

**Minutes of the of North Wales Community Health Council Meeting held Via Zoom
Tuesday 26 January 2021, 10.00am
Chair: Mrs Jackie Allen**

PRESENT:			
CONWY LOCAL COMMITTEE	Myfanwy Baines Joy Baker Frank Bradfield	Phil Capper Sian Ramessur Hilary Randall	John Roberts Roger Williams
DENBIGHSHIRE LOCAL COMMITTEE	Kelly Benton Rhys Davies	Eva Edwards Gordon Hughes	Cheryl Williams
FLINTSHIRE LOCAL COMMITTEE	Michael Boyle Di Gill Linda Harper	Stella Howard Russell Jackson	Rita Jones David Mackie
GWYNEDD LOCAL COMMITTEE	Adrian Drake-Lee Vicki Harvey	Michael Lloyd-Jones Dewi-Wyn Roberts	Paul Rowlinson
WREXHAM LOCAL COMMITTEE	Jackie Allen Celia Hayward	Frank Hemmings Adrian Leslie	Niki Tabern-Price
YNYNYS MÔN LOCAL COMMITTEE	Richard Bladon Andy Burgen Jon Chorlton	Glyn Haynes Val Monaghan	Aaron Osborne-Taylor Dylan Rees
CO-OPTED MEMBERS	Melanie Davies Carina Edwards Brace Griffiths Dot Griffiths	Garth Higginbotham John Jones Mair Jones Morfudd Jones	Christopher Phillips Peter Rendle Mike Theaker Mark Thornton
Staff	Eleri Ellis Rebeca Hughes Cerys Jones Debra Postle Jill Scupham (part) Carol Williams	Complaints Advocate Management Officer Management Officer Advocacy Office Manager Administrative Officer Deputy Chief Officer	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Geoff Ryall-Harvey Jez Hemming Sue Irlam Mike Smith Gwynfor Owen Alberto Salmoiraghi	Chief Officer Daily Post Secretariat BCUHB Director Of Nursing Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Translator BCUHB Consultant Psychiatrist/Medical Director	

APOLOGIES:			
CONWY	Liz Liddall	Jo Reeve	
DENBIGHSHIRE	Karen Bellis Neil Taylor	Mike Theaker Gill Williams	Emrys Wynne
FLINTSHIRE	Gladys Healey		
GWYNEDD	Vera Wilson		
YNYS MÔN	Deborah Chafer	Trefor Lloyd-Hughes	
STAFF	Lucy Barker Bev Davies Eleri Ellis	Allison Hughes Debra Jones	Bethan Perkins Rachel Valentine
NOT PRESENT	Sandra Baughan Linda Kinani	Menna Williams	Dave Wisinger

MINUTE	ITEM	ACTION
FC21.01	<p>WELCOME</p> <p>The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting. Members were reminded that the meeting was being recorded and would be put on the NWCHC's YouTube channel. Those members and staff not wishing to be recorded could turn their cameras off for the duration of the meeting. Members were further reminded of remote meeting etiquette and that microphones should be muted when not speaking.</p> <p>Before moving on to the agenda proper the translator provided a brief explanation as to how the Welsh Language translation service would work.</p>	
FC21.02	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies were received and are as recorded</p>	
FC21.03	<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest in respect of any item on the agenda.</p>	
	<p>The Chair varied the agenda at this stage as Mike Smith from BCUHB was experiencing some technical issues in connecting to the meeting.</p>	
FC21.05 FC21.05(1)	<p>UPDATE ON PROGRESS ON THE BILL TO ESTABLISH A NEW CITIZENS VOICE BODY</p> <p>To receive an update in respect of progress on the Bill</p> <p>The Chief Officer provide the following update:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been little or no progress in respect of the Bill and the establishment of the Citizens Vice Body • CHCs are yet to have sight of the Code of Conduct which would lay out the right for information; the right to reply and the right to enter and view health care premises; NWCHC is disappointed that this is still not available as it is of paramount importance to the new organisation. • NWCHC has noted its concern around the lack of the Code of Practice at meetings with North Wales Members of the Senedd, who in turn have said that there is likely to be little progress in this area until after the elections, should they be held in May 2021. • A White Paper, 'Rebalancing Care and Support', is currently being consulted on in respect of improving social care arrangements and strengthening partnership working to better support people's well-being. • It is concerning to note that there is no mention of the Citizens Voice Body in the paper, particularly as the remit of the new organisation will have a focus on both health and social care. A copy of the consultation document will be circulated with the membership for information. • Whilst The Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act became law on 1 June 2020, if there is a change at the Senedd following the elections, the Bill could be left to lie. As there is much Ministerial discretion with the interpretation of the Bill, new Minister could choose to take this forward using discretionary powers. • NWCHC would prefer evolution and not abolition. 	BM
FC20.16	<p>PRESENTATION</p> <p>Mike Smith, BCUHB Director Of Nursing Mental Health and Learning Disabilities and Alberto Salmoiraghi, BCUHB Consultant Psychiatrist/Medical Director were in attendance to provide a presentation around, "<i>The Priorities of the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Division</i>". A copy of the presentation is appended to these minutes. The following points in particular were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MHLD division has, for a number of years suffered from long term staff absences, which has led to instability. • It also has a number of legacy issues such as Tawel Fan and the Holden Report which are significant and have had a huge impact on its reputation. • So as to address some of the long established issues facing the MHLD division the MHLD division has agreed 4 priorities with 	

	<p>the BCUHB Board which will bring about safe integration and improvement of mental health services.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of significant changes have been made to the staffing structure so as to bring about stability. • Stronger and robust and governance process are also being developed. The division is also undertaking a review of its Together for Mental Health Strategy. • A triumvirate comprising the Chief Executive Officer, the Executive Director of Nursing and the Executive Medical Director, has been established as part of the Special Measures package, which will drive forward the changes to the MHLD division. • During the pandemic, many services were adapted so as to deal with the challenges this brought. • Moving forward the MHLD division will have a focus on its operational aspect <p>A number of written questions had been submitted to the BCUHB in advance of the meeting. Whilst oral answers were provided at the Full Council meeting, a number remained unanswered. Full written responses will be provided and will be appended to these minutes along with the original questions to form a full and comprehensive record of the discussions.</p> <p>It was noted that members would also like the opportunity to discuss concerns regarding mental health services at a local level; this could be done at the forthcoming local committee meetings.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Mike Smith and Alberto Salmoiraghi for attending. Should members have further questions these can be sent to the NWCHC office for onward transmission to BCUHB for response.</p>	
<p>FC21.06 21.06(1)</p>	<p>CHAIR AND CHIEF OFFICER UPDATE Mental Health Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health safe space events have been organised are being held via Zoom so as to hear patients' lived experience of mental health services in North Wales. • Two mental health space events were held on 10 December with two further session held on 14 January. These session were well attended and have provided a wealth of very real and valuable feedback. • Further sessions have been organised, the details of which have been shared with the wider membership. 	

21.06(2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chief Officer will be preparing an interim report following the next event on the 1 February 2021 which will be shared with the BCUHB. • The Chair commended the Chief Officer and staff involved in facilitating the safe space events to date. <p>Vascular Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Royal College of Surgeons invited review into vascular services at BCUHB has started. • NWCHC gave their submissions to the review last week; it is understood that Professor Dean Williams will be giving his submission to the review this week. • NWCHC has received and responded to correspondence which reported mortality data for elective abdominal aortic aneurysm surgery was some 16%. The figure of 16% is factually incorrect and the response from the NWCHC points this out. The figures have been put to the Royal College of Surgeons review, so that they provide a professional interpretation on the data. The correspondence would be shared with the wider membership. • The outcome of the invited review will shape any actions the NWCHC will need to take moving forward. • NWCHC has lobbied HIW and the Minister with its concerns regarding vascular services in North Wales; without this lobbying it is highly likely that the invited review would have not happened. • External groups have also lobbied the NWCHC to refer the matter to the Minister. Any referral to the Minister at this stage would be dismissed and would be inappropriate due to the ongoing review and would be rejected by the Minister. It was further noted that no Minister had, to date, support a CHC referral on any matter. 	BM
21.06(3)	<p>Covid-19 and Vaccination Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the recent Executive Committee it had been reported that generally there was a lack of clear information regarding the Covid-19 vaccination programme; as such members were receiving a lot of queries from the general public. • The Executive Committee had requested that correspondence be sent to the Chief Executive Officer of the BCUHB seeking clarity; the publication of the BCUHB's vaccination plan removed the need for the correspondence to be sent. • There remain some very genuine concerns regarding how the vaccination programme is working across North Wales with there being some stark variations as to whom is receiving their vaccination. 	

<p>21.06(4)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCUHB operates a stand-by list for our priority groups, and have experienced minimal wastage of the vaccination as a result of the very small number of missed appointments. • These concerns will be raised with BCUHB officers at a meeting on 27 January 2021. • At this meeting NWCHC will also seek clarity regarding the performance data for the Test Trace and Protect (TTP) programme. • The Chief Officer has been called to give evidence to the Health Sport and Social Care (HSCS) Committee, which will be undertaking an enquiry as regards the vaccination programme along with TTP. • Other areas of concern that will be raised with the HSCS Committee are: the increase in referral to treatment time and delays in patients receiving lucentis and Intravitreal injections causing long term harm and sight loss. • It is concerning to know that a recent report to BCUHB's Quality Safety and Experience Committee reported that there were no issues with these injections; correspondence received by NWCHC suggests that this is not the case. • A discussion ensued with the following comments being made. • Members were encouraged to learn that the stand-by list for vaccinations means that there is very little wastage, but asked if it were possible for contact details of the vaccination centre to be shared when patients were invited for the vaccination. • Members also noted their concern at how some areas appear to have moved on to other priority groups i.e. over 75 year olds when those in the higher category are yet to receive their vaccine. • There is a lack of clear communication as to how patients will be invited to attend for the vaccination. • Anti-body tests were carried out previously; members queried if these were still being carried out. • Whilst the number of vaccinations is ramping up across North Wales, more could be done if the supplies were greater. • As with all vaccinations, some patients will have experienced an adverse reaction; NWCHC does not have this data. <p>Robotic Assisted Surgery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Officer reported that BCUHB had developed a business case to purchase a robot. • NWCHC had been told that the robot would be sited at Ysbyty Gwynedd and would be operational before Christmas, this was not the case. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The delay had been caused by the establishment of All-Wales Programme Board for robotic assisted surgery, whereby Welsh Government were to fund the procurement of 4 robots. It is understood that BCUHB is wishing to independently lease a robot for North Wales, rather than waiting for the all-Wales Programme. This would mean that there would be capital expenditure. The robot should now be in place by March 2021. A number of disciplines will be able to make use of the robot including but limited to urology and cardio-thoracic surgery. It is disappointing to note that of the three urologists recruited, one has already withdrawn due to these delays. A legacy received by BCUHB to purchase a robot, would not be used as there are revenue and on-going capital expenditure implications as regards maintenance, staffing which could not be funded from the legacy. The legacy is subject to regulations as laid out by the Charity Commission. NWCHC had longed lobbied and campaigned for a robot to be based in North Wales and welcomes the news that there will soon be a robot in North Wales. 	
FC21.07 21.07(1)	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>To receive and approve the minutes of the Full Council held 29 September 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2020 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting. 	
21.07(2)	<p>Matters Arising not on the Agenda</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
FC21.08	<p>NWCHC EQUALITY DIVERSITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION PLAN</p> <p>Linda Harper provided the following update making the following observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The latest EDHR briefing in respect of the NWCHC Equality, Diversity and Human Rights action plan has been prepared and will be shared with the wider membership from the office. Following attendance at the BCUHB Strategic Forum a report will be prepared and circulated to the membership for their information. 	LH
FC21.09 21.09(1)	<p>WELSH LANGUAGE</p> <p>Welsh Language Standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NWCHC remains fully compliant with the 110 Welsh Language Standards. The 6 other CHCs and the Board of CHC's in Wales 	

	office have received a formal derogation in respect of some of the standards from the Welsh Language Commissioner	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Welsh Language Officer has been employed by the Board of CHCs; they will be used to provide written translation services for all CHCs across Wales as well as providing a Welsh call handling service. 	
FC21.10 21.10(1)	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Local Committee Elections 2021 - 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further to recent correspondence sent regarding the forthcoming local committee elections no member had indicated that they would wish to stand against the incumbent Chairs and Vice Chairs of the local committees. All the incumbent Chairs and Vice Chairs had all confirmed that they would be willing to continue in the role for the 2021 – 2022 financial year. The appointments would be endorsed by a show of hand at the local committee meetings to be held in March 2021. 	
21.10(2)	<p>Full Council Elections 2021 – 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chief Officer would prepare correspondence to be sent to the wider membership of NWCHC regarding Full Council Elections for 2021 – 2022 financial year. 	CO
21.10(3)	<p>Resting Time Following Covid-19 Vaccination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was reported that patients receiving their vaccination at the Broughton community centre were being asked to observe the 15 minute waiting time in their vehicles. Vaccination centre volunteers were not observing patients, which is of concern with possible anaphylactic shock following the vaccination. Chief Officer undertook to raise with BCUHB. 	CO
FC20.23	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The date and arrangements for the next Full Council meeting will be advised.</p>	
	All were thanked for attending the meeting The meeting closed at 12.15pm.	

CHAIR

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