

## **Questions to Board 25 March 2026**

### **Question 7:**

***Are there plans in the future for people with lived experience to meaningfully engage with any future policy amendments?***

### **PTHB response**

*The insights gathered through our public listening events during autumn and winter 2025/26 are informing the development of our plans and priorities for 2026/27.*

*We would also be very grateful to receive the survey results from BLIP to contribute to this work.*

### **Blip further questions on PTHB response**

Will BLIP and other patient groups be **formally invited to participate** in the policy review process?

Can the Health Board establish a **patient advisory group** involving people with lived experience of long waiting times?

Does the Health Board believe it is acceptable that a patient living in Powys could wait **twice as long for the same surgery as someone living a few miles away across the English border**, and if so, how does that align with the founding principles of the NHS?

### **Response:**

As part of the Better Together programme ([Better Together](#)), we will be undertaking a review of Planned Care for which we anticipate a number of public, staff and stakeholder workshops and would welcome involvement from citizens across Powys in this work. Whilst details are yet to be confirmed, I have asked the engagement team to note your request so that invitations can be sent once events are arranged. In the meantime, we encourage any citizens to sign up to our regular

news updates at <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news-sign-up> to receive the latest updates direct to their inbox.