

COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT/ ADRODDIAD DIWEDDARU'R PWYLLGOR – CHARITABLE FUNDS COMMITTEE (CFC)

Date of last meeting/ Dyddiad y cyfarfod diwethaf: 17 March 2026

Quoracy/ Cworwm: Met

Report by/ Adroddiad gan: Mr Iwan Thomas, Chair

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS AND MATTERS FROM THE DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING/ PWYNTIAU TRAFOD ALLWEDDOL A MATERION I'W HUWCHGYFEIRIO O'R DRAFODAETH YN Y CYFARFOD:

Alert¹ (may require discussion)/ **Rhybuddio** (efallai y bydd angen trafodaeth)

The Charitable Funds Committee had no items of which to **alert** members of the Board.

Advise² (to monitor)/ **Cynghori** (i fonitro)

The Charitable Funds Committee wish to **advise** members of the Board that:

- In relation to the **Integrated Hywel Dda Health Charities Performance Report**, the Committee noted an emerging risk relating to declining donation levels, attributed to cost of living pressures and potential impacts associated with the Clinical Services Plan. The Committee considered and recommended approval of the proposed governance, support and fundraising budget for 2026/27, to be considered at the Corporate Trustee session following the conclusion of the Public Board meeting.

This was approved at the trustee meeting held on 26 March 2026.

- The Committee discussed **Future Funding Requests to the Making A Difference Fund** and the need for a more proactive utilisation of Charitable Funds, with strengthened local Clinical Care Groups (CCG) ownership of plans to ensure funds are allocated effectively.

This was approved at the trustee meeting held on 26 March 2026.

Assure³ (to note)/ **Sicrhau** (i nodi)

The Charitable Funds Committee wish to **assure** members of the Board that:

- Within the **Integrated Hywel Dda Health Charities Performance Report** the Committee noted that the health kiosk grant, approved by the Committee in

¹ There is a lack of confidence that any action in place is sufficient to address the issue satisfactorily and/or within the scope of the operational team or executive to resolve. Engagement, action or intervention required.

² There are areas of concern where assurance has been taken on actions in place but requires close monitoring. An early warning of an emerging and potentially serious concern.

³ There is confidence that actions are robust and will be sufficient to address the issue or generally operating effectively. Routine monitoring.

December 2025, will fund the pilot of a staff health kiosk at Glangwili Hospital (GGH) prior to potential roll out to other sites.

- The **Hywel Dda Health Charities Investment Advisor Update** report from CCLA set out the medium risk ethical long term growth investments held on behalf of the charity, which are currently valued at £13.2m.
- An update on **Expenditure for 'Heads Up!' Cancer Services Hair Loss Support** highlighted the positive impact of charitable funds across a number of projects. The initiative has made significant progress in training hairdressers, upskilling healthcare professionals, and supporting patients experiencing hair loss due to cancer treatment. The Committee discussed the importance of expanding the service to include diverse patient groups and the need for a more robust evaluation framework.
- An update on **Expenditure for Arts in Health Provision Capacity Building Annual Review** outlined the growth of the team across the Health Board and the positive impact of the funded initiatives.
- The Committee received assurance that **Charitable Funds Financial and Governance Procedures** are under review and being strengthened.
- The **Rationalisation of the Charitable Funds** structure continues to support grant applications. The Committee expressed some disappointment regarding the slow engagement from CCGs, however, acknowledged the challenges with capacity due to winter pressures and other systemic issues.
- A total of 37 applications, exceeding £400k in value, had been received for the second phase of the **'Making a Difference' fund**, with lower-value applications to be fast-tracked through the Sub-Committee.
- The Committee received assurance from the content of the **Charitable Funds Sub-Committee Update Report**.
- The Committee approved the **Charitable Funds Sub-Committee Annual Report**.

Review of Risks/ Adolygiad o Risgiau

- The **Assurance and Risk Report** highlighted that there was only one risk assigned to the Committee, with the current risk score matching the target risk score. The report noted an 11% increase in income for the period, however the risk score remained high due to the unpredictable nature of the charitable income. Assurance was provided that identified controls are in place and working effectively; and that all planned actions are credible and deliverable, and in line with agreed plans, and will be implemented within stated timescales and will reduce risks further and/or mitigate the impact should risks materialise.

Sharing of learning/ Rhannu dysgu

- Not applicable.

Recommendation/ Argymhelliad

The Board is asked to:

- **Note** the items the Committee is advising them of
- **Take assurance** from the items that the Committee is providing assurance on.

Date of next meeting/ Dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf: 9 June 2026

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