

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB)
Confirmed Minutes of the Health Board Trustees Meeting
held in Public on 28 January 2026
at Venue Cymru, Llandudno

Board Members present	
Name	Title
Dyfed Edwards	Chair
Tehmeena Ajmal	Chief Operating Officer
Russell Caldicott	Executive Director of Finance (via Zoom)
Clara Day	Executive Medical Director
Dyfed Jones	Independent Member (part meeting)
Paul Lambert	Independent Member
Dr Jane Moore	Executive Director of Public Health
Billy Nichols	Independent Member
Teresa Owen	Executive Director of Allied Health Professionals and Health Science
Georgina Roberts	Interim Executive Director of People Services and Organisational Development
Carol Shillabeer	Chief Executive
Paolo Tardivel	Interim Executive Director of Transformation and Strategic Planning
Caroline Turner	Independent Member
Rhian Watcyn Jones	Independent Member
In Attendance	
Laura Jones	Corporate Governance Manager
Justine Parry	Acting Director of Digital, Data and Technology
Philippa Peake-Jones	Head of Corporate Governance
Helen Stevens-Jones	Director of Partnerships, Engagement & Communications
Pam Wenger	Director of Corporate Governance
Neil Williams	Senior Financial Accountant

PRELIMINARY MATTERS
<p>T26.01 Welcome to the Trustees Meeting</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Board Members, members of the public and those viewing online to the Health Board Trustees meeting to review the excellent work accomplished by the charity.</p> <p>Apologies were received for Gareth Williams, Angela Wood, Clare Budden and Dylan Roberts.</p>
<p>T26.02 Declarations of Interest Relating to the Agenda</p> <p>No declarations of interest were raised.</p>
<p>T26.03 Unconfirmed Minutes of the Health Board Trustees meetings held on 30 January 2025</p> <p>Members received the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2025.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Board:</p>

- **AGREED** that the minutes of the Health Board held on 30 January 2025 were a true and accurate record.

T26.04 Awyr Las Annual Report and Accounts for 2024/25 for Ratification

The Board received the report and the following was highlighted:

- The Charitable Funds Committee meet on a quarterly basis and the Chair of the Committee stated that the Awyr Las Annual Report and Accounts are being presented to the Trustees to provide an overview of the work completed by the Charity.
A significant amount of work is undertaken to sustain the Charity and its related activities.
- Awyr Las manage around 450 separate funds, supporting various services across the organisation and the Senior Financial Account together with the team support the financial administration of the charity by overseeing the financial elements and assisting those responsible for managing the funds.
- The Charity funds a broad spectrum of work which includes enhancing patient care, driving innovation throughout the organisation and supporting staff development and wellbeing.
- Areas that have benefited from Awyr Las funding include Cancer and Therapy patients, Arts in Health to support dementia and Mental Health patients and investment in equipment to help services operate more effectively and reduce waiting times.
- Work continues to improve the Health Board experience for patients and visitors and Awyr Las funds have been allocated to provide volunteers who offer support at hospital entry points, improve clinical spaces and redesign areas for visitors to provide care for children and patients in waiting areas.
- The Charity also supports an annual event at Venue Cymru to celebrate staff achievements and recognise the important work completed by the staff of the Health Board.
- Thanks were expressed to all the public and staff members who support the Charity and the positive impact the work of Awyr Las has for the people of North Wales.

The Executive Director of Finance and the Senior Financial Account referred to the Accounts and highlighted:

- The Audit Wales team have completed an audit of the accounts and provided an unqualified audit report.
- The Annual Report provides a statement of financial activities for the year ending 31 March 2025 noting that the income and expenditure has been highlighted and the year's total income resource was £2,316,000 noting that the report provides a breakdown of income streams.
- A high value of legacy gifts have been received and donations have seen a slight downward trend however this is in line with the current National picture.
- A wide range of fundraising events continue to be arranged by both staff and members of the public and these donations are gratefully received as they make a significant difference for patients, families and staff.
- A number of grants have been received related to ongoing projects such as the Arts in Health activity projects as well as funding from the Arts Council for Wales.
- The total expenditure for the year was £1,800,000 which supported the purchase of equipment such as wheelchairs, appropriate seating and furniture as well as development and research.
- Net gains on investments totalled £205,000, the overall net increase totalled £721,000 and the balance sheet included in the report provides further information on the value of the investments.

- Brewin Dolphin have been appointed via a tender process as the Investment Managers for the Charity.
- The accounts have been presented to the Charitable Funds Committee and appreciation was expressed to Audit Wales for their effective collaboration with the team.
- There is a need to agree the accounts by 31 January 2026 and the recommendation from the Charitable Funds Committee was to endorse the accounts for onwards approval by the Trustees of the Charity (in accordance with the Health Board Standing Orders)
- A workshop will now take place to reflect on the work completed and discuss how to utilise funds going forward to receive the best outcomes for the people of North Wales.

In discussing the report, the Board of Trustees:

- Referred to the funding from Awyr Las being utilised within communities as well as supporting the main hospital sites noting that this will assist the Health Board as it moves forward with the prevention agenda. It was confirmed that the connection between fundraising and investment is important and there is a need to utilise the funding more strategically to drive forward improvements.
- Acknowledged the use of unrestricted and designated funds noting that some areas receive more funding than others and queried how the organisation can enable those areas that don't attract as much funding. It was confirmed that certain funding is restricted due to the donor wishes. However a significant amount of funding is received unrestricted therefore this will be discussed in further detail at the workshop to review how to allocate funds to these areas where required.
- Expressed gratitude to those who have contributed to the work completed and those who have supported the Charity through fundraising events, highlighting appreciation for the funding received which has truly made a positive impact for the people of North Wales.
- Approved the annual report and accounts for the period 2024/25

It was resolved that the Board of Trustees:

- **RECEIVED ASSURANCE** from the Charitable Funds Committee recommendation to endorse the Annual Report and Accounts (Appendix 1) and to provide delegated authority to the Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee and the Executive Director of Finance, to sign the Annual Report and Accounts.
- **APPROVED** the charity annual report and accounts for the period 2024/25
- **PROVIDED** delegated authority to the Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee and the Executive Director of Finance to sign the Letter of Representation to Audit Wales.
- **NOTED** the Audit of Accounts Report.

The Annual Report and Accounts will be submitted to the Charity Commission in advance of the deadline for submission of 31 January 2026.