

**EITEM AGENDA / AGENDA ITEM: 7**

Cyd-bwyllgor Canolbarth Cymru ar gyfer Iechyd a Gofal / Mid Wales Joint Committee for Health and Care			
Dyddiad y Cyfarfod: Date of Meeting:	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2021		
Eitem ar yr Agenda: Title of Report:	Minutes of the Mid Wales Joint Committee (MWJC) meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2020		
Arweinydd Lead:	Professor Vivienne Harpwood, Chair of Hywel Dda University Health Board and Lead Chair of the Mid Wales Joint Committee		
Pwrpas yr adroddiad: Purpose of the Report:	To present the draft unapproved minutes of the MWJC meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2020.	Ar gyfer cytundeb For Agreement	✓
		Ar gyfer trafodaeth For Discussion	
		Ar gyfer gwybodaeth For Information	
<u>Crynodeb / Summary</u> A virtual meeting of the MWJC was held on 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 and the draft unapproved minutes are attached for agreement by the Joint Committee.			
<u>Argymhelliad / Recommendation</u> For agreement The Joint Committee are asked to agree the minutes of the MWJC meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2020.			

**DRAFT AND UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
MID WALES JOINT COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH AND CARE**

Time and date of meeting:	10.00am Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
Venue:	Virtual via Microsoft Teams due to the Covid-19 pandemic
Present:	<p><b>Members</b>  Prof. Vivienne Harpwood, Chair, PTHB and Lead Chair, MWJC  Steve Moore, Chief Executive, HDdUHB and Lead Chief Executive, MWJC  Hayley Thomas, Director of Planning and Performance, PTHB and Lead Director of Planning, MWJC  Carol Shillabeer, Chief Executive, PTHB  Dr Jeremy Tuck, Deputy Medical Director, PTHB  Teresa Owen, Director of Public Health / Deputy Chief Executive, BCUHB  Jack Evershed, Chair of RHCW Management Group and Mid Wales PPEI Group  Cllr. Ellen ap Gwynn, Leader, Ceredigion County Council  Sian Howys, Statutory Director of Social Services &amp; Corporate Lead Officer: Porth Cynnal, Ceredigion County Council  Cllr Kath Roberts-Jones, Powys County Council  Mari Wynne Jones, Senior Adults Manager, Gwynedd Council</p> <p><b>Co-opted Members</b>  Frances Hunt, Chair Powys CHC  Prof. Gabrielle Heathcote, Co-opted member Ceredigion Local Committee, Hywel Dda CHC  Joy Baker, Co-opted member North Wales Local Committee, North Wales Community Health Council</p>
In attendance:	Peter Skitt, County Director Ceredigion, HDdUHB / Programme Lead, MWJC Samia Saeed-Edmonds, NHS Planning Programme Director Health and Social Services department, Welsh Government Cllr. Mark Strong, Ceredigion County Council / MWJSC Cllr. Keith Evans, Ceredigion County Council / MWJSC Dwynwen Jones, Ceredigion County Council / MWJSC Cllr. Eryl Jones-Williams, Gwynedd Council / MWJSC Plus 3 members of the Mid Wales Joint Committee Team and 1 member of the Rural Health and Care Wales team.

Ref	Agenda Item	Action
JC(20)01	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies for absence</b>  Prof. Harpwood welcomed all to what was the first Joint Committee meeting of the year. She extended her sincere thanks to all present and all the staff across Mid Wales for their work in responding to the Covid-19 pandemic. Although the Joint Committee had been unable to meet during the year the work had continued. Organisations were starting to implement their Covid-19 recovery plans in order to re-introduce services which were paused at the onset of the</p>	

	<p>pandemic and as such it felt like now was the right time for the Joint Committee to meet.</p> <p>Unfortunately, it had not been possible to transmit the meeting live, so members of the public had been invited to submit their questions in advance to which written responses had been provided. A meeting of the Mid Wales Joint Scrutiny Group was not being held following the Joint Committee meeting; however, members of the group had been invited to observe the meeting and submit any written feedback or questions they had after the meeting had concluded.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gill Harris, Acting Chief Executive, BCUHB</li> <li>• Jason Killens, Chief Executive, WAST</li> <li>• Alison Bulman, Director of Social Services, Powys County Council</li> <li>• Cllr. Dafydd Meurig, Cabinet member, Gwynedd Council</li> <li>• Morwena Edwards, Corporate Director Lead for Adult Social Services and Health (Strategic), Gwynedd Council</li> </ul>	
JC(20)02	<p><b>Mid Wales Joint Committee's Priorities and Delivery Plan 2020/21 – Update report</b></p> <p>Mr Moore echoed Prof Harpwood's comments in which thanks were extended to health and care services for all their work during the pandemic. Particular reference was made to the following in respect of the Joint Committee Plan for 2020/21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The move towards a more virtual model of care as a result of the pandemic.</li> <li>• The plan for 2021/22 would be needed by December 2020 to support the 3-year plans for the Mid Wales organisations. However, there was a need to be cognisant of the continuing uncertainties presented by the pandemic.</li> <li>• The recent appointment of a colorectal surgeon who would be based at Bronglais General Hospital in early 2021.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Evershed referred to the proposal for the Social and Green Solutions priority to be led by the Voluntary sector and felt this priority sat better with health. There had been an inconsistency in acquiring funding over the years and there was a need to look at how this could be part of core funding. Mr Moore explained that transformation funds had funded the community connectors and agreed there was a need for long term funding. This was a social model of health and was about whether the right people were round the table.</p> <p>Mr Skitt referred to Clinical Strategy for Hospital Based Care and Treatment priority and its implementation. An Advisory Board had been established comprising community representatives and expert members of the public from the Mid Wales area whose role was to provide advice and guidance on implementation and design going forward.</p> <p>Cllr ap Gwynn asked for more information on the Aberystwyth Wellness Centre as Ceredigion Council were also setting up their own wellness centres. Mr Skitt explained that the emphasis was on holistic care and not based on exercise etc. which was what Ceredigion Council were focusing on. The Aberystwyth</p>	

	<p>Wellness Centre was based on the Integrated Care model in place at Aberaeron and Aberteifi and he was working alongside Donna Pritchard from Ceredigion Council to ensure there was no duplication and that both developments aligned alongside each other. Cllr ap Gwynn added that using the same titles may cause confusion. Mr Moore acknowledged the potential confusion around titles, that there was a need for these facilities to be complementary and Mr Skitt would be working with the Council on this. Mrs Shillabeer advised that they had the same situation in Powys regarding their hubs which had required some joint working.</p> <p>The Mid Wales Joint Committee <b>noted for information</b> the latest update on the Mid Wales Joint Committee priorities and work programme for 2020/21.</p>	
<b>JC(20)03</b>	<p><b>Rural Health and Care Wales Work programme – 2020/21</b></p> <p>Mr Skitt reported that funding had been secured up until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 which provided an opportunity to work through the proposals for long term funding. Discussions had been on-going for some time and there was a need to finalise this now before March 2021. It was important for RHCW staff to have clarity over the long-term funding arrangements.</p> <p>Ms Prytherch drew attention to the RHCW virtual Conference planned for November 2020. A good response had been received to requests for poster presentations. The agenda was currently being drafted, Chief Executives present at the meeting were asked to be a part of the plenary session and Mr Moore and Mrs Shillabeer both agreed in principle to this request.</p> <p>Mr Evershed made particular reference to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The uncertainty over funding had caused RHCW to be short staffed due to staff leavers.</li> <li>• The WAST report on ambulance times was included in the RHCW report which made for interesting reading.</li> </ul> <p>Mrs Shillabeer advised that there was an awful lot of investment in innovation hubs through A Healthier Wales and wondered whether there was a need to absolutely ensure that RHCW had made all the right connections and links. If not, she suggested that this was done over the next 6 months when considering the long-term arrangements. Ms Prytherch reported that links had been established with the North Wales Academy and also the Powys hub.</p> <p>Ms Owen advised that she was keen for BCUHB to support the conference in November. She echoed Mrs Shillabeer's comments as there was lot of good work was happening through the innovation hubs and Universities, so this was a real opportunity with a need to spread the word further.</p> <p>Professor Harpwood note that the conference was looking like a really good event with some excellent poster presentations submitted which made for great reading. She hoped as many people as possible could attend.</p>	
<b>JC(20)04</b>	<p><b>Mid Wales Joint Committee Subgroups update report</b>  <b>Mid Wales Clinical Advisory Group (MWCAG)</b></p> <p>Mr Skitt advised that he was chairing the group as a non-clinician, which was more of a co-ordinating role, due to the Chair role becoming vacant since the</p>	

	<p>recent retirement of Dr Wyn Parry, Medical Director for PTHB. The first task would be to find a replacement for the vacant Chair role.</p> <p>The clinical priorities which the group felt strongly about were detailed in the report and would be those areas of focus taken forward. The group would try and continue to maintain focus despite Covid-19, however, everyone needed to bear in mind that there may be cancellations due to the uncertainties of the pandemic. The Royal College of Ophthalmology had approved the job description for the joint Mid Wales Clinical Lead Ophthalmology role which was good news with the post due to go out to advertisement in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Mrs Thomas expressed her thanks to the MWCAG as this was an important mechanism to support the development of the model of care in Powys especially in North Powys and also in strengthening links between clinicians in Mid Wales and cross border with Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust.</p> <p>Mrs Shillabeer reported that there had been a productive meeting with HEIW regarding the proposed Mid Wales School of Nursing at Aberystwyth. It was clear that they had been working on their commissioning of placements for University healthcare education and for delivery in a more rural setting. The Universities had embraced this and connected well so we could expect more opportunities for education across rural areas. This was a fantastic development, but its success would only be known when students had completed the course. Everyone was pushing really hard to improve on these opportunities. Mr Skitt seconded Mrs Shillabeer's comments and advised that this was a fantastic improvement and was a very positive development for the region.</p> <p>Cllr ap Gwynn added that during her work with the Professor Treasure, Vice-Chancellor of Aberystwyth University, she could also provide reassurance that the veterinary school was due to commence at the University this year and hopefully a nursing school the following year which was improving the offer in Mid Wales for young people.</p> <p>In response to a query from Mr Evershed, Mrs Shillabeer advised that PTHB had an apprenticeship programme for integrated health and social care. There were 9 entrants this year, but this was not at full capacity. They had seen undergraduates qualify as well. As Powys didn't have a University they were working on the development of a Health and Care Academy and it would be under that umbrella that they would look to broaden apprenticeships to other services. Although they had made some good progress, they wanted to do more.</p> <p>Mr Moore advised that for HDdUHB they had a very successful apprenticeships programme in place pre-Covid but the intake for September 2020 had to be delayed due to the pandemic. It was hoped to reintroduce the programme in November 2020 and that this would cover more services.</p> <p>Ms Owen advised that the programme was going well in BCUHB, they had managed to keep going on some of the elements and were utilising skills</p>	
--	--	--

wherever possible. The HB had been targeting some groups which they didn't normally attract for which they had been successful. They were looking at how to use inspirational stories and move forward in partnership.

Mrs Baker noted that having worked in Universities there was a need to talk to them about how many students they were sending for placements as rural hospitals were smaller than some of the hospitals they normally dealt with. It was worth making note of this to ensure this was included in future discussions on placement numbers and capacity. Mr Skitt advised that members of the School of Nursing Board included representatives from Health Boards and that also placements would come from other places and not just from Aberystwyth University.

#### **Mid Wales Public and Patient Engagement and Involvement (PPEI) Forum**

Mr Evershed advised that he was hugely grateful to the people of the area and to everyone working in the health and care service for all they had done over the last few months. Undertaking engagement when you weren't able see people was difficult, but engagement was now being undertaken through social media. A specific attempt had been made through social media to learn from the public about their specific experiences over that last 6 months.

He asked whether it would be useful to have a library of reliable information sources for Covid-19 which people could be referred to as there was a vast array of information available some of which was not correct. It would be good to have something definitive in place which people could be directed to e.g. government websites. His experience was that you had to click numerous times to get answer to a question. If someone had a question they needed to know where to get the answer. There was confusion around prevalence and discrepancies between sites and he asked what were the reliable sources of information. Mr Moore stated that this was a point well made and information sources were confusing as they were all counting different things. Suggested reliable sources of information were the World Health Organisation, NHS Covid app and the Public Health Wales dashboard which was updated daily.

#### **Rural Health and Care Wales (RHCW) Steering Group**

Mr Evershed advised that the Steering Group had last met in July 2020 the minutes of which were attached. The main focus of work were preparations for the two-day virtual RHCW conference to be held in November 2020. The group were meeting the following day at which some suggestions would be considered around Covid-19 research for informing the future work programme.

Ms Thomas advised that PTHB had been undertaking some work on lessons learnt from the pandemic and she was sure other organisations would have similar lessons. The PTHB report was still in draft but would be shared when finalised.

Members of the MWJC **noted** for information the update reports on its Subgroups.

JC(20)05	<p><b>Minutes/Action Log of the MWJC meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 and Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The minutes of the MWJC meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 were <b>agreed</b> as a correct record.</p> <p>Matters arising raised were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Annual Planning</b></li> </ul> <p>Ms Thomas advised that on an annual basis work was undertaken to ensure that the Mid Wales priorities aligned with the plans for individual organisations. At the moment organisations were working to a different planning framework with quarterly plans being submitted. At the next MWJC meeting there would need to be a discussion on the MWJC priorities for 2021/22 whilst recognising that Health Boards were still operating to a three-month planning cycle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Engagement software</b></li> </ul> <p>Mr Moore advised that HDdUHB had now rolled out its an engagement software package 'Engagement HQ', and Mr Evershed suggested that this may be useful for sharing across Mid Wales.</p>	
JC(20)06	<p><b>Listening to You</b></p> <p>Prof Harpwood advised that it had not been possible to transmit the meeting live, so members of the public had been invited to submit their questions in advance and for which written responses had been provided. The following additional questions were received from MWJC members and members of the MWJSC:</p> <p>a) Cllr. Ap Gwynn referred to the question received in advance about people having to travel long distances for a Covid test. The Minister for Health had provided reassurance that no one would have to travel further than 50 miles for a Covid test and extra facilities for Covid testing would be put in place in in University towns.</p> <p>Mr Moore advised that there was sufficient capacity to provide Covid testing locally but there had been issues with the UK national portal. As such HDdUHB had implemented a hybrid system to mitigate for the portal issue in order to try and avoid people having to travel further than necessary.</p> <p>Cllr. Strong was heartened to hear Mr Moore's response as he had been made aware of people who lived 17 miles away from Aberystwyth being online from 7am to 10pm trying to get booked for a test at Aberystwyth with no luck due to issues with their home postcode. However, when they entered an Aberystwyth postcode, they were able to get booked on. He stated people didn't understand that it was the fault of the UK portal and not of HDdUHB and this was giving the HB a bad name when it was a UK wide system which had let people down. It was important to get the message out to the public that in Wales work was being done to fix the problem.</p> <p>Mrs Baker enquired as to whether the hybrid system was being publicised. Mr More advised that the ability to book online was still under development and would be publicised as soon as it was in place.</p>	

	<p>Ms Owen reported that BCUHB were in a similar position to HDdUHB with testing capacity increased and additional capacity introduced at Ysbyty Alltwn with work on-going to get more testing at Rhyl. The HB had also been working with primary care on priority testing.</p> <p>Ms Thomas reported that for PTHB there was a dedicated number for people to phone to book a test which was publicised on the website.</p> <p>b) Mr Evershed advised that there was some confusion regarding round the community hubs across Mid Wales and what services they provided. It would be useful for the MWJC to have an update on all Mid Wales community hubs and a description of what they did.</p> <p>Ms Thomas agreed that it would be useful to include an estates update for a future MWJC meeting. The Board of PTHB were reviewing the Programme Business Case for the North Powys Wellbeing Programme that week and she was happy to share the detail including what was on offer. Mr Skitt advised that the MWJC would co-ordinate a response centrally on community hubs information.</p> <p>c) Cllr. Evans extended his thanks for the responses provided to the questions asked, however, he wasn't overjoyed with the responses especially the one regarding out of hours. The questions he had posed were in Welsh and the responses received included technical Welsh terms. With new terms coming up all the time he suggested using the Welsh technical terms with the English translation in brackets so they could be understood.</p> <p>Mr Skitt extended his apologies for this and advised that this would be reviewed to see what could be done to make it right in future.</p> <p>d) Cllr. ap Gwynn advised that she was aware that there was a lack of capacity for people to be scanned at Bronglais General Hospital and they have had to pay privately for a scan.</p> <p>Mr Moore advised that 50% of the scanning capacity had been lost due to PPE requirements and Infection Prevention and Control guidelines. Work was being undertaken to explore the option of mobile scanners to make up for the lost capacity and the HB was currently going through the process with WG.</p> <p>e) Cllr. ap Gwynn referred to people having to travel to Carmarthen for ear wax cleaning which they couldn't get on the NHS and those who couldn't afford this were being put in a bad situation.</p> <p>Mr Skitt advised that ear wax cleaning services was an issue and there were discussions with GP Clusters in North and South Ceredigion as to how to get people through the system. Cllr. ap Gwynn added she was aware that GPs had advised they didn't have professional indemnity and Mr Skitt advised he was happy to discuss this further outside of the meeting. Mrs Shillabeer explained that a change in NICE guidance had meant a change in practice from syringing</p>	
--	---	--



	<p>to suctioning so GPs weren't fully able to undertake the procedure. There would now be a change in practice with ear clinics and ear nurses in order to manage access issues.</p> <p>f) Mr Evershed stated it would be nice to have a clear steer on when services were going to go back to business as usual.</p> <p>Mr Moore advised that regular updates were being taken to the HDdUHB Board which set out what was being done on every site, but it needed to be noted that we were still in the middle of the pandemic which had affected productivity. It was difficult at present to see a return to business as usual as the virus could escalate quickly.</p> <p>Mrs Shillabeer added that capacity within the service had been reduced due to the Covid restrictions and precautions in place. At the moment patients who may come to harm were being prioritised and as such those in the routine category had to sadly wait longer for treatment as they needed to make way for urgent cases. The situation was forever changing as any influx to a hospital due to Covid would change the situation.</p>	
JC(20)07	<p><b>Time and Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Time and date of next meeting to be 10.00am Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The Chair advised that a review would be undertaken nearer to the time as to whether the meeting would go ahead as planned and if so, it was highly likely that it would be held virtually.</p>	

KEY	
BCUHB	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
MWCAG	Mid Wales Clinical Advisory Group
CHC	Community Health Council
HDdUHB	Hywel Dda University Health Board
HB	Health Board
HEIW	Health Education Improvement Wales
MWJC	Mid Wales Joint Committee
MWJSC	Mid Wales Joint Scrutiny Committee
MWPDEG	Mid Wales Planning and Delivery Executive Group
MWPPEI	Public and Patient Engagement and Involvement
NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
PTHB	Powys Teaching Health Board
RHCW	Rural Health and Care Wales
RPB	Regional Partnership Board
WAST	Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust
WG	Welsh Government