



**North Wales Regional
Partnership Board Meeting
Minutes
11th July 2025**

Present:	Councillor Dilwyn Morgan (Chair), Estelle Hitchon (Vice Chair); Cllr Cathy Augustine (CA); Cllr Elen Heaton (EH); Dylan Owen (DO); Geoff Ryall-Harvey (GRH); Gethin Morgan (GM); Jane Moore (JM); Nicola Stubbins (NS); Thea Brain (TB); Liz Grieve; Paolo Tardivel; Rhian Thomas; Tehmeena Ajmal; David Kamau; Alun Roberts; Helen Douglas (HD); Rob Ellis (RE); Karen Chambers (KC); Arwel Owen (AO); Toni Bailey; Chloe Mangnall; Sandra Williams (Translation); Sophie Hughes (minutes)
Apologies:	Carol Shillabeer; Cllr Chris Jones; Cllr John Pritchard; Craig Macleod; Dyfed Edwards; Fon Roberts; Gareth Williams; Paul Kay ; Rhun ap Gareth
Present:	Kamala Williams - agenda Item 3 Dafydd Gwynne – agenda Item 6

Item	
1	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	Minutes / Log Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estelle chaired the meeting in Dillwyn’s absence (delayed en route). Introductions and Apologies were noted. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as distributed. EH introduced Paolo and Kamala to the group.
3.	Focused discussions on Kamala delivered a presentation on “Strategy and Integrated Medium-Term Planning,” after which attendees broke into three groups to discuss the current state (challenges and opportunities), the future, and the next steps with associated timeframes. Key themes began to emerge during these discussions, which will be written up and shared in full; however, initial highlights included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnerships are people-led, not organisation-led. Trust is essential to successful collaboration. Good practice example: Well North Wales co-production. Need to reduce duplication and navigate complex governance. Shift in focus toward prevention and shared common goals. Data is widely collected but not easily shared across systems. Many pilot schemes exist; need to scale and sustain them. Importance of managing public expectations and encouraging self-responsibility in health. Future Considerations & Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of AI’s impact and environmental considerations. Focus on effective resource use and community responsibility. Appetite for task-and-finish groups to draft a Strategic Intent for health and wellbeing. Concern over follow-through and risk of duplication. <p>Agreement to revisit this work regularly as a standing agenda item.</p>
4.	Winter Planning

	<p>Tahmeena gave an update on the Winter Learning Event took place, focusing on challenges and lessons learned from the recent 50-day challenge.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current efforts are aimed at strengthening partnerships and analysing relevant data to inform planning. • The end of December and the first two weeks of January have been identified as critical pinch points for health services due to increased winter pressures and the need for effective patient flow management. • Emphasis placed on the importance of efficient front-door processes and addressing delays in hospital discharges. • Allocation of additional funding to local authorities is underway, with specific deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ August 3rd – Deadline for critical care capacity and vaccinations planning submissions. ○ September 23rd – Deadline for allocation of additional funding related to care packages. • Consideration is being given to using the September RPB meeting for updates and coordination. • A testing process (desktop exercise) of winter plans is proposed for the third week of September—time and resource requests to be confirmed. • Partners are asked to identify individuals who will be involved and notify GM as soon as possible. • Clear parameters for discussion are needed to ensure a collective and focused approach. • It is essential that the winter plan includes input from service providers.
5.	<p>For Approval: Update: Well North Wales Task & Finish Scoping Study – Dr Jane Moore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update on the scoping study and outlined proposed next steps. • Focus on progressing to implementation and "making things happen." • Emphasis on building collective action where there is willingness and compatibility. • Strong interest from a range of sectors, including social housing. • Next stage involves securing agreement and alignment from partners. • Aim to improve joint working in areas with existing collaborative potential. • Future focus on prevention and applying lessons learned. • Importance of developing and sustaining strong working relationships moving forward. <p>The group agreed approval.</p>
6.	<p>For Approval: Developing a Whole System Prevention- Dafydd Gwynne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan is to hold an event to bring stakeholders together to explore what prevention means across the system. • Details such as format, invitees, and venue are still to be confirmed. • Acknowledged budget constraints and that funding has already been allocated. <p>The group expressed support for the idea but emphasised the importance of defining a clear scope.</p> <p>While unable to contribute financially, members noted they may be able to assist with human resources or other in-kind support.</p>
7.	<p>Presentation: Update on Regional Governance Arrangements - Gethin Morgan</p> <p>Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 self-assessment highlighted the need for improved governance and integration. • Review began with focus on RIF but expanded to wider partnership and planning issues.

	<p>Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner meetings (Aug–Oct 2024) and sub-regional discussions (Dec–Jan 2025). • Broad support from sub-regional teams, PCPG Chairs, WG Advisor, and Leadership Group. <p>Key Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No shared sub-regional priorities. • Weak decision-making structures and planning cycles. • Limited understanding of partner roles and services. • PCPGs still developing; need for improved trust and communication. <p>Preferred Model (Option 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Sub-Regional Strategic Planning Forums (SPFs) for decision-making. • Strengthen and revise PCPGs to identify priorities and support local delivery. • Align funding, reduce duplication, and ensure coordinated action. <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise Terms of Reference (Leadership Group). • Communication and engagement (Q1–Q2 2025). • RPB ratification and implementation from Q2. • Develop planning cycle and train key staff. <p>The group expressed support and formally approved the proposal.</p>
	<p>AOB</p> <p>Thea – Progress on Adoption of Fee Calculation Methodology Thea provided an update on the progress towards adopting a methodology for the calculation of fees. A regional approach has been identified as the preferred method, with the majority of areas adopting the Care Cubed tool. Currently, the Health Board (HB) does not have any formal methodology in place. Thea expressed the desire to encourage the Health Board to adopt a nationally accredited methodology, ideally Care Cubed, to align with the majority of other regions.</p> <p>Chloe – Eisteddfod update RPB Eisteddfod Update (2–9 August, Wrexham): Stand confirmed at spaces 215–216 in a prime location near the welcome tent. Each day will feature themed spotlight activities including Welsh language promotion, support for carers, learning disabilities, children’s emotional wellbeing, dementia and older people, workforce engagement, and an overall RPB showcase on the final day. Interactive sessions, partner involvement, and a display of key messages via slideshow will run throughout the week. The event is well-supported by a dedicated Task and Finish Group and promises strong visibility for RPB’s work.</p>
	<p>FOR INFORMATION:</p>
	<p>Next meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Friday 19 September 2025  Friday 14 November 2025