

# Cyfarfod Bwrdd/Board Meeting

## Briff Cyfarfod/Meeting Brief

Chwefror 2021 / February 2021

This Board meeting and development session took place via MS Teams

### Board meeting

#### Minutes of the previous meeting and progress on agreed actions

The Board agreed the minutes of the previous meeting as an accurate record, and noted the progress on agreed actions.

**Finance report** – Board members were advised that following a request to Welsh Government to carry over funding to 2021-2022, subject to the agreement of Powys teaching Health Board (PtHB), this has not been agreed.

SMT had proposed that the remaining unallocated funding be prioritised as follows:

- Investment in necessary IT equipment for CHC staff and members in the form of portable tablets.

Following an initial trial of Chromebooks which proved unsuccessful and further discussion with our ICT provider, it is now recommended that iPads be purchased. This will give



more flexibility in enabling members to take part fully in virtual health board meetings.

- Investment in engagement tools to extend our reach and options for people to share their views and experiences with us.

The Chief Executive advised the Board that work was underway to identify funding from our indicative budget allocation to enable an extension of the ICT development role, but this may need to be for a shorter, eg., 6 month period initially.

This would then still enable us to provide a dedicated resource to drive the further development of our ICT programme, providing support to the Board and CHCs, including individual support to staff and members where needed.

The Board agreed these proposals.

## Board development session

**Citizen voice update** – following an introductory meeting with the Welsh Government lead who is overseeing the establishment of the new citizen voice body (CVB), a number of subsequent meetings have since taken place.

The Board discussed a range of factors impacting on the development of the CVB, including the continuing impact of the coronavirus pandemic and the planned May 2021 election.

The Board Chair, Chief Executive and Chief Officer recently met with the Minister for Mental Health, Wellbeing and Welsh Language, Eluned Morgan and the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services, Julie Morgan. Dr Chris Jones was also in



attendance. The meeting was extremely positive and was an opportunity for a number of matters to be raised.

This included the timetable for implementation of the CVB and the importance of having a clear route map that sets out the key milestones in the transition.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to discuss the implications of the Cumberlege report 'First do no harm'. The UK government's response to this report includes the introduction of a Patient Safety Commissioner in England.

The Board felt that the role and functions being proposed for the new Commissioner in England was consistent with the role of the CVB in Wales. It would be important that the Welsh Government's response avoided any risk of duplication.

A further meeting with government officials is scheduled in early March and it is hoped that there will be some significant progress to report following this.

The Board agreed that the Head of the Citizen Voice Body Implementation at the Welsh Government be invited to the March Board meeting to discuss progress and next steps.

## **Welsh Blood Service: Well-being of future generations act**

The Chair welcomed Alan Prosser, Sarah Richards and Andrew Harris from the Welsh Blood Service to the meeting. A presentation was given on the Well Being of Future Generations Act (staff/donor communications plan). A copy of the full slide presentation is available from the Board office.



## Welsh Government White paper: Rebalancing care and support

The Chair welcomed Amira Evans, Head of Social Care Futures Policy who is leading on the white paper.

Members were advised that a public consultation on Rebalancing care and support White Paper was launched on 12 January 2021 and will be open until 6 April 2021.

The aim of the White Paper is to:

- review the way we arrange and provide care and support
- shift the focus of commissioning towards outcomes and social value
- strengthen regional integration.

A short film summarising the White Paper is in the process of being finalised. This is to ensure that the consultation is as accessible as possible. CHCs agreed to share the video and any appropriate tweets.

Board members discussed the key elements of the White Paper proposals. The Chair thanked Amira for her presentation and members agreed that further engagement on this would be useful.

The Chief Executive noted that Welsh Government are holding a number of webinars on the consultation and further details on these would be circulated to CHCs.



A copy of the full slide presentation is available from the Board office.

The agenda and papers for this meeting are available to CHC staff [here](#).



