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# BOARD INSIGHTS

**HI ALL,**

**Welcome to Board Insights**, as members of the SHA Board, we all feel it's important to keep you updated with some of the work we are undertaking across the organisation and NHS Wales.

This edition comes from our **Independent Member, David Selway.**

DHCW as a SHA has now been in existence for 6 months and a lot has happened in that short space of time.

As an organisation we continue to develop and build on the solid foundation that we inherited from NWIS.

From a personal perspective I have been on learning curve getting up to speed on Healthcare as a domain and the many acronyms that we use! I have spent all my

career in Digital & IT roles so the technical side of what DHCW does has been a lot easier.

On 2nd Sept we have our 1st hybrid board development session with most of the board meeting face-to-face for the first time in Cardiff and a few colleagues joining the meeting remotely via Teams.

It was a great opportunity to meet new colleagues for the first time in a non-virtual environment.

## **I thought it would be good to share some of the topics covered at our board meeting on 30th September.**

- We had a listening & learning session on the development of the new Welsh Immunisation System (WIS) to support the Covid vaccine rollout. This was an excellent example of NWIS/DHCW at its best.
- We received an update on the development of our emerging DHCW cloud strategy.
- We received a briefing on the new e-Prescribing program that is about to be launched.

## **A number of items came to the board meeting for approval:**

- Our new engagement strategy framework, which will help strengthen our relationship with key stakeholders, was approved.
- The proposed new executive structure reporting into Helen Thomas as Chief Executive was also approved by the board.

- As part of the private board meeting the business case for the new LINC system was also approved. This was done in private due to commercial sensitives of the business case.

As part of our new engagement strategy, we are looking to establish an Independent Members' network with a specific focus on all things digital. Most of the Health Boards have one of their Independent Members playing a lead role for digital/IT who would be invited to participate in the network alongside some of our Independent Members.

As an IM I also serve on all a 3 of the DHCW committees which has allowed me to get up to speed quickly on what DHCW does and what challenges we face. I also had the opportunity to host one of our TENTalks which gave me the opportunity to introduce myself to staff. I would like to thank those staff that attended and for the great questions and feedback.

The 30th September was also Bob Hudson's last day in post as Interim Chair of DHCW. Bob did an excellent job in steering the organisation through its establishment as a Special Health Authority and as Chair during our first 6 months.

On the 1st October Simon Jones who has a broad range of experience (NHS, Private & 3rd Sector) took over as our substantive chair. I have already had the opportunity to meet Simon and I'm sure that he will build on the foundations that have already been established.

I would also like to encourage you all to take 5 minutes out of your working day to watch the [Board Summary](#) from Grace Quantock, to keep you apprised of all the Board goings on.

In addition, if there are any team sessions you would like me to pop along to, I would really welcome this, just pop an email to [dhcw.corporategovernance@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:dhcw.corporategovernance@wales.nhs.uk) and our Corporate Governance team will arrange this.



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