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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 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 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 structural changes detailed below, which include a merger of two of the PSBs, a planned joint ‘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. All three current 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 report.

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.

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

A more detailed update on the UHB’s health and wellbeing strategic partnerships (wider than just RPB and PSBs) was provided at the recent Strategy and Planning Committee (SPC) and a thorough and engaged discussion ensued. The report is available [here](#).

West Wales Regional Partnership Board (RPB) Update

The RPB has recently agreed the Regional Integration Fund (RIF) year-end budget and considered the gateway two report for the Future Funding Process.

The Future Funding Process remains the main strategic issue for the RPB. Gateway three submissions have been completed and will inform which projects may require future joint funding and which may need exit planning. This has potentially significant workforce, financial and service implications for the Health Board and partners and will require continued oversight as final gateway four decisions are prepared for August 2026.

The RPB also continues to support wider regional priorities, including, at the most recent May 2026 meeting, ageing well, dementia, and urgent and emergency care.

PSB Update

A key area of work currently for our 3 PSBs is the refresh of the wellbeing assessments.

Ceredigion and Carmarthenshire PSBs have agreed a Merger Plan to establish a combined PSB, while Pembrokeshire PSB will remain separate. This is a significant governance change for the west Wales system and requires effective transition arrangements to ensure statutory

duties continue to be met, local scrutiny remains robust, and partnership activity stays aligned with local population need.

Work is underway through PSBs governance, planning and reporting workstreams to prepare for implementation of the merger. Key priorities include maintaining effective scrutiny and reporting arrangements, agreeing interim planning arrangements, and preparing the next Assessment of Local Well-being. Consultation and engagement activities were launched on 8 June 2026, with materials available in Welsh, English, Polish, Romanian and Arabic. Resources have also been 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, with risks noted in the report informing the revised Well-being Plan. 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 PSBs is detailed below:

(i) Ceredigion PSB

Ceredigion PSB met on 22 June 2026. Approved minutes are not available to date. The online Activity Tracker, prepared for the PSB meeting notes the following update in addition to the work outlined above:

- The Fair Work Charter is progressing with partners working through internal governance structures to implement
- Reflecting the PSB merger, a review of the current Terms of Reference is underway as part of the Governance Task and Finish Group
- Annual Report 2025-2026 agreed
- A Local Nature Partnership (LNP) Nature Recovery Action Plan is being prepared supported by a new website providing partners with easier access to information and generate increasing collaborative opportunities.

A more detailed update will be provided in the next Statutory Partnership Update paper.

(ii) Carmarthenshire PSB

Carmarthenshire PSB met on 4 June 2026.

The meeting focussed on volunteering, governance changes arising from the merger with Ceredigion PSB, the Annual Report, the Assessment of Local Well-being and the Roots for Change programme.

Welsh Government presented the new Volunteering Strategy for Wales. The approach is built around relationships, support, and delivery, with a strong emphasis on leadership, clear delivery plans, inclusion, recognising volunteers' contributions, engaging young people,

promoting Welsh language and culture, and strengthening communication. The strategy seeks a more flexible and inclusive approach to volunteering and promotes a "Team Wales" model to increase participation.

Key discussion points included:

- Future engagement with HDdUHB.
- A Strategic Grant bid led by South Wales Police and environmental partners.
- Interest from partners in expanding volunteering opportunities, including staff volunteering days.
- The importance of building awareness of initiatives such as time credits.

The PSB approved the Annual Report 2025-26. The report includes governance arrangements, board membership, well-being objectives, key discussions during 2025–26, and case studies demonstrating delivery.

(iii) Pembrokeshire PSB

Work on the key workstreams continues; however, as a PSB it last met on 3 February 2026. An update was provided to the HDdUHB Board in March 2026.

The PSB meeting in May 2026 was cancelled, with the next scheduled meeting to take place on 14 July 2026. Agenda items include Well-being Assessment update, a spotlight session on the March 2026 Poverty Summit, project updates, Roots of Change update and HDdUHB Stroke Service 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
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Parthau Ansawdd: Domains of Quality Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)	Not Applicable
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Galluogwyr Ansawdd: Enablers of Quality: Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)	Not Applicable
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Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	All Strategic Objectives are applicable
Nodau Cynllunio 2026/27 Planning Goals 2026/27	All Planning Goals Apply
Hypergyswllt i Amcanion Llesiant HDdUHB 2026 Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives 2026	9. All HDdUHB Well-being Objectives apply
Model Cymdeithasol ar gyfer lechyd a Llesiant: (wedi'i gwblhau ar gyfer newid strategol a/neu newidiadau sylweddol i wasanaethau) A Social Model for Health and Wellbeing: (<i>complete for strategic change and/or significant service changes</i>)	Not Applicable
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 Iechyd: Health Equity:	Not applicable
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.