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Partnership Board Meeting
Minutes
14th March 2025**

Present:	Councillor Dilwyn Morgan (Chair), Ann Woods (AW); Cllr Alun Roberts (AR); Cllr Cathy Augustine (CA); Cllr Elen Heaton (EH); Cllr John Pritchard (JP); Darren Murray (DM); David Kamau (DK); Dylan Owen (DO); Estelle Hitchon (EH); Fôn Roberts (FR); Geoff Ryall-Harvey (GRH); Gethin Morgan (GM); Helen Douglas (HD); Helen Stevens-Jones (HSJ); Jane Moore (JM); Nicola Stubbins (NS); Paul Kay (PK); Rhian Thomas (RT); Sarah Grant (SG); Thea Brain (TB)
Apologies:	Alison Reeve; Caroline Tudor-James; Craig Macleod; Cllr Chris Jones; Gareth Williams; Imran Devji; Jenny Williams; Liz Grieve
Present:	Members of the Children's Regional Partnership Board Meinir Bebb – Agenda item 5 Mel Panther – Agenda item 5

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1	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting especially members of the Children's Regional Board who joined to be part of the discussion. Meinir Bebb and Mel Panther were also welcomed to take part in Agenda item 5. Ahead of the start of the meeting, a video was shared showing highlights of the recent Social Care Digital Showcase Event. The board will receive a review the day in the near future.
2.	Implement Log Update / Log Approval All actions from the January meeting were completed and the Chair thanked everyone for their input. The log and operating records were approved as distributed.
3.	Update from the Preventive workshop held in January GM noted that the preventative work is building momentum and discussions are ongoing. GM added that everyone is committed to working better with the understanding to be brave and trusted to ensure success between teams/organizations/community/individuals etc. GM echoed the recognition of the work currently being carried out in North Wales, with the tour identifying different partners towards the future and the framework by pooling the work already in place by North Wales Well.
4.	Children's Regional Partnership Board (CRPB) Priorities Workshop A personal introduction to living with Neurodiverse (ND) was given by Llyr ap Rhisiart and Rhian Thomas. ND is one of the priorities of the CRPB. Members in attendance focused their discussions on the three Key Priorities for 2025/26 agreed by the Children's Board, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neurodiversity Supporting Mental Wellbeing

	<p> Not for profit in care</p> <p>They tackled and enquired and discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  if what we are doing is present enough  whether we have room to change or improve the existing provision and if there is  how we can look through the lens of collaboration for the benefit of future provision. <p>The discussion was open, positive and paved the way for the NW event which will be held in Llandudno on the 18/19 of March.</p> <p>The event: Designing Success Together: A two-day neuro-positive innovations workshop follows on from the all-Wales Rapid Design Event to drive a critical, systemic transformation led by the needs of children's neurodevelopmental pathways which took place in November 2024.</p> <p>Sarah Murphy, Senedd Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing will open the event and a cross-section of representatives from the Health Board, social care, third sector, education and lived experience will work intensively over the 2 days, co-designing solutions to the current challenges facing Children's Health Services in Wales.</p>
5.	<p>Presentation – Fostering Wales - Meinir Bebb & Mel Panther, Gwynedd Council</p> <p>A presentation to Fostering Wales included hearing from families and individuals who are currently fostering, and the voices of fostered children/young people.</p> <p>Fostering Wales was given the backdrop as it is a national network of 22 Welsh local authority fostering services. Their goal is to give children the opportunity to stay local, thrive and improve their chances in life through foster carers who receive the best possible support.</p> <p>It was noted that Fostering Wales recruits and supports foster carers from across Wales to provide care for children and young people who are unable to live with their biological families for a variety of reasons, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  parental illness  problems within the family  negligence  abuse or other circumstances. <p>Mel and Meinir went on to inform members that foster carers play a vital role in providing love, stability, support and guidance to children during a challenging time in their lives. Our foster works closely with social workers, the child's biological family, and other professionals to support the child's well-being and development.</p> <p>Meinir noted that there are currently 7,000 children looked after in Wales and only 3,800 foster families. To meet the growing demand and to find the right homes and the opportunity to stay local for each of these children, an additional 800 foster households are needed by 2026.</p> <p>The flexibility and benefits of being a foster family were explained, and businesses and organisations of all sizes across Wales were asked to work in partnership with Fostering Wales to achieve their aim of building a better future for local children.</p>
6.	<p>Any Other Issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  EMY stated that following the vote in accordance with the Terms of Reference, the term of the current Chair will be extended for 12 months until April 2026 following the unanimous vote.

	 Members have been informed that the RPB will have a stand at the Wrexham National Eisteddfod in August. EMY asked members for their support during the week, and invited anyone who wanted to attend and be a part of the week to let Luned know.
	Next meeting dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday 30th May, 2025 Friday 11 July 2025 Friday 19 September 2025