



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

DATE OF MEETING	Tuesday 08 th September 2026 10:30-13:30
VENUE	Microsoft Teams

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

Committee Papers: [Agenda and Papers](#)

Committee Members:

Penny Jones, Committee Chair
Paul Deneen, Committee Vice Chair
William Smart, ABUHB Vice Chair
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 received an update on Mental Health Act activity and compliance. Members noted improvements in a number of compliance measures, including a reduction in rectifiable errors, and discussed trends relating to Section 136 activity, repeat attenders and geographical variation across the Health Board area. The Committee received assurance regarding ongoing governance arrangements and actions to support compliance.

Mental Health Act Bill Update: The Committee received an update on the proposed Mental Health Act Bill and the anticipated implications for Mental Health services. Members discussed the scale of change expected as a result of the legislation and noted the need for continued preparation in relation to workforce, service delivery, governance and implementation planning.

Mental Health Services Performance and Outcomes: The Committee reviewed performance across Mental Health services, including 111 Press 2 and psychological therapies. Members discussed service demand, access and quality and considered the importance of demonstrating patient outcomes and the impact of transformation programmes alongside



traditional performance measures. Updates were also provided on work to improve access and patient experience across Mental Health services.

Assurance in Respect of CAMHS Services: The Committee received assurance regarding Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), noting continued efforts to manage demand and maintain service performance. The Committee also heard about developments in partnership working and initiatives designed to improve support for children and young people with increasingly complex needs.

Neurodevelopmental Pathway Performance and Waiting List

Recovery Update: An update was provided on Neurodevelopmental Services, including waiting list recovery, implementation of national pathways and increasing levels of demand. The Committee discussed the importance of ensuring children and young people receive appropriate support based on need, whilst continuing work to improve access to assessment and diagnosis.

Learning Disabilities Services: The Committee received an update on Learning Disabilities services and noted progress in developing community-based and preventative models of care. Members discussed the importance of measuring outcomes and ensuring services support people to live independently and achieve positive outcomes within their local communities.

Committee Risk Report: The Committee reviewed the Committee Risk Report and discussed ongoing work to strengthen alignment between divisional, corporate and strategic risk arrangements. Assurance was received that risks continued to be monitored and managed through established governance processes.

Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards: The Committee received an update on Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards activity. Members discussed the implications of recent legal developments and received assurance regarding compliance, governance arrangements and workforce preparedness.

Dementia Standards: The Committee received an update on implementation of the Dementia Standards across the Health Board. Progress in improving support, pathways and services for people living with dementia was noted, alongside discussion regarding workforce development, partnership working and the sustainability of future funding arrangements.

