

**EITEM AGENDA / AGENDA ITEM: 2****Cyd-bwyllgor Canolbarth Cymru ar gyfer Iechyd a Gofal /  
Mid Wales Joint Committee for Health and Care**

<b>Dyddiad y Cyfarfod: Date of Meeting:</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022		
<b>Eitem ar yr Agenda: Title of Report:</b>	Report of the Lead Chair		
<b>Arweinydd: Lead:</b>	Maria Battle, Chair of Hywel Dda University Health Board and Interim Lead Chair for the Mid Wales Joint Committee (MWJC)		
<b>Pwrpas yr adroddiad: Purpose of the Report:</b>	To receive a written update from the MWJC Lead Chair regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant matters undertaken as Lead Chair</li> <li>• Provide an overview of the current key items of relevance to the MWJC.</li> </ul>	<b>Ar gyfer cytundeb For Agreement</b>	
		<b>Ar gyfer trafodaeth For Discussion</b>	
		<b>Ar gyfer gwybodaeth For Information</b>	✓

**Crynodeb / Summary**

Members will note that I have taken on the role of Interim Lead Chair for the Joint Committee in place of Professor Vivienne Harpwood whose role as Chair of Powys Teaching Health Board ended on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022. I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to Vivienne for her support and leadership of the Mid Wales Joint Committee and the former Mid Wales Healthcare Collaborative over the last 8 years.

Members will be acutely aware of the on-going challenges faced by health and social care services across Wales. I would like to pay tribute to health and social care staff for their on-going care, dedication, and commitment to ensure key services have been maintained during this extremely difficult time.

This report provides the opportunity to present items to the Mid Wales Joint Committee in order to demonstrate areas of work that are being progressed and achievements that are being made, which may not be directly reported to the Joint Committee through the other reports presented to its meetings. This report is intended to ensure that the Mid Wales Joint Committee are kept up to date on work undertaken, both nationally and regionally, and provides an opportunity to highlight areas which can be brought back to future meetings of the Joint Committee.

**1. National developments****NHS Wales awarded highest honour by the Queen**

In July 2022 the late Queen presented the George Cross to Judith Paget, NHS Wales Chief Executive, and Dr Ami Jones, Intensive Care Consultant. They received the award on behalf of the entire team of NHS Wales workers - the nurses, doctors, cleaners, paramedics, porters, therapists - in recognition of their courage, compassion and skill. The former Chief Nursing Officer for Wales, Jean White, representing NHS Wales team, wore the George Cross and marched behind the Queens Coffin at her recent funeral

## **Launch of the See on Symptoms (SOS) and Patient Initiated Follow Up (PIFU) National Website**

The National Planned Care Programme in Wales is leading transformative change to ensure services are delivered in the most efficient way and that patients are seen by the right person, in the right place, at the right time. See on Symptoms (SOS) and Patient Initiated Follow Up (PIFU) are two of the approaches that will contribute to recovery and transformation and reduce unnecessary demand.

To support Health Boards to maximise the benefits of these approaches for patients, clinicians and organisations as a whole, a national SOS and PIFU website was launched on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The website is available to all NHS and Welsh Government colleagues.

## **Proposed changes to legislation on social care and continuing health care**

In August 2022, the Welsh Government launched its consultation on proposed changes to legislation on social care and continuing health care. The consultation is seeking views on several proposals for changes to primary legislation which aim to improve social care in Wales for the following four areas:

- eliminating profit from the care of children looked after;
- introducing direct payments for continuing health care;
- extending mandatory reporting of children and adults at risk;
- amendments to regulation of service providers, responsible individuals and the social care workforce. This includes extending the definition of social care worker to include childcare and play workers.

The consultation is due to close on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## **Consultation on the duty of candour**

On 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 the Minister for Health and Social Services launched a consultation about the duty of candour. This is one of four parts of the Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act 2020 and it is intended to bring the duty into force from 1 April 2023. The aim of the duty of candour is to promote a culture of openness and transparency in NHS Wales and complement other existing professional duties. This builds on the principle of being open, which is at the heart of the Putting Things Right process introduced in 2011.

## **Charter for Unpaid Carers**

On 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the Deputy Minister for Social Services, launched the Charter for Unpaid Carers, which sets out the rights of unpaid carers under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act. The charter has been co-produced with members of the Unpaid Carers Ministerial Advisory Group, representatives from Local Authorities, the NHS and the third sector. Drawing on the expertise of professionals and unpaid carers, a simple and practical guide to support carers to understand and access their rights has been created. The charter is also intended to help professionals to gain a better understanding of what is expected of them under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

It is hoped that the charter will be an effective tool for both unpaid carers and professionals and will raise awareness and improve support for unpaid carers of all ages.

### **Citizen Voice Body for Health and Social Care (CVB)**

At the start of 2022 the Welsh Government undertook a recruitment exercise to the Citizen Voice Board for the Chair and Board members. These roles will help shape a new, independent body that will listen to the views and represent the interests of the public; working together with the NHS, Local Authorities and others to support the continuous improvement of person-centered services. Joint Committee members were advised at its last meeting in June 2022 that Professor Medwin Hughes DL, had been appointed as Chair of the Citizen Voice Body with confirmation awaited on the appointment of Board members. I can confirm that a new deputy chair and 6 non-executive members have now been appointed with Jack Evershed being one of those appointed as a non-executive member.

## **2. Regional developments**

### **Growing Mid Wales Partnership**

Growing Mid Wales is a regional partnership and engagement arrangement between the private and public sectors (Ceredigion and Powys), and with Welsh and UK Government. The initiative seeks to represent the region's interests and priorities for improvements to its local economy. Following the Local Authority elections in May 2022 and a change in Leadership for Powys and Ceredigion County Councils the Growing Mid Wales Partnership now has two new joint chairs in place, Councillor Bryan Davies and Councillor James Gibson-Watt.

The Growing Mid Wales Partnership last met in July 2022 with the September meeting cancelled due to the date being declared a bank holiday for the Queen's funeral. One key update received at the July meeting was in relation to the Mid Wales Growth Deal which is bringing a combined investment of £110m from UK and Welsh Government and is expected to lever in significant additional investment from other public and private sources maximising the impact in the Mid Wales region. An initial list of projects under the growth deal had been drafted with a shortlist of proposals under development. A 5 case business model has to be followed under the terms of the growth deal and an appraisal process with a review panel is in place for the submissions received. The process will involve the review team responses being presented to the Management Board and then to the Partnership Board with an assurance review being undertaken by the Welsh Government. It is hoped that the outcome of this process will be known by November 2022.

## **3. Mid Wales Joint Committee post COVID-19 review**

At the last Joint Committee meeting in June, members received the final draft report on the proposed future arrangements for the Joint Committee following a review undertaken in Autumn/Winter 2021/2022. It was agreed that the paper be further developed to include more detailed proposals around the following:

- Continuing with the Mid Wales Planning and Delivery Executive and Clinical Advisory Groups in order to maintain a focus on operational issues.
- Mid Wales Joint Committee meetings to be replaced with an annual conference style meeting which would have a more strategic focus and which would support on-going public engagement.
- Reports to be provided to the Boards of the three Health Boards and Local Authorities on the proposed plans for the upcoming year together with in-year progress updates.

#### **4. Mid Wales leadership roles**

Changes to key leadership roles across Mid Wales since the last meeting are as follows:

##### **Mid Wales Public and Patient Engagement and Involvement Forum - Chair**

The term of appointment for the current Chair of the Mid Wales Public and Patient Engagement and Involvement Forum ended on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022. It was felt that this role was no longer needed as engagement and involvement with the Mid Wales population through existing mechanisms for Health Boards and Local Authorities had strengthened significantly over the years. I'd like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Jack Evershed for representing the Mid Wales population through his roles as Chair of the Mid Wales Public and Patient Engagement and Involvement Forum and Independent co-chair of the former Mid Wales Healthcare Collaborative.

##### **Health Boards**

Carl Cooper has been appointed as the new Chair of Powys Teaching Health Board for a term of four years and commenced in the role on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

##### **Local Authorities**

Dylan Owen has replaced Morwena Edwards as the Corporate Director Lead for Adult Social Services and Health (Strategic) for Gwynedd Council.

Nina Davies has replaced Alison Bulman as the Director of Social Services for Powys County Council.

Audrey Somerton Edwards has been appointed to the role of Interim Statutory Director of Social Services for Ceredigion County and will replace Sian Howys who is due to retire from this role shortly.

##### **Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust**

As from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 Colin Dennis commenced in post as the Chair for the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust.

#### **5. Mid Wales Joint Scrutiny Committee**

Following the Local Authority elections in May 2022 the Ceredigion County Council and Gwynedd Council representation on the Mid Wales Joint Scrutiny Group has now been confirmed. As previously reported Powys County Council ceased their membership of this group due to re-structuring and pressures on time, however, it is hoped that they will be in a position to re-engage with the group in the future.

The Mid Wales Joint Scrutiny Group will be meeting at a time and date to be confirmed to discuss its work programme and to consider what members wish to scrutinise following the Joint Committee meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

#### **Argymhelliad / Recommendation**

**For information** - The Joint Committee are asked to note for information the written update from the MWJC Lead Chair regarding relevant matters undertaken as Lead Chair of the MWJC and the overview of the current key items of relevance to the MWJC.