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MINUTES OF THE PARTNERSHIPS, POPULATION HEALTH & PLANNING COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING	28th January 2025
VENUE	Microsoft Teams

PRESENT	Ann Lloyd, Chair
	Dafydd Vaughan, Vice Chair
	Penny Jones, Independent Member
IN ATTENDANCE	Hannah Evans, Director of Strategy, Planning and Partnerships.
	Tracy Daszkiewicz, Director of Public Health
	Rani Dash, Director of Corporate Governance.
	Paul Solloway, Director of Digital.
	Philip Robson, Specialist Advisor.
APOLOGIES	Richard Clark, Independent Member

PPHPC/2801/01	**Welcome and Introductions** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
PPHPC/2801/02	**Apologies for Absence** Apologies for absence were noted.
PPHPC/2801/03	**Declarations of Interest** There were no Declarations of Interest raised relating to items on the agenda.
PPHPC/2801/04	**Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 30th September 2024.** The minutes of the meeting held on the 30th September 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record. Penny Jones (PJ), Independent Member, raised a request for a site visit to Nevil Hall Hospital for Independent Members, to be included in the minutes.
PPHPC/2801/05	**Committee Action Log** The Committee received the action log and was content with the progress made in relation to completed actions and

	against any outstanding actions, as set out within the paper. The Committee noted that the organisation of Independent Member Walk Arounds was in progress.
PPHPC/2801/06	**Update on the development of a Long-Term Strategy** Hannah Evans (HE), Director of Strategy, Planning and Partnerships, provided an update to the Committee on the development of the long-term strategy. Welsh Government had expressed an interest in the development of an engagement report, to use the strategy as an example of best practice. This was due to the Health Board's exercise in community engagement, and the number of those consulted from groups typically reluctant to engage, such as the male population. Next steps for the strategy were outlines as; • To test the level of detail within the strategy. This would be completed through a series of internal and external workshops to test, build actions and outcomes. The Committee discussed the need to incorporate a number of clear measurable metrics and outcomes into the strategy to ensure clarity and to reduce the risk of information getting lost within the data. The Committee requested assurance that the strategy would produce positive change. Assurance was provided that the sharing of insight and intelligence with partners had been. It was noted that further information would need to be sought in order to clarify the changes implemented at the point of service provision. The Committee noted the need for one of the outcomes of the strategy to be the implementation of an effective definition of Placed Based Care. It was requested that by the next Committee, a paper was prepared outlining the Health Board agreed definition of Place Based Care, and how it would work under the strategy. **ACTION**: Director of Strategy, Planning and Partnerships.

	Tracy Daszkiewicz (TD), Director of Public Health, noted that work was already going into this space, mostly around describing Place Based Care. Within the community model of Place Based Care, it is determined as a Public Health block within communities, with the wider determinacies of health being split into four areas of impact upon an individual's life and good health. An example was given relating to a framework around avoidable deaths, being impacted by the pillar determining features of the Best Start in Life, including both environmental and economic factors into that. It was noted that a limiting factor for this work was that of quality data. In order to obtain a wider image of the population, there was a need to draw data from multiple streams. It was noted that there was a short Board session scheduled for 12th February 2025 where the strategy could be presented to the Board, and linked with the annual plan. The Committee **NOTED** the Engagement Report and the working draft of the strategic framework and aims.
PPHPC/2801/07	**Update on the development of the Annual Plan 2025/26, including NCN Plans** Hannah Evans (HE), Director of Strategy, Planning and Partnerships, advised the Committee that the first draft of the plan would be presented to the Board at a development session on the 12th February 2025. The Committee noted that no priority areas laid out within the plan had been deescalated by Welsh Government, and that a letter had been received from the Cabinet Secretary, which outlined regional policy and social partnership areas as a high priority. A selection of Key Delivery Expectations were listed, such as; • Improvement in the percentage of cancer patients starting definitive treatment within 8 weeks of suspicion, with the overall target being 80% by March 2026. • Increase in the percentage of patients aged 12 years and over, receiving all eight NICE recommended care processes. • The establishment of a Woman's Health Hub in each Heath Board area by March 2026.

	It was noted that areas of reflection within the plan were detailed around Women's Health, Diabetes, and Cardio Vascular Disease, with reviews and lessons learned being applied to the six goals plan and urgent and emergency care priority actions. It was noted that Neighbourhood care network plans were no longer separate from the wider plan, although, as they were guided directly from Welsh Government, there was still work to do before they could be completely integrated. The Committee noted the need to include a deliverable in relation to Primary Care, as it is one of the Health Board's biggest difficulties. The Committee sought further detail about how the targets stipulated within the plan would be achieved before the end of the 2026/26 financial year. It was highlighted that within the financial resources available, the organisation would not be able to deliver on all of the targets before the stipulated end date. Instead, it would have to be clear about what can be achieved within available resource. It was noted that the development of the Annual Plan and publication of the Planning Framework Review would likely result in an increased number of targets as the year progressed. The Committee **NOTED** the report.
PPHPC/2801/08	**Update on the development of Capital Programmes** Hannah Evans (HE), Director of Strategy, Planning and Partnerships, updated the Committee, Capital Investment had grown by £10 million as a number of capital schemes had been completed over the last 12 months, including, the Bevan Health and Wellbeing Centre, and the New Breast Unit. The Committee was assured that during the last Capital review meeting, lessons had been drawn from the challenging project that had taken place around the completion of the Bevan Health and Wellbeing Centre.

	The Committee discussed the positive impact of co-located services and the impact it had upon integrated services and place-based care. It was proposed that an update should come to the next meeting. Formal feedback had been received from the submission of the Capital Prioritisation lists, part of the annual plan for 2024. It was noted that enabling work was ongoing into the transfer of services based in St. Woolos Hospital to the Royal Gwent Hospital. An update was requested for the next Committee meeting. **ACTION:** Director of Strategy, Planning and Partnerships. The Committee noted that the monies taken from the discretionary fund to cover the settlement for the Bevan Health and Wellbeing Centre has since been return by Welsh Government due to the return of VAT over payments as part of the Grange University Hospital development. It was noted that the release of capital for a surgical robot in the Royal Gwent Hospital under a lease arrangement, could be bought out at the end of the year in order to free up revenue pressures next year. The Committee requested in future presentations of the report, could a column be included within the developments table, to outline any revenue issues that arouse for the project. The Committee was assured that the Mental Health Redevelopment was a feature of the plan for the following year, with tests and challenges currently ongoing in order to move into the final business case. The Committee **NOTED** the report.
PPHPC/2801/09	**Update on the development of a Digital, Data and Technology Strategy** Paul Solloway (PS), Director of Digital presented a PowerPoint slide outlining the development of the programme since its inception on 2019. The Committee noted the high-level achievements, such as;

- Virtual consultants, patient communication platform and Value Based Healthcare.
- Robotic Process Automation, 600k health records digitised, and Radiology AI pilot.
- Improvements in information risk management and Clinical coding improvement plan.
- Service desk institute accreditation, and Windows 10/11 deployment.

The Committee also received an update on current developments, including;

- Digital patient letters, Mental Health procurement and NHS Wales App.
- Microsoft co-pilot, Patient flow and bed management, and e-Advice.
- Development of Data & Analytical Centre of Excellence, and Welsh PAS improvement programme.
- Security product refresh, device replacement programme, and Cyber security improvement programme.

The Committee noted that the approach taken towards implementation of the strategy was to include themes within both local and national strategy, and incorporating the Gwent 2035.

It was noted that there was a need for the Health Board to remain consistent with the needs of the organisation and its population, even if that did not align with the All-Wales approach. It was noted that in this case, a robust alternative strategy would need to be presented.

It was highlighted that there was a workshop held before Christmas with Welsh Government and Directors of Digital Colleagues which discussed redefining what Once for Wales would mean. The main outcome had been that that the main theme for the approach did not detail that the same systems had to be adopted by all Welsh Health Boards; rather the adoption of a unified standard to best support standard clinical pathways, and sharing of information.

Next steps for the strategy were listed as;

- Completion of data analytics,
- Complete the development of Technical, Information Governance and Cyber Security Strategy,

	• Electronic Health & Care Records, develop a vision for electronic records, • Overarching strategy to be completed and approved, • The development of strategy delivery groups to ensure that the strategy is consistently delivering between now and 2029. The Committee noted the need for annual targets to be developed to ensure that the strategy was not implementing change at a rate higher than the organisation had capacity to facilitate, and to avoid change fatigue. The Committee **DISCUSSED** and **NOTED** the report.
PPHPC/2801/10	**Health Protection & Vaccination Programme Update** Tracy Daszkiewicz (TD), Director of Public Health, provided an update to the Committee. Highlights of the report were detailed, including the acceleration of catch-up vaccinations following a gap created in the Covid-19 pandemic, the introduction of new vaccinations particularly the respiratory vaccination for RSV, and the winter campaign. It was noted that uptake for vaccinations was not at a satisfactory level, including childhood vaccinations such as Measles, Mumps and Rubella and two years catch up of the HPV vaccination. It was highlighted to the Committee that the uptake for vaccinations for young people in GP surgeries was good, whilst working age people, including staff within the Health Board, and school children had seen a drop in uptake over the period. It was highlighted that to comate this, Health Board staff would be offered the vaccine in September ahead of the rush once it had been distributed out to the wider population. It was highlighted that with regards to the winter flu vaccination, the highest up take was within the cohort of 65-year-old and over, at 70.3% uptake, making Gwent the joint highest in Wales. The working cohort of peopleonly saw an uptake of 36.5% with 50.9% for 2- and 3-year-olds. The Committee noted that due to the vaccination equity strategy delay, the Health Board had developed its own

	strategy which looked into what equity barriers there were from a service perspective. It was suggested that this strategy be presented to the Committee at the next meeting. **ACTION:** Director of Public Health The Committee was assured that in regards to the cohorts of school children missing their HPV vaccine, a catch-up campaign had been launched, with the goal of catching up in age order, before those cohorts get into the sexually active age range. The Committee noted the development of a vaccination strategy which would be deployed in preparation for the coming winter vaccination period, with the aim of aiding primary care to manage the volume of vaccines distributed during this period. The Committee noted the need to distribute educational work around vaccinations, and the need to counter fake news associated with vaccinations. The Committee **NOTED** the report.
PPHPC/2801/11	**Regional Partnership Board Update** Hannah Evans (HE), Director of Strategy, Planning and Partnerships, provided an update on discussions held at the last RPB meeting on the 14th January 2025. The Committee noted progress made against the 50-day plan, with further details to be picked up in the Winter Plan. There was still a focus on reporting the 50-day plan to the Care Action Committee. Other notable actions were; • The RPB received a presentation from the Housing Partnership, • A conversation had been held around the eliminate Agenda, including the draw on the joint capital budget. • An update was received in regards to governance, • A review had been undertaken into frailty services and spend. The Committee noted the need to seek clarification on the instigation of amended regulations being brought into effect the end of the calendar year.

Ann Lloyd (AL), Chair, provided an update on the recent Care Action Committee meeting, held on the 27th January 2025. It was noted that the Cabinet Secretary wanted a careful assessment of the RPB organisation against the progress being made within the 50-day challenge, with detailed evaluations into success and failures within the plan. Aneurin Bevan University Health Board had been asked to present to the Care Action Committee on the lack of trusted assessors within the region.

The Committee discussed the need to keep patients out of hospitals as a priority, and raised the need for a report on preventative measures.

It was highlighted that a prevention framework was being developed to target an action to improve primary prevention, starting with where demand was witnessed within hospitals. It was highlighted that the framework would be modelled to aid the achievement of ambitions laid out with the Integrated Medium-Term Plan (IMTP), with a skeleton framework ready by April 2025.

It was requested that a paper on prevention framework and innovation within community be presented to the next Committee meeting.

ACTION: Director of Public Health.

The Committee **NOTED** the update.

Regional Planning Update

Hannah Evans (HE), Director of Strategy, Planning and Partnerships, provided an update to the Committee.

Key areas included:

- Recognising learning from regional work such as mission-led models and provider led models, enabling easier planning and delivery.
- Ophthalmology business case for a digitalised system had been agreed by all Health Boards. There was a view to implement a well-known system for Ophthalmology across Aneurin Bevan University Health Board; this system has already been rolled out in Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.

	• The Joint Commissioning Committee Interim Director of Planning had included a review into South Wales Major Trauma Network into its workplan for 2025/26. • Interest in Llantrisant Health Park. It was noted that this is a priority for the Cabinet Secretary and Judith Paget. The Committee noted that Llantrisant Health Park had been purchased by Welsh Government for Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board. Discussion had been around the Health Park being able to increase service support for the entire of South East Wales, although, no business case had been presented. Ann Lloyd (AL), Chair, informed the Committee that herself and Nicola Prygodzicz, Chief Executive Officer had been called to attend a meeting with the Cabinet Secretary next week to articulate the regions support for the Health Park. AL noted that without an approved business case, they would be unable to meet the request, as there would not be sufficient evidence upon which to determine the best outcome for this Health Boards population. The Committee **NOTED** the update.
PPHPC/2801/13	**Public Services Board Update** Tracy Daszkiewicz (TD), Director of Public Health, updated the Committee that Councillor Anthony Hunt had been appointed Chair of the PSB, with his first meeting being in March. Other key updates included: • Updated Terms of reference for the Community Safety Partnership, which had been adopted. • Four main groups formed within the PSB, Best start in life, Environment Group, Economic Workstream, and Living Safely in Communities. • Leads to be appointed to both the Economic Workstream, and Living Safety in Communities. • Deep dives discussed and scheduled into The Best Start in Life, and Environment Group. The Committee discussed the safeguarding issues around out of hours contact for patients who had experienced crisis and mental health crisis, due to substance misuse. It was noted that the PSB would be an appropriate platform for this discussion due to the heavy reliance on services such as the police.

	The Committee **NOTED** the report.
PPHPC/2801/14	**Review of Committee Programme of Business** The Committee received the Review of Committee Programme of Business 2024/25 for information.
PPHPC/2801/15	**Items to be Brought to the Attention of the Board and Other Committees** Nothing reported.
PPHPC/2801/16	**Any Other Urgent Business** Nothing raised.
PPHPC/2801/17	**Date of the Next Meeting:** • 2nd April 2025, 09.30-12.30