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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 Social Care Group
Cadeirydd y Is-Grŵp: Chair of Sub-Group:	The Mid Wales Social Care Group is currently without a Chair following the retirement of the previous Chair in May 2025. Keith Jones, Director of Operational Planning and Performance for Hywel Dda University Health Board and Programme Director for the Mid Wales Joint Committee (MWJC), will provide an update on behalf of the Mid Wales Social Care Group.
Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Is-Grŵp diwethaf: Date of last Sub-Group Meeting:	Due to low attendance formal meetings have been replaced with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings/workshops to focus on a specific priority with relevant officers from each Local Authority invited to attend. • Monthly email communication between members to highlight any immediate areas of concern which the group need to be aware of.
Cyfnod Adrodd: Reporting Period:	April to September 2025
<p>Y Penderfyniadau a'r Materion a Ystyriodd yr Is-Grŵp: Key Decisions and Matters Considered by the Sub-Group:</p> <p>The Mid Wales Social Care Group was established in 2022 to align social care priorities across Mid Wales, supporting integrated planning and delivery across Powys, Ceredigion, and South Meirionnydd. At the MWJC meeting in April 2025, it was confirmed that the Mid Wales Social Care Group had set the social care priorities for 2025/26. However, engagement from members of the group has declined due to a number of factors including Directors of Social Services and their senior teams having different service areas within their portfolio which has made it challenging to get the appropriate people involved in the priority work programmes. Also, in May 2025 Donna Pritchard, Corporate Lead Officer - Porth Ceredigion for Ceredigion County Council, took phased retirement and stepped back from chairing the group. As such it was felt that this was an opportune time to review and refresh the future role and purpose of the group.</p> <p>The MWJC Programme Director has held individual meetings with the Director of Social Services for Gwynedd Council, Powys County Council and Ceredigion County Council to seek their views on the future role and purpose of the Mid Wales Social Care group and how social care can be take forward within the MWJC work programme. Differing views have been expressed and as such the three Directors of Social Services will now meet jointly to consider their views further and as part of their discussions they have been asked to take into account the Mid Wales Healthcare Study (Welsh Institute for Health and Social Care (WIHSC), September 2015) and the number of references made in the study to how close working between health and social care could be of great benefit to rural health and care services.</p>	

The Director of Social Services for Ceredigion County Council has been asked to feedback to the MWJC Programme Director the outputs of the tripartite meeting of Mid Wales Directors of Social Services so he can consider the next steps that need to be taken.

Materion sydd angen eu cytuno neu trafod ymhellach gan y Cyd-Bwyllgor:

Items to be referred to the Joint Committee for agreement or discussion:

The MWJC Programme Director has held individual meetings with the Director of Social Services for Gwynedd Council, Powys County Council and Ceredigion County Council to seek their views on the future role and purpose of the Mid Wales Social Care group and how social care can be take forward within the MWJC work programme.

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

Planned Sub-Group work for the next period:

Directors of Social Services for Gwynedd Council, Powys County Council and Ceredigion County Council to meet to consider their differing views on the future role and purpose of the Mid Wales Social Group and how social care can be included within the work of the Mid Wales Joint Committee.

MWJC Programe Director to consider the outputs of the tripartite meeting of Mid Wales Directors of Social Services and the next steps that need to be taken.

Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Is-Grŵp nesaf:

Date of Next Sub-Group Meeting:

Not applicable.