



CYFARFOD BWRDD IECHYD PRIFYSGOLN ANEURIN BEVAN/ANEURIN BEVAN UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD MEETING MEETING SUMMARY

DATE OF MEETING	Monday 29 th June 2026 09:00-12:00
VENUE	Microsoft Teams

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board – Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Committee: Meeting Summary

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Committee Members:

Penny Jones, Chair
Paul Deneen, Vice Chair
William Smart, Independent Member
Dafydd Vaughan, Independent Member

Meeting Administration & Attendance: The Chair opened the meeting, welcomed attendees and noted apologies. The Committee approved the minutes of the previous meeting and noted the action log.

Mental Health Act Compliance Report: The Committee noted detention levels had reduced and returned to expected levels, with no unlawful detentions identified. An increase in administrative errors was reported; these were rectified promptly and continue to be addressed through ongoing training. Section 136 activity had increased in line with expected trends, while repeat detentions had reduced. The Committee considered risks relating to Section 2 lapses and medical scrutiny, including potential legal implications, and received assurance regarding robust oversight arrangements and strengthened medical engagement.

Mental Health Services Performance and Outcomes, including Quality, Safety and Activity and 111 Press 2 Performance: The Committee noted sustained performance against Part 1 measures and delivery against Part 2 trajectories, with complaints above expected levels.

Psychological therapies performance remained below target, with acknowledged data quality issues linked to historical recording practices and system limitations. Work was underway to improve data accuracy, strengthen pathway management, and support recovery plans aimed at improving performance over time.



An update on NHS 111 Press 2 highlighted stable demand and consistent call volumes. While a majority of calls continued to be answered within one minute, members recognised that performance fluctuates in line with demand and service capacity. The Committee requested broader reporting in future, including performance against longer wait times and additional measures such as call abandonment, to provide a more complete understanding of service effectiveness.

The integrated crisis service pilot continued to show positive outcomes, with most individuals reporting reduced distress following intervention. The redesigned model, which separates crisis assessment from home treatment and aligns services more closely with community teams and open access arrangements, was supporting improved responsiveness, patient flow and overall experience.

Right Care Right Person Update: The Committee received an update on the implementation of the Right Care Right Person approach. The programme was progressing through multiple phases, with a focus on ensuring individuals receive care from the most appropriate service, reducing unnecessary police involvement.

The Committee noted strong partnership working with police and other agencies, alongside the development of standard operating procedures and alternative pathways. It was recognised that the approach could increase demand on health services, particularly crisis and 111 Press 2 provision, and this was being considered within ongoing transformation planning.

Staff Security, Violence and Aggression: The Committee noted a high number of incidents of violence and aggression were reported, including physical assaults and verbal abuse, with a proportion of staff absence linked to such incidents.

The Committee was advised of a whole-system approach to violence prevention, including the continued rollout of the Safe Wards model, trauma-informed care, and staff training programmes. These interventions were supporting improvements in culture, staff confidence, and reduction of restrictive practices.

Robust governance arrangements were in place, including incident review processes, daily safety discussions, and structured staff support following incidents. The Committee acknowledged the scale of the challenge and the importance of sustaining focus on staff wellbeing and safety.

