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BOARD INSIGHTS



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 our Board Secretary,

Chris Darling

Annwyl gyfeillion/ Dear colleagues,

I was delighted to be asked to share the first Board Insights article of 2023 with everyone, following the update in December from our Director of People and OD, Sarah-Jane Taylor.

It's been a busy start to the new year as we currently work through our statutory end of

year reporting arrangements. We held our first Board meeting of 2023 on the 26 January, this was a great milestone for the organisation as it marked the first Board meeting as a fully appointed Board with substantive Independent and Executive team members all in place.

The Listening and Learning Story at the January Board meeting was a great opportunity to hear from Matt Cornish, Programme Director, DSPP and Jo Dundon, National Clinical Lead, DSPP who shared with us learning and updates on the development of the NHS Wales App.

The Board meeting also received its first Board Champions Annual Report, this included updates from each Board Champion on their areas of responsibility. As the joint Board Champion for Staff Raising Concerns (Whistleblowing) along with Independent Member, Marian Wyn Jones, I am pleased to direct staff to our newly launched [Raising Concerns SharePoint site](#). It is critically important that DHCW create a culture which supports staff to raise concerns about any aspect of the way we do business, and more about this can be found on the site.

Our Executive Director of Finance presented the Finance update, which included a discussion on the financial pressures faced across the health and care system, and the risks and challenges faced by DHCW relating to digital inflation and

supplier cost increases. The private session of the Board reviewed the Cyber Investment case to be submitted to Welsh Government, to support the implementation of DHCW's three-year Cyber plan.

Since the last edition of Board Insights, we have also held a Board Development session where we discussed our approach to the IMTP 2023-25, Independent Member David Selway shared with the Board his insight and experience around quantifying Value from Data and learning that can be considered by DHCW. Initial feedback was also received from Audit Wales on our first Structured Assessment. A Structured Assessment is designed to help discharge the Auditor General's statutory requirement to be satisfied that NHS bodies have made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in their use of resources under section 61 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004. The feedback will be formally presented to the Audit and Assurance Committee on the 14 February.

The remainder of the Board Development time was spent with our Board Development partner, Deloitte, who presented the proposed Board Organisational Development Plan for the next nine months. This work has been commissioned recognising that the Board established during strict Covid-19 restrictions and therefore was an opportunity to explore Board members strengths, preferences and DHCW priorities for the Board looking ahead.

Finally, in January we submitted [our response](#) to the [follow up questions received](#) from the Senedd Health and Social Care and Public Administration and Public Accounts (PAPAC) Committee. This follows the [oral session](#) held with DHCW members on the 26 October 2022.

The next few months will see DHCW develop its Integrated Medium-Term Plan for 2023/24 – 25/26 which is scheduled to go to the March SHA Board meeting for approval.

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Ysgrifennydd y Bwrdd - Board Secretary



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