

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board Chairman Dr Peter Higson and Chief Executive Gary Doherty said:

We were pleased to receive the presentation from Donna Ockenden to the Board today on the findings of her governance review and her related recommendations. Clearly we will need to consider her report in detail over the coming weeks but the Board fully recognises the key point being made by Donna today that we need to accelerate the pace of improvement. Board Members took the opportunity to update Donna on the work we have already been doing to strengthen governance, improve service quality and give better support to our staff.

We have already put in place arrangements to take forward the themes of the HASCAS lessons for learning report which will be overseen by an Improvement Group led by Gill Harris, our Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery. We will now consider the recommendations of the Ockenden report and consider how these should be taken forward through the same structures.

As today's report suggests, many of our current challenges stem from historic issues. There is much work to do to embed improvements across the whole organisation but we are absolutely committed to increasing the pace of change for the good of the population we serve and our hard working and committed staff."

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