

EITEM AGENDA / AGENDA ITEM: 4**Cyd-bwyllgor Canolbarth Cymru ar gyfer Iechyd a Gofal /
Mid Wales Joint Committee for Health and Care**

Enw'r Is-Grŵp: Name of Sub-Group:	Mid Wales Clinical Advisory Group
Cadeirydd y Is-Grŵp: Chair of Sub-Group:	Dr Kate Wright, Lead Clinical Executive Director for the Mid Wales Joint Committee and Executive Medical Director for Powys Teaching Health Board
Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Is-Grŵp diwethaf: Date of last Sub-Group Meeting:	8 th September 2025
Cyfnod Adrodd: Reporting Period:	April to September 2025

Y Penderfyniadau a'r Materion a Ystyriodd yr Is-Grŵp:**Key Decisions and Matters Considered by the Sub-Group:**

The Mid Wales Clinical Advisory Group (MWCAG) has met three times since the last Mid Wales Joint Committee meeting on 28th April 2025, 23rd June 2025 and 8th September 2025. The following areas of work were considered and progressed by the group.

1. Review of MWCAG future approach to meetings and membership

At the last Mid Wales Joint Committee (MWJC) meeting in April 2025 it was reported that the MWCAG had discussed the future approach to meetings and membership. The group proposed that the membership be reviewed and reduced to a core group with meetings to focus on a specific service area / pathway with relevant organisational representatives invited to attend in addition to the core group. At the time of the April 2025 MWJC meeting, feedback was awaited from MWCAG members on the proposed approach and membership.

The revised draft terms of reference and membership were agreed by the MWCAG at its meeting on 28th April 2025 and subsequently by the Mid Wales Planning and Delivery Executive Group (MWPDEG) at its meeting on 16th May 2025. The revised approach to meetings will support the delivery of the Mid Wales Priorities and Delivery Plan with the MWCAG providing clinical support and advice either as identified by the group or as commissioned by the MWPDEG. This will include those organisational strategic service change programmes and proposals for service areas / pathways where there are potential implications for the Mid Wales population.

The new approach to meetings is slowly being embedded. Due to competing priorities regular attendance by clinicians has been challenging. It is hoped that this more focused approach will prove to be a more effective use of clinical time.

2. Mid Wales priorities and delivery plan 2025/26

The latest update on the Mid Wales Priorities and Delivery Plan for 2025/26 is a standing agenda item for MWCAG meetings (ref Agenda Item 3. Mid Wales Priorities and Delivery Plan 2025/26). Discussions at the last meeting of the group focused on those priority workstreams which were rated as amber (off track) as follows:

- **Urology - Prostate cancer PSA pathway**

The Mid Wales Urology group has identified an issue with the process for the monitoring and surveillance of PSA levels for i) patients who had high PSA levels investigated with no prostate cancer detected and ii) patients with high PSA levels who were 5 years post treatment. Primary Care practitioners are monitoring certain groups of prostate cancer patients but internal processes were found to be inconsistent with no shared care arrangements in place. The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Clinical Knowledge Summary for Prostate Cancer states that the monitoring of prostate cancer patients can be carried out in primary care under shared care arrangements. The issue has been referred to the HDdUHB Urology Team and Deputy Medical Director and Deputy Associate Medical Directors for advice on how this should be taken forward as the solution may potentially have resource implications. As this is a longstanding issue the MWJC Programme Manager will lead on co-ordinating the required actions to address this issue.

- **Dental - Paediatric General Anaesthesia at Bronglais General Hospital**

Progress on the establishment of HDdUHB Paediatric General Anaesthesia Task and Finish Group has been delayed due to staffing capacity challenges within the HDdUHB Dental team. Further discussions have been held with the HDdUHB General Dental Services (GDS) Clinical Lead and Associate Director as to the future approach for this work and the first meeting of the task and finish group is to be arranged for September/October 2025. The MWCAG agreed that there is a need for Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) and Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) to have early involvement in the work of the HDdUHB led project and that consideration be given to whether the scope of the work needs to be broadened to consider national programmes of work. The MWJC Programme Director has met with the HDdUHB Head of Dental and Optometry services to feedback the points raised by MWCAG which will be incorporated into the HDdUHB programme of work.

- **Mid Wales Stroke Steering Group**

In response to a request from MWPDEG to consider the proposed changes for stroke services across the region, the MWCAG established a task and finish group of relevant clinical and planning leads from across Mid Wales to i) respond to the service changes across the region and the implications for the Mid Wales population and ii) to outline a robust stroke pathway for Mid Wales.

The group's membership comprises relevant medical and planning representatives from the three Health Boards and Welsh Ambulance Services University NHS Trust (WAST) with the Regional Stroke Programme Manager for A Regional Collaboration for Health (ARCH) / SBUHB HDdUHB Joint Committee attending meetings of the group. The group which is now known as the Mid Wales Stroke Steering Group met twice on 1st July 2025 and 13th August 2025. Dr Sreeman Andole, Medical Director for BCUHB, has chaired the group but left his role with BCUHB at the end of September 2025. As such the group has been asked by MWCAG to nominate one of its members as the new Chair.

The MWCAG noted the challenges and opportunities identified by the steering group and asked that a summary appraising the work undertaken to date be drafted and shared with MWCAG and the HDdUHB Clinical Service Plan (CSP) programme team. The MWCAG also agreed that there is a need to for a mechanism to ensure the steering group be kept informed of the public feedback received by HDdUHB from its CSP consultation on stroke services and the alternative ideas that these are generating.

3. PTHB North Powys Wellbeing Programme

Phase one of the North Powys Wellbeing Programme is progressing as planned with the outline business case being developed.

4. Strategic Change Programmes

The MWCAG received the following update on strategic service change programmes as follows:

- **Powys Teaching Health Board 'Better Together Case for Change programme**

The purpose of the PTHB Better Together programme is to enable a review of services to improve quality and secure a more sustainable position. The second phase of engagement for the programme, which sought the public's views on Adult Physical and Mental Health Community Services in Powys, ended on 27th July 2025. The information received during the engagement phase is now being appraised with a report under development for presenting to the Board of PTHB. Following this there will be a public consultation phase.

- **Hywel Dda University Health Board Clinical Services Plan (CSP)**

The HDdUHB CSP consultation and engagement phase, which covers 9 individual service areas, closed on 31st August 2025 and the Health Board has now moved into the conscientious consideration phase. The timescale for reporting the findings of the consultation to the Board of HDdUHB has been moved to February 2026 (originally planned as November 2025). This is due to the significant amount of feedback and alternative options received and the need to allow sufficient time for these are considered and assessed effectively.

- **Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Tywyn Hospital Service review**

BCUHB is currently undertaking a formal service review of Tywyn Hospital, focusing on the future of its inpatient ward, which closed in April 2023 due to staffing issues. As part of its community engagement exercise, residents and community groups have been invited to provide their views to help shape the next steps. The Board of BCUHB is expected to make a decision by December 2025.

5. Integrated Care Centres and Community Hospitals across Mid Wales

The MWPDEG has asked the MWCAG to review Integrated Care Centres and Community Hospital across Mid Wales to look at what is being undertaken where, whether anything could be done differently and whether there are any opportunities for joint working. The Rural Health and Care Wales (RHCW) report on Community Hospitals has not yet been published but when available will be circulated to members and this report will be used to inform the review.

6. Measuring Outcomes

The Chair of MWPDEG, Professor Phil Kloer, asked MWCAG to consider how outcomes should be developed and measured. In response the MWCAG has agreed that each priority / workstream should be asked to provide a view on the progress of work and the expected outcomes so that this is built into their work programme going forward.

Materion sydd angen eu cytuno neu trafod ymhellach gan y Cyd-Bwyllgor:
Items to be referred to the Joint Committee for agreement or discussion:

No items for referral.

Gwaith Cynlluniedig yr Is-Grŵp ar gyfer y cyfnod nesaf:

Planned Sub-Group work for the next period:

- Mid Wales Priorities and Delivery Plan 2025/26
- North Powys Wellbeing Programme update
- Strategic Service Change programmes of relevance to the Mid Wales population including presentation on the upcoming the Powys Teaching Health Board 'Better Together' Programme consultation on Adult Physical and Mental Health Community Services in Powys, updates on the Hywel Dda University Health Board Clinical Services Plan and BCUHB Tywyn Hospital service review.
- Mid Wales Stroke Steering Group
- Integrated Care Centres and Community Hospitals across Mid Wales

Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Is-Grŵp nesaf:

Date of Next Sub-Group Meeting:

10.00am Monday 20th October 2025