

**POWYS TEACHING HEALTH BOARD  
PLANNING, PARTNERSHIPS AND POPULATION HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**CONFIRMED**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11 MAY 2023  
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**Present:**

Ian Phillips	Independent Member (Acting as Committee Chair)
Ronnie Alexander	Independent Member
Jennifer Owen-Adams	Independent Member
Kirsty Williams	Independent Member

**In Attendance:**

Mererid Bowley	Director of Public Health
Pete Hopgood	Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance, Information & IT
Claire Madsen	Director of Therapies and Health Sciences
Hayley Thomas	Interim Chief Executive Officer
Helen Bushell	Director of Corporate Governance
Alison Merry	Consultant in Public Health (Joined for Item 3.1)
Claire Roche	Director of Nursing and Midwifery (Joined for Item 3.4)
Adrian Osborne	Assistant Director of Communications and Engagement (Joined for Item 3.2 and 3.3)

**Observing**

Carl Cooper	PTHB Chair
Andrea Blayney	Community Health Council

**Apologies for absence:**

Rhobert Lewis	Independent Member (Committee Chair)
Stephen Powell	Director of Performance and Commissioning
Kate Wright	Medical Director

**Committee Support:**

Beth Powell	Interim Corporate Governance Business Officer
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<b>PPPH/23/01</b>	<p><b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>The Committee Chair welcomed Members and attendees to the meeting and CONFIRMED that there was a quorum present. Apologies for absence were NOTED as recorded above.</p>
<b>PPPH/23/02</b>	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</b></p> <p>There were no Declarations of Interest made.</p>
<b>PPPH/23/03</b>	<p><b>UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, PARTNERSHIPS AND POPULATION HEALTH COMMITTEE HELD 19 JANUARY 2023</b></p> <p>The Committee APPROVED the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2023, as being a true and accurate record.</p>
<b>PPPH/23/04</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS</b></p> <p>The following comments were raised regarding minute PPPH/22/71 – Healthy Schools and Healthy Pre-Schools/Bach A Iach Schemes Assurance Report:</p> <p><i>Is there any progress on future funding for the delivery of Health Schools and Pre Schools?</i></p> <p>The Director of Public Health confirmed that grant funding had been made available for Powys for this financial year.</p>
<b>PPPH/23/05</b>	<p><b>COMMITTEE ACTION LOG</b></p> <p>The Committee Action Log was received, and ongoing actions were discussed.</p> <p><b>PPPH/22/07</b> – Regional Partnership Board (RPB) Delivery Plan:</p> <p>The Director of Corporate Governance highlighted that the final draft is being considered at RPB Board and Executive Group today, however due to the sequencing of meetings this would not be available to committee members today. The report would be made available to committee members at the next meeting in August 2023.</p> <p><b>PPPH/22/60b</b> – The Digital Strategic Framework:</p> <p>The Director of Corporate Governance advised Committee members that further work has been developed and would form part of a Board Development session ahead of formal Board consideration. This would allow Board members to be involved in the development and planning arrangements.</p>

	<p><i>Committee members queried the remit and level of scrutiny required of the committee prior to submission to the Board. The Director of Corporate Business acknowledged the sequencing of Committee's which may not align with reporting data made available. This would be reviewed in line with the work programme for 2023/2024.</i></p> <p><b>PPPH/22/39</b> – Permanent Contracts for Vaccination Staff: Action Completed.</p>
<b>ITEMS FOR APPROVAL/RATIFICATION/DECISION</b>	
<b>PPPH/23/06</b>	There were no items for inclusion in this section.
<b>ITEMS FOR ASSURANCE</b>	
<b>PPPH/23/07</b>	<p><b>HEALTH WEIGHT HEALTH WALES: BRIEFING ON THE WHOLE SYSTEM APPROACH TO HEALTHY WEIGHT</b></p> <p><i>The Consultant in Public Health joined the meeting.</i></p> <p>The Director of Public Health presented the report outlining the delivery of the Whole System Approach to Healthy Weight which forms part of the local delivery of the national Healthy Weight: Healthy Wales Strategy. The delivery across Powys during 2022/23 has progressed and has included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• establishing a local obesity system team;</li> <li>• defining and mapping the local obesity system and completing a local system narrative in line with national methodology,</li> <li>• delivery of two stakeholder events in October 2022 and January 2023,</li> <li>• identification of two sub-systems 'children and families' and 'access to healthy food' as priorities for focused local work in 2023/24,</li> <li>• engagement with local senior strategic leads and partnerships including the presentation of a proposal to the Powys Public Service Board for this work to form one of its priorities for 2023/24 to 2027/28.</li> </ul> <p>Committee members were assured that work had progressed with key strategic partners engagement. Children and family's access to healthy food have been identified with local partners as the priorities for a further focused system working in Powys. A proposal had been made to the Powys Public Service Board for this work to be one of the priorities for its 2023/24 to 2027/28 work programme.</p>

It was highlighted that two successful Healthy Weight workshops had taken place locally with support from various stakeholder groups, recognising the importance of collaborative partnership working.

*Is it anticipated that the PSB would prioritise the Whole System Approach to increase delivery and would this impact on the need to increase resources to support activity?*

This work requires collective action across partners and organisations together with action across government departments. A small grant is provided which funds 1.5WTE Public Health Practitioners to lead on developing a system response.

*What are the target outcomes that will drive a change in behaviour?*

The Director of Public Health confirmed that the All-Wales Strategy reviews the Whole System Approach and investment of funding which leads the system and alignment of work required. The workshops have identified a local focus with the importance of leadership mobilising the system for collective action.

It was agreed that the visual minutes following the two local workshops would be circulated to Committee members for information.

**Action: Director of Public Health**

### **UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PATHWAYS**

The Consultant in Public Health provided an update on the Health Board's progress against the delivery of weight management pathways in 2022/2023. Key highlights were noted as:

- Considerable progress has been made to establish an adult weight management pathway in Powys. Services have been established at levels 1, 2 and 3.
- A business case has been developed for investment to support the establishment of a pathway for children, young people, and families. Funding had not been identified or secured to introduce a service; and therefore, is not yet possible to progress the introduction of services.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demand has exceeded capacity at level 3 of the adult weight management pathway. A business case had been developed for investment to further develop the adult pathway which has been considered at the Investment and Benefits Group and Executive Committee. Funding has not been secured to expand the service to date.</li> </ul> <p><i>What is the gap analysis between the national expectancy and the current local position?</i>          Welsh Government funding allocation of £121,000 has enabled the introduction and development of new adult weight management service.          However, with increasing overweight obese rates service provision does not meet demand and there is a gap between what the Health Board provides and expectation of Welsh Government.</p> <p><i>Is there a financial constraint impeding on the further development of the Healthy Weight Service?</i>          The Director of Public Health confirmed that until further funding is identified, the service is unable to develop further.</p> <p>The Committee DISCUSSED and NOTED the Health Weight, Health Wales Report. The Committee recognised the significant progress of work undertaken and positive direction of travel in introducing and developing new adult Weight Management Pathways within the financial resource available. The Committee recognised that there is no Children and Young Peoples pathway for Weight Management services across Powys. It was NOTED that until further funding is identified that services unable to develop pathways further.</p> <p><i>The Consultant in Public Health left the meeting.</i></p>
<p><b>PPPH/23/08</b></p>	<p><b>STRATEGIC CHANGE REPORT</b></p> <p><i>The Assistant Director of Communications and Engagement joined the meeting.</i></p> <p>The Director of Therapies and Health Science introduced the Strategic Change Report highlighting the recent interim Executive portfolio changes where Strategic Change would be led by the Therapies and Health Science Directorate. It was highlighted that the plans within the report are subject</p>

to Welsh Government requesting changes and supplementary information at the end of May 2023.

The following key programmes for engagement/consultation were noted to be under way or under consideration:

Engagement under way:

- EMRTS/Welsh Air Ambulance.

Consultation under way:

- Powys Well-being Plan;
- Hywel Dda University Health Board new hospital location.

Engagement planned or under consideration:

- PTHB Accelerated Sustainable Model.

Consultation planned or under consideration:

- Hywel Dda University Health Board interim configuration of paediatric services.

It was noted that a period of engagement or consultation has ended, and next steps outstanding are:

- Gilwern Branch surgery;
- South Wales Specialist Auditory Hearing Implant Services; and
- Herefordshire and Worcestershire Stroke Services.

The Assistant Director of Communications and Engagement highlighted that the health board have particularly complex arrangements due to differing operating arrangements within England and Wales. Powys are proactive and there is an expectation that the larger organisations will inform the Health Board of planned changes to services. Monthly meetings are scheduled with commissioning providers and third sector which have enabled regular updates on service and strategic change which impact upon Powys residents.

The Health Board would need to consider how the proposed changes will have an impact on the residents of Powys.

*In terms of the Multiple Regional Pathways, where are the process of principle vulnerabilities dealt with?*

The Interim Chief Executive Officer advised that the strategic changes taking place have differing factors and consideration of the service fragility and expectations for pathways would need to be reviewed to ascertain local proportionalities. It was noted that rationale for the decisions made would be incorporated into future reporting and the added complexities of the agile process to be extracted into the cover paper going forwards.

	<p><b>Action: Assistant Director of Communications and Engagement.</b></p> <p><i>How does the report influence wider discussions across the organisation?</i></p> <p>The Interim Chief Executive Officer highlighted that a focus around domain and governance is key to strategic change and provides a basis review post pandemic, of the sustainability and fluidity of current delivery of services and direction of travel for the population of Powys.</p> <p>The Committee DISCUSSED and NOTED the Strategic Change Report and recognised that the organisation has appropriate mechanisms in place to monitor strategic change.</p>
<p><b>PPPH/23/09</b></p>	<p><b>COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT</b></p> <p>The Director of Corporate Governance provided an overview of the high level statutory and engagement functions carried out across the Corporate Governance Directorate. The agile work supports the delivery of the Health Board strategic priorities, principles and risks against the assurance framework being delivered locally with the expectation to be rolled out nationally.</p> <p>It was highlighted that the quarterly Delivery Assurance Reports will form part of a process of targeted assurance reflecting the roles and responsibilities of those Health Board committees with duties in relation to engagement and communication. This Committee lens focuses on assurance of engagement and communication in the development and delivery of the organisations strategic plan, and engagement and consultation on service change. Thanks were noted to the Corporate Governance team for the quality and engagement work across Communications portfolio in support of the Health Board’s delivery against the assurance framework.</p> <p><i>Does the action plan identify next steps?</i></p> <p>The Assistant Director of Communications and Engagement confirmed that the delivery programme for the engagement and communication team aims to strengthen assurance against these key themes within available resources. Key risks are reflected in the team risk register which contributes to the directorate risk register and corporate risk register as appropriate in line with the Health Board’s risk management framework.</p>

	<p><i>Is the Health Board satisfied with the systems in place to respond to major and critical incidents?</i></p> <p>The Assistant Director of Communications confirmed that both Gold and Silver On call systems are in place to mitigate risks and ensure tolerance is appropriately provided where systems are enacted as required. Briefings are provided to the responsible Director 'On Call' prior to weekends, Bank holidays and Out of Hours.</p> <p>The Interim Chief Executive Officer advised that the proposed outcome following the Structured Assessment, recognised the current systems in place and from a governance perspective, the need to review a Stakeholders Reference Group. The Director of Corporate Governance accepted the non-compliance, and the gap would be addressed to approach the delivery of the group within 2023/24.</p> <p><b>Action: Director of Corporate Governance</b></p> <p>The Committee DISCUSSED and NOTED the Engagement and Communication Delivery Assurance Report.</p> <p><i>The Assistant Director of Communications and Engagement left the meeting.</i></p>
<p><b>PPPH/23/10</b></p>	<p><b>HEALTHY CHILD WALES PROGRAMME SCHOOL AGED SCREENING EVALUATION</b></p> <p>The Director of Nursing and Midwifery joined the meeting.</p> <p>The Director of Nursing and Midwifery presented the report which provided an overview of the Health Boards progress of the Healthy Child Wales Programme to include School Aged Screening in which all screening and surveillance programmes for 2023/2024 are in place and resourced for delivery across Powys.</p> <p>Quarter 1 and 2 (2022/2023) national statistics have reported that Powys uptake is above Welsh average for all contacts in Quarter 1 and for 75% of contacts in Q2. The next national statistical release for Q3 2022/2023 is expected in May 2023.</p>



	<p>The Director of Nursing and Midwifery highlighted that recruitment remains a national challenge across the Community Specialist Nursing service, Powys have undertaken recruitment exercises to establish new recruiting teams to be able to deliver a full programme across the organisation.</p> <p><i>What more can the Health Board do operationally, to support the Llandrindod and Newtown area?</i></p> <p>Registered Nursing are being fully supported in terms of staff cover across various services recognising that priority areas such as screening surveillance would be a key focus. It was highlighted that opportunities across the Childrens services to enable further support into contacting service needs would be further explored.</p> <p><i>What is the quantum of Children in deprivation which corelates with a lack of engagement with child support services?</i></p> <p>It was highlighted that differing trends and themes have been presented relating to disengagement from families experiencing deprivation. Powys Safeguarding multi agency approach supports numerous activities for families experiencing challenges and with support from Health Visitors intervention to those individuals at early healthy starts are crucial.</p> <p><i>Are there any Health Board comparators regarding Health Visitors and School Nurse recruitment opportunities?</i></p> <p>The Director of Nursing and Midwifery confirmed that recruitment challenges remain a national issue with Registered Nurses currently supporting wider services across Powys. It was agreed that the Director of Nursing would seek further clarity around Health Board comparators of recruitment opportunities and would report back to Committee members.</p> <p><b>Action: Director of Nursing and Midwifery.</b></p> <p>The Committee DISCUSSED and NOTED the Healthy Child Wales Programme and took assurance that appropriate governance and reporting arrangements are in place locally.</p>
<b>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</b>	
<b>PPPH/23/11</b>	There were no items for inclusion in this section.
<b>ITEMS FOR INFORMATION</b>	

<b>PPPH/23/12</b>	<p><b>SHARED SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT</b></p> <p>The Committee RECEIVED and NOTED the Quarter 2 NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership Performance Report for information.</p>
<b>OTHER MATTERS</b>	
<b>PPPH/23/13</b>	<p><b>COMMITTEE RISK REGISTER</b></p> <p>The Director of Corporate Governance presented the Risk Register of risks relevant to the Committee and highlighted that in line with the Integrated Medium-Term Plan (IMTP), Executive Directors continue to review and reflect upon corporate risks on a regular basis. Given the current interim changes to Executive Director portfolio's, the risk profiles are currently under review to ensure the correct changes are implemented.</p> <p>The Committee RECEIVED the Risk Register and took ASSURANCE that the risks were being managed in line with the Risk Management Framework.</p>
<b>PPPH/23/14</b>	<p><b>COMMITTEE ANNUAL PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS</b></p> <p>The Director of Corporate Governance presented the development of Committee annual programme report and key points were highlighted to committee which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• delivery of 2022/23 Annual Programme of Business;</li> <li>• committee terms of reference; and</li> <li>• feedback from committees (discussions and performance review);</li> </ul> <p>The Committee DISCUSSED and NOTED the Development of Committee Annual Programme.</p>
<b>PPPH/23/15</b>	<p><b>ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD AND/OR OTHER COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>There were no items to be brought to the attention of the Board or other Committees.</p>
<b>PPPH/23/16</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS</b></p> <p>There was no urgent business.</p>
<b>PPPH/23/17</b>	<p><b>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>24 August 2023 at 10:00, via Microsoft Teams.</p>