

**COFNODION Y CYFARFOD BWRDD IECHYD PRIFYSGOL  
HEB EU CYMERADWYO/UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD  
CORPORATE TRUSTEE MEETING**

Date of Meeting: **15:30, Thursday 26 March 2026**  
Venue: **Ceredigion County Council Chambers, Penmorfa, Aberaeron, Ceredigion SA46 0PA**

Present: Dr Neil Wooding, Chair, Hywel Dda University Health Board  
Mrs Eleanor Marks, Vice-Chair, Hywel Dda University Health Board (VC)  
Mr Maynard Davies, Independent Member (Information Technology)  
Cllr. Rhodri Evans, Independent Member (Local Authority)  
Ms Sarah Harraway, Independent Member (Community)  
Mr Michael Imperato, Independent Member (Legal)  
Ms Ann Murphy, Independent Member (Trade Union)  
Mr Neil Prior, Independent Member (Community)  
Professor Philip Kloer, Chief Executive  
Mrs Lisa Gostling, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Workforce and Organisational Development  
Mr Andrew Carruthers, Chief Operating Officer  
Ms Sharon Daniel, Executive Director of Nursing, Quality and Patient Experience  
Mr Lee Davies, Executive Director of Strategy and Planning  
Dr Ardiana Gjini, Executive Director of Public Health  
Mr Mark Henwood, Executive Medical Director  
Mr James Severs, Executive Director of Allied Health Professions and Health Science  
Mr Huw Thomas, Executive Director of Finance

In Attendance: Ms Alwena Hughes Moakes, Communications and Engagement Director  
Mrs Joanne Wilson, Director of Corporate Governance/Board Secretary  
Mr Michael Gray, Director of Social Services and Housing, Pembrokeshire County Council  
Ms Mwape Burke, Aspiring Board Member (VC)  
Ms Clare Moorcroft, Committee Services Officer (Minutes)

<b>Minutes Ref.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>CT(26)08</b>	<p><b>Welcome and apologies</b></p> <p>Dr Neil Wooding, Chair of Hywel Dda University Health Board, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs Chantal Patel, Independent Member (University)</li> <li>• Mr Iwan Thomas, Independent Member (Third Sector)</li> <li>• Mr Winston Weir, Independent Member (Finance)</li> <li>• Dr Jonathan Arthur, Health Professionals Forum Chair</li> <li>• Mr Tegryn Jones, Stakeholder Reference Group Chair</li> <li>• Ms Donna Coleman, Llais West Wales</li> </ul>	
<b>CT(26)09</b>	<p><b>Declaration of Interests</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest made.</p>	

**Hywel Dda Health Charities Integrated Performance Report**

Ms Sharon Daniel introduced the report, which is being presented to the Board in its role as Corporate Trustee, to consider and approve Hywel Dda Health Charities (HDdHC's) proposed governance, support and fundraising costs budget for the forthcoming year. The Integrated Performance Report provides an integrated picture of HDdHC's performance and position as of 31 December 2025. Members were advised that the governance, support and fundraising costs remain proportional.

Ms Sarah Harraway expressed concern regarding the value of medium risk ethical long term growth investments held with the HDdHC's investment firm, which amount to £13.2m. She suggested that this could make a significant difference to both patients and staff. Members heard that the Finance team has agreed to provide a more detailed breakdown of these monies. Cllr. Rhodri Evans noted the following statement within the Summary section:

Benchmarking shows a fundraising return of £4.56 raised per £1 spent placing the charity above national benchmarks and demonstrating strong performance in a challenging financial climate.

He enquired whether there is any indication of how HDdHC compare with others nationally. Mr Huw Thomas advised that there has been an analysis, although he could not recall the most recent information. It was agreed that this should be revisited. Within the Focus for 2026/27 section, Mr Maynard Davies noted an intention to explore the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). He emphasised that this would require Digital team involvement to ensure application of the appropriate 'guardrails'.

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Dr Wooding shared Ms Harraway's view, above. He enquired whether this reflected a more general reluctance to spend Charitable Funds monies. In response, Ms Daniel indicated that there have now been two rounds of the 'Making a Difference' fund, with quite a number of applications for the second round. Each round has provided valuable learning. Whilst Professor Philip Kloer agreed that applicants should be encouraged to make submissions, he emphasised that the HDdHC needs to ensure it is operating within the spirit and parameters under which funds are donated. It applies extremely stringent criteria when allocating funds, particularly around staff wellbeing. He suggested that it might be worth exploring the processes of other health charities, to establish whether they take a different approach. Building on this, Mr Huw Thomas suggested that there are three aspects involved:

1. Structural – people donate to specific purposes/causes, with Children, Cardiac Care, Cancer Care being the most popular
2. Administrative – to satisfy legal obligations, there are various bureaucratic processes

3. Governance – charitable funds must be used to support items which are ‘over and above’ what the NHS would be expected to provide. They cannot subsidise areas of financial challenge

The second of these may offer opportunities which can be explored.

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**Decision:** The Board, in its role as Corporate Trustee of the charitable funds held by HDdUHB, **CONSIDERED** and **APPROVED** the charity’s proposed fundraising, governance and support costs budget of £569,676 for the 2026/27 financial year.

**CT(26)11**

**Any Other Business**

There was no other business reported.

**CT(26)12**

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

To be confirmed.