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Report Title	Chair's Report		
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Report Sponsor	Emma Woollett, Interim Chair		
Presented by	Emma Woollett, Interim Chair		
Freedom of Information	Open		
Purpose of the Report	This report aims to provide an update to the Board on relevant matters in my capacity as Interim Chair of the Health Board.		
Key Issues	This report provides key updates to the Board including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of Interim Vice Chair • Third Sector Independent Member • Board Development 		
Specific Action Required <i>(please choose one only)</i>	Information	Discussion	Assurance
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Recommendations	Members are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTE the report. 		

INTERIM CHAIR'S REPORT

1. PURPOSE

This report aims to provide an update to the Board on relevant matters in my capacity as Interim Chair of the Health Board.

2. KEY UPDATES

Appointment of Interim Vice Chair

I am delighted to announce that the Minister for Health and Social Services has appointed Martyn Waygood as Interim Vice Chair. In addition to his specific responsibilities in relation to primary care and mental health services, Martyn will continue to chair the Quality and Safety Committee for which I am very grateful.

Third Sector Independent Member

Interviews were held on 5 September.

Committee Arrangements

Revised Committee arrangements have been agreed with Independent Members. I am grateful to Reena Owen and Martyn Waygood, who have agreed to chair the Performance and Finance Committee and Mental Health Legislative Committees respectively and to all Independent Members for their commitment and forbearance with a heavy workload while we are under par in terms of numbers and hence coverage of Independent Members.

Local External Relationships

I represented the Health Board at the Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee and at West Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board, on which I have been appointed Vice Chair. Informally, I have met with both Leaders of Swansea and Neath Port Talbot Councils and with Swansea University.

Our work with partners and especially through partnership boards (RPB, PSB as well as City Deal, ARCH and the Joint Regional Planning Committee) is critical to our ability to deliver for patients, and I am taking the opportunity to review with the Chief Executive our engagement with and membership of these boards to ensure that we input and challenge delivery in an appropriate way on each. I will keep the board updated.

I chaired my first meeting with our local and regional Assembly Members, Members of Parliament, and/or their representatives in September. These meetings provide an opportunity both to proactively share developments that may be of interest to our local

representatives as well to create an open space outside of the regular channels of communication for Members to raise any issues of concern.

National Meetings

I attended monthly peer group meetings with Chairs across Wales as well as the regular quarterly meeting between chairs, chief executives and the Minister for Health and Social Services. Key items of interest from these meetings are the pressure being felt across the country in terms of unscheduled care; the importance being placed by Welsh Government on all organisations meeting their financial targets through sustainable measures that improve the quality of care and the importance being placed on transformation monies delivering sustainable change in line with A Healthier Wales. The Quality Bill is currently being debated and further updates will be provided to the Board in due course. The Guardian Service, which Swansea Bay established earlier this year will be helpful in our ability to encourage Duty of Candour by providing an additional route for raising concerns.

3. RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to:

- **NOTE** the report.

Governance and Assurance		
Link to Enabling Objectives (please choose)	Supporting better health and wellbeing by actively promoting and empowering people to live well in resilient communities	
	Partnerships for Improving Health and Wellbeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Co-Production and Health Literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Health and Wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Deliver better care through excellent health and care services achieving the outcomes that matter most to people	
	Best Value Outcomes and High Quality Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Partnerships for Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Excellent Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Outstanding Research, Innovation, Education and Learning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health and Care Standards		
(please choose)	Staying Healthy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Safe Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Effective Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Dignified Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Timely Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Individual Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Staff and Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Quality, Safety and Patient Experience		
Ensuring that the Health Board make fully informed decisions is dependent on the quality and accuracy of information presented and considered by those making decisions. Informed decisions are more likely to impact favourable on the quality, safety and experience of patients and staff.		
Financial Implications		
There are no financial implications contained within this report. However, specific impact, where relevant, will have been considered within individual reports referenced within this update.		
Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)		
There are no legal implications contained within this report. However, specific impact, where relevant, will have been considered within individual reports referenced within this update.		
Staffing Implications		
There are no direct implications on workforce in this report. However, specific impact, where relevant, will have been considered within individual reports referenced within this update.		
Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)		
There are no direct implications on the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act. However, the specific updates in this report will be subject to full impact against the act where necessary.		
Report History	None.	
Appendices	None.	