

POWYS TEACHING HEALTH BOARD
CONFIRMED

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
HELD ON THURSDAY 11 JULY 2024
IN PERSON

Present

Carl Cooper (CC)	Independent Member (Chair)
Kirsty Williams (KWi)	Independent Member (Vice Chair)
Rhobert Lewis (RL)	Independent Member (General)
Ian Phillips (IP)	Independent Member (ICT)
Cathie Poynton (CP)	Independent Member (Trade Union)
Jennifer Owen Adams (JOA)	Independent Member (Third Sector)
Mick Giannasi (MG)	Independent Member
Ronnie Alexander (RA)	Independent Member (Third Sector)
Simon Wright (SW)	Independent Member (General)
Stephen Elliot (SE)	Independent Member (Finance)
Hayley Thomas (HT)	Chief Executive Officer
Pete Hopgood (PH)	Executive Director of Finance, Capital and Support Services / Deputy Chief Executive
Stephen Powell (SP)	Interim Executive Director of Planning, Performance and Commissioning
Mererid Bowley (MB)	Executive Director of Public Health
Debra Wood Lawson (DWL)	Executive Director of People & Culture
Claire Madsen (CM)	Executive Director of Allied Health Professions, Health Sciences and Digital
Richard Stratton (RS)	Assistant Medical Director
Marie Davies (MD)	Deputy Director of Nursing
In Attendance	
Helen Bushell (HB)	Director of Corporate Governance
Adrian Osborne (AO)	Deputy Director Engagement & Communication
Simeon Foreman (SF)	Deputy Board Secretary
Erin Terfel (ET)	Audit Wales
Liz Patterson (LP)	Interim Head of Corporate Governance

Hayley Hughes (HH) Corporate Business Manager (Minutes)

Apologies for absence

Chris Walsh (CW) Independent Member (Local Authority)
Claire Roche (CR) Executive Director of Nursing, Quality, Women and Family Health
Kate Wright (KW) Executive Medical Director
Joy Garfitt (JG) Interim Director of Operations/Community and Mental Health
Nina Davies (ND) Associate Member: Director of Social Services and Wellbeing, Powys County Council
Katie Blackburn (KB) Llais

PRELIMINARY MATTERS	
PTHB/24/45	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE CC welcomed all participants to the meeting of the Board and apologies for absence were noted and recorded as above.
PTHB/24/46	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST On behalf of all Members of the Board, HB declared an interest on the Remuneration report including detail of salary, pensions, and expense. No further action required.
ITEMS FOR APPROVAL/RATIFICATION/DECISION	
PTHB/24/47	AUDIT WALES' AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS REPORT, 2023/24 It was noted that the Audit of Accounts Report 2023/24 had been scrutinised at the Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee. PH introduced ET, Audit Wales, to present their report on their audit of the Health Board's account. ET summarised key aspects of Audit Wales's work for 2023/24 and brought the below items to the Board's attention: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Proposing to give an unqualified true and fair opinion but a qualified regularity opinion.- In line with last year, the regularity opinion is qualified as the Health Board did not meet its revenue resource limit over the 3 years to 2023-24.- No uncorrected mis-statements or significant issues (other than the regularity opinion qualification) to report.- Last year, there were some errors relating to payables and accruals which resulted in a

	<p>recommendation for improvement. ET confirmed that there were no errors in their testing of the balances or transactions relating to these areas for the year ending 31 March 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ET thanked PH and team for their help throughout the audit. <p>PH expressed his thanks, and on behalf of the Health Board, to ET and Audit Wales for the positive approach and the pragmatic and constructive relationship between the Health Board and Audit Wales.</p>
<p>PTHB/24/48</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION FROM THE AUDIT, RISK AND ASSURANCE COMMITTEE IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2023/24</p> <p>RL presented the report to provide the Board with a recommendation from the Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee, which met on the 9 July 2024, regarding the approval of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2023/24.</p> <p>The Committee RECOMMENDED to the Board that it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVES the Annual Report and Accounts 023/24 (including the Performance Report, the Annual Accountability Report and the Financial Statements). • APPROVES the Letter of Representation, and • AUTHORISES the Chair, Chief Executive and Director of Finance, Capital and Support Services to sign them when required.
<p>PTHB/24/49</p>	<p>ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2023/24</p> <p>PH introduced the financial accounts of the annual report, noting that the accounts had been presented to the Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee. PH advised that a presentation detailing the annual accounts will be presented at the Health Board’s Annual General Meeting. PH brought the following key items to the Board’s attention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At year end, there was a deficit position of £11.983m, noting this was an overspend but within the target control position. - The Health Board remained within the Capital Resource limit of £6.48m. - Noted that usual financial reporting, key issues and factors are discussed at Board and other committees.

HB noted it was her responsibility, on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer and Accountable Officer, to bring the whole report and financial accounts together for the Board's consideration. HB thanked colleagues in the People and Culture team, Planning, Performance and Commissioning team, Finance team and Corporate Governance directorate for their support in producing the Annual Report.

HT echoed HB and PH's thanks to colleagues across the entire organisation in their contribution to the report. HT was pleased to hear the positive reflection of how the organisation had worked with Audit Wales.

HT noted that it was clear that the Health Board was in a position where it had not met its statutory financial duties, not met the resource allocation for the 3-year period or the requirements for health boards to have an approved plan. As a unitary Board, members will continue to work towards financial sustainability and to address those issues that the reports, considered at today's Board, have highlighted. CC supported HT's comments.

SE, Independent Member (Finance) re-iterated the comments made in regard to the ability in preparing a full set of accounts in the time period, the good relationship between the Health Board and Audit Wales. SE reiterated the Board's duty to continue to work together to resolve not being able to achieve the 3-year break even duty and noted the good work in achieving the Welsh Government controlled total.

The Board:

- APPROVED the Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24 in readiness for submission to Audit Wales and Welsh Government; and
- APPROVED the Letter of Representation for signing by the Chair and Chief Executive, on behalf of the Board.

CC thanked all colleagues for their contribution to the reports considered at today's Board meeting.

OTHER MATTERS	
PTHB/24/50	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Wednesday 24 July 2024, via Microsoft Teams.