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TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:	Statutory Partnerships Update
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Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas)

Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)

Er Sicrwydd/For Assurance

ADRODDIAD SCAA 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 existing 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.

Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire PSBs have agreed to merge with the first combined meeting scheduled for 15 September 2026. Pembrokeshire PSB will remain separate. This represents a significant governance change for the west Wales.

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Board in respect of the recent work of the current 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 the

current 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 will need to be updated and published by May 2027 - 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. As part of the planned structural changes a joint, regional Assessment of Well-being is underway.

PSB Well-being Plans have agreed objectives (or ‘themes’) which reflect the findings from the Well-being Assessments and subsequent engagement exercises.

The current Well-being Plans were published in 2023 for a three-year period with work underway for the next publication period to include a regional Well-being Survey consultation engagement exercise.

An interim Well-being Plan September 2026-May 2028 has been drafted for the new combined PSB.

RPBs, 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 has not met since the last update provided on 30 July 2026.

The Gateway 3 process for future funding has been completed, and a report circulated to partners. The date for the final decision meeting has yet to be confirmed.

WG has requested information for winter planning. An initial risk assessment has been submitted, with detailed plans being requested by end of August 2026.

Consultation on the Learning Disability Strategy has been ongoing, and information has been sent to WG. The first meeting of WG and regional Learning Disability leads has taken place, preparing for the development of Integrated Community Care system.

Public Services Board Update

A key area of work currently for the PSBs is the refresh of the well-being assessments. Consultation and engagement activities are underway with materials available in English, Polish, Romanian and Arabic. Resources were prepared for community engagement events including the National Eisteddfod.

A Climate Change Risk Assessment presented to the PSBs highlighted growing risks across the region, including flooding, infrastructure disruption and unequal impacts on communities. The PSBs have agreed that closer joint working, stronger shared evidence on climate risk and

adaptation, and development of a joint Climate Adaptation Delivery Plan, are priority next steps. For the Health Board, this is strategically important, because climate risk has implications for population health, infrastructure resilience and future service planning.

PSBs also continue to support the Whole-System Approach to Healthy Weight, with regional work now focused on public sector food procurement, following the Pembrokeshire Roots of Change workshop in March 2026.

Details of specific work for each of the current PSBs is detailed below:

(i) Ceredigion PSB

Ceredigion PSB has not met since the last update provided to Board in July 2026. Approved minutes from the last meeting (22 June 2026) are not available at the time of preparing this update.

Work has focused on drafting documents via specific Task and Finish Groups, made up of representatives from both PSBs, for the first meeting of the merged PSB to include Terms of Reference and governance arrangements.

(ii) Carmarthenshire PSB

Carmarthenshire PSB met on 21 July 2026.

Representatives from HDdUHB presented the second phase of the Stroke Services Consultation, which closed on 26 July 2026. The proposals are driven by new national stroke standards and concerns about the sustainability of current services. Board members discussed consultation arrangements, workforce requirements, prevention messages and the need to consider impacts on Welsh language provision and protected characteristics. Members were asked to share consultation materials through their networks.

An update was provided on the Social Model for Health and Well-being (SMfHW). Members were reminded that around 80% of health outcomes are influenced by wider social determinants, such as education, employment, housing and transport. Discussion focused on the importance of partner organisations embedding the model within their own organisations, promoting positive messages about communities and ensuring staff understand their role in improving health and well-being.

The PSB Merger Governance Task and Finish Group has developed the Interim Well-being Plan. Following mapping of existing work across both counties, three proposed priority themes were identified:

- Food and Well-being
- Poverty and Hardship
- Responding to the Climate and Nature Emergency

Members discussed opportunities to build on existing work in both counties, including food strategy initiatives, anti-poverty programmes and the joint Climate Change Risk Assessment. The Interim Plan will be presented to the first meeting of the new merged PSB.

The public consultation on the Local Well-being Assessment ran from 8 June 2026 to 8 August 2026. Six hundred and fifty-five responses have been received to the main survey. Two hundred and fifty-five responses have been received to the young people's survey.

Engagement activity has taken place at a range of events across Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion. A draft consultation report will be presented to the new merged Board in September 2026, and a draft assessment template is being prepared for members' comments.

(iii) Pembrokeshire PSB

Pembrokeshire PSB met on 14 July 2026.

Partners received an update on the Well-being Assessment and were encouraged to re-post messaging and promote the Well-being Survey to staff and networks. Timescales were also outlined in terms of reviewing draft chapters of the Assessment and nominating representatives to review them.

A 'Spotlight' focus on Pembrokeshire's third Poverty Summit (held in March 2026) was presented, and it was noted that a Youth Poverty Summit would be held in October 2026.

PSB members also received updates on the Environment and Communities workstream areas, the 'Roots of Change' Access to Food Whole System Approach (WSA) regional work, and the Health Board's Stroke Services consultation.

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.

Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)

Objectives: (must be completed)

Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix, Teitl a Sgôr Risg 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

Nodau Cynllunio 2026/27 Planning Goals 2026/27	3. 20Four7 Population Health
Hypergyrswllt i Amcanion Llesiant HDdUHB 2026 Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives 2026	9. All HDdUHB Well-being Objectives apply
Model Cymdeithasol ar gyfer Iechyd a Llesiant : (wedi'i gwblhau ar gyfer newid strategol a/neu newidiadau sylweddol i wasanaethau) A Social Model for Health and Wellbeing : (complete for strategic change and/or significant service changes)	7. All Apply
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
Partïon / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y cyfarfod hwn: Parties / Committees consulted prior to this meeting:	PSB Well-being Plan Update provided to the Strategy and Planning Committee, 24 April 2025

Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed)	
Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service:	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. 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.
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.
Tegwch lechyd: Health Equity:	Health equity is a core part of all PSB and RPB work and aligns with the Social Model of Health and Wellbeing. A health impact assessment formed part of health needs assessment work to inform the PSB wellbeing plans.
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:	The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (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. 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.
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.