

EITEM AGENDA / AGENDA ITEM: 5.2

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:	Rural Health and Care Wales Stakeholder Group
Cadeirydd y Is-Grŵp: Chair of Sub-Group:	Keith Jones, Programme Director for the Mid Wales Joint Committee <u>and</u> Director of Operational Planning & Performance for Hywel Dda University Health Board
Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Is-Grŵp diwethaf: Date of last Sub-Group Meeting:	9 June 2026
Cyfnod Adrodd: Reporting Period:	October 2025 – August 2026
<i>Y Penderfyniadau a'r Materion a Ystyriodd yr Is-Grŵp:</i> Key Decisions and Matters Considered by the Sub-Group: • Minutes of the Rural Health and Care Wales (RHCW) Stakeholder Group meetings held on 09/12/25, 03/03/26 and 09/06/26. • Matters Arising and Table of Actions. • Approval of the RHCW Work Programme and Budget for 2026/27 • RHCW Progress Reports (RHCW Work Programme 2025/26 and 2026/27). • Presentations on: ○ “Art Cure” – the impact of arts and creativity on the health and wellbeing of individuals (<i>Prof., Daisy Fancourt, University College London</i>). ○ Update on the Centre for Excellence in Rural Health Research (<i>Dr Rachel Rahman, Aberystwyth University</i>). ○ Development of the “Caerfyrddin experience” (<i>Dr Lauren Blake, Swansea University</i>). ○ Some Cross Border challenges for rural residents (<i>Tom Brooks, Public and Patient Representative, Gwynedd / Community Hospitals Association</i>). ○ North Wales Regional Innovation Coordination (RIC) Hub update (<i>Sarah Bartlett, North Wales RIC Hub Manager</i>). ○ Field Connex – shaping practical connectivity for community care (<i>Dr Leshan Uggalla, University of South Wales</i>). ○ MyWay Diabetes – a 90 day Mid Wales pilot proposal (<i>Mark Orrell & Chris Avery, MyWay Digital Health</i>). ○ “You are worth the journey” – Pembrokeshire Association of Community Transport Organisations (PACTO) and Community Transport support for health and care in Pembrokeshire (<i>Ady Poole, PACTO</i>). ○ A new route for Swansea University’s Graduate Entry to Medicine (GEM) programme (<i>Dr Lauren Blake, Swansea University</i>). ○ The School of Health and Social Care at University of Wales Trinity St David (UWSTD) (<i>Prof. Wendy Dearing, UWSTD</i>).	

The group has also participated in Welsh Government consultations relating to: • National Strategy for Unpaid Carers 2026. • Dementia Strategy for Wales 2026 – 2036.	
<i>Materion sydd angen eu cytuno neu trafod ymhellach gan y Cyd-Bwyllgor:</i> Items to be referred to the Joint Committee for agreement or discussion: The Mid Wales Joint Committee is asked to acknowledge the work undertaken by the RHCW Stakeholder Group in providing guidance to the delivery, and monitoring attainment, of the RHCW Work Programme for 2025/26 and 2026/27.	
<i>Gwaith Cynlluniedig yr Is-Grŵp ar gyfer y cyfnod nesaf:</i> Planned Sub-Group work for the next period: • To complete identified actions from the June 2026 meeting. • To continue to monitor progress made against the RHCW Work Programme for 2026/27.	
<i>Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Is-Grŵp Nesaf:</i> Date of Next Sub-Group Meeting:	
	8 September 2026