challenge’ and identify where performances are strong and where improvements need to be made. The workshop was originally planned for January 2025 but has now been moved to February 2025, to allow time for the initial impact of the funding to be analysed.

The Health and Social Care Regional Integration Fund (RIF) is currently at the half-way point of its five-year cycle and the first meeting was held with Welsh Government in December 2024 to begin discussing the future of RIF and options for further iteration. It was a positive meeting, and agreed that alignment of policies and strategies, and concentration on a smaller number of key issues - prevention and integration being at the forefront - should be the way forward. There will be bi-monthly meetings in 2025 with the aim of briefing the First Minister, late 2025. The Workforce Board has held its first workshop for registered managers across Children and Adult services. It was very successful, with positive feedback, and follow-up meetings arranged.

The RPB Newsletter has received positive feedback from Welsh Government representatives and is produced on a monthly basis.

The RPB conference will be held in March 2025, and nominations for the (extended) awards categories are live on the RPB's 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 and these are reflected in the updates provided by each PSB to inform this paper.

Ceredigion PSB

Ceredigion PSB met on 2 December 2024.

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.

The Board received a presentation on the Regional Travel Plan and Mid & West Wales Healthy Travel Charter, and the importance of ensuring parallel execution of both to maximise impact and opportunity.

The PSB Chair provided an update on the PSB Chairs' session that was hosted as part of the Shaping Places for Well-being in Wales programme, which the PSB Board were linking in with.

Future 'spotlight' sessions were also discussed, with potential themes such as Transport, Digital Services, Ways of Working and Skills.

A 'spotlight' session on the Whole Systems Approach (WSA) for Healthy Weight was presented outlining two workshops that had been delivered in October 2024 to the 'Well-being in Lampeter' and 'Well-being in Cardigan' Delivery Groups providing an overview of the process, outline of the work carried out to date, and the next steps. The PSB was provided with a summary of outcomes from the workshops, which included a sub-system focus of 'Accessibility of Food' - which will encompass the affordability and accessibility of healthy and unhealthy food. The WSA to Healthy Weight Team are working with Project Dewi, who are in the process of developing a 'Train the Trainer' programme, which will allow members of each Delivery Group to become asset mappers in each community.

Poverty Sub-Group

An update was given on the Fair Work Task and Finish Group - which was the outcome of a discussion at July's PSB meeting - facilitated by the Poverty Sub-Group. A range of Human Resources and Procurement representatives from several organisations participated. The Group put forward recommendations for the Board to consider and approve, including the creation of a Fair Work Charter to demonstrate Ceredigion PSB's commitment to Fair Work.

Climate and Nature Delivery Group

It was noted that a planned 'in-person' meeting of the Delivery Group scheduled for 16 October 2024 at the National Library of Wales had been postponed to a future date due to low availability of members.

It was also noted that the current Chair of the group was leaving their role with Natural Resources Wales (NRW). As NRW are 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 proposed that the Climate Change Risk and Opportunity Assessment would also be put on hold until the resources to support this work within NRW have been identified, and to aid consistency.

Well-being in Lampeter Delivery Group

A workshop session hosted by the WSA Healthy Weight team formed the main agenda item. Building on the findings of the Participatory System Mapping workshops carried out in Spring 2023, which looked to gain a shared understanding of the causes of excess weight and our local system, the Delivery Group was given the opportunity to prioritise eight objectives which emerged as priority topics and areas of focus.

Additional items included a discussion around Low Level of Health Support for Young Transgender People, an update from the Lampeter Youth Project Steering Group and a presentation on the progress of the Social Model for Health and Well-being.

Well-being in Cardigan Delivery Group

The group received the same workshop as the Well-being in Lampeter Delivery Group, hosted by the WSA Healthy Weight team, and prioritised eight objectives, priority topics and areas of focus.

Additional items included an update on Age Friendly Ceredigion, to include feedback from the International Older Persons Day 2024, ideas for recruitment in South Ceredigion and information on the Age Friendly Communities Grant. A progress report on the development of the Cardigan Well-being Centre was also given, where it was confirmed that a formal presentation of plans is in the process of being prepared for Welsh Government, with a focus on the services that could be provided from the Centre.

Carmarthenshire PSB

Carmarthenshire PSB met on 19 November 2024.

As part of the 'Responding to climate and nature crises Well-being Objective' (Carmarthenshire PSB Well-being Plan 2024-2027), members considered the draft *Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy* (2024), which aims to enhance well-being and sustainability in Carmarthenshire by planning, protecting, and managing Green and Blue Infrastructure (GBI) assets. The strategy focuses on improving community well-being, integrating GBI into infrastructure, and protecting natural resources. Key opportunities include new developments, retrofitting GBI, land management initiatives, and town centre improvements.

The next steps for the *Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy* include several key actions:

1. Consultation and Evidence Gathering: The strategy will undergo further consultation, and additional evidence will be gathered to support its development. This includes data from the Water Framework Directive expected in late January or early February 2025.
2. Exploration of Potential Areas: There will be an exploration of the value of timber in the county and the availability of the public estate as potential areas for further development.
3. Community Engagement: The role of communities in the strategy will be further developed, with a focus on how they can be enabled to participate. This will be supported by the Community Toolkit and new funding opportunities.
4. Accessibility and Integration: Opportunities to plan green and blue infrastructure to be accessible and in line with Carmarthenshire County Council's *Strategic Equality Plan 2024-2028*. This includes the *Allotments Allocations Policy* and Land Use Management work.
5. Monitoring and Action Plan Development: The strategy will be monitored and developed further following consultation, with a specific action plan to be created.

Coleg Sir Gâr attended the meeting to present the Green Skills Academy and the objectives of the programme, such as green education, workforce development, and meeting regional and national skills needs. The academy has delivered 1291 qualifications during 2023-2024 and engaged with various organisations to ensure learners access up-to-date learning.

Members also received an update from the Making Every Contact Count (MECC)/Hwb Advisory Task & Finish Group. The following recommendations were agreed by Members:

1. The development of a joint web presence to ensure that advice and support services provided across the PSB organisations are promoted and coordinated.
2. Key front-line members of staff within PSB organisations to be encouraged to complete the MECC Level 1 training (e-learning).
3. That the group continues to meet to focus on the insight faced by our communities and specifically protected groups.

Safer Communities Partnership

This group met on 22 October 2024. Key agenda items included:

- A presentation from the Probation Service on the recent legislative change resulting in the majority of offenders serving custodial sentences only now serving 40% instead of 50% of the sentence. This change was introduced to relieve the pressure of overcrowding in prisons and excludes offenders serving certain sexual and domestic abuse offences, violent sentences over four years and some national security offences.
- An update on prevention initiatives being led by the Police Central Prevention Hub, with a focus on collaborative working with partner agencies
- Updates on the new national process to undertake Single Unified Safeguarding Reviews which will include domestic homicides, with involvement of the Safer Communities Partnership and on the action plans relating to recent Domestic Homicide Reviews
- Regional discussion to decide on use of the Home Office Serious Violence funding

Pembrokeshire PSB

Pembrokeshire PSB met on 26 November 2024.

The main focus for the meeting was a 'spotlight' session on recent activity related to the Poverty project. Partners also received updates on the Strengthening Communities and Nature, Decarbonisation and Climate Change workstreams.

Partners discussed whether the PSB should consider completing the Future Generations Commissioner's Office *Ways of Working Progress Checker*, (2024). It was noted that the tool required a significant amount of work to complete and required certain historical PSB knowledge, which new PSB members would not be familiar with. Colleagues in Pembrokeshire County Council had attempted to complete the tool and the results of this would be sent to the PSB Chair for consideration and decision on future completion.

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

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 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 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	3. Promote the natural environment and capacity to adapt to climate change 4. Improve Population Health through prevention and early intervention, supporting people to live happy and healthy lives 7. Plan and deliver services to enable people to participate in social and green solutions for health 8. Transform our communities through collaboration with people, communities and partners

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 Termau: Glossary of Terms:	Contained 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:	PSB Well-being Plan Update provided to the Strategic Development and Operational Delivery Committee on 29 February 2024

Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed)	
Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service:	<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”. 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.</p>
Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care:	Improving the well-being of the population is at the forefront of this legislation.
Gweithlu: Workforce:	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.
Risg: Risk:	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.
Cyfreithiol: Legal:	<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</p>

	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.
Enw Da: Reputational:	There is a statutory requirement for the UHB to contribute to the work of the PSBs.
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.