

<b>MEETING</b>	CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
<b>DATE</b>	7 July 2022
<b>TITLE</b>	Scrutinising Mid Wales' Healthcare Arrangements
<b>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT</b>	To nominate three members to represent the Scrutiny Committee on the Mid Wales Joint Committee for Health and Care Scrutiny Group.
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1. In 2015, the Mid Wales Healthcare Collaborative Group was established in response to the Mid Wales Healthcare Study, which aimed to ensure the effective delivery of healthcare services to the population of Mid Wales. Following recognition by the Welsh Government that Mid Wales was a designated planning area, the Mid Wales Healthcare Collaborative Group was transformed to form the Mid Wales Joint Committee for Health and Care in March 2018.
2. The Strategic Aims of the Mid Wales Joint Committee for Health and Care aligns with the Welsh Government's long-term plan for the future of health and social care in Wales, 'A Healthier Wales: Our Plan for Health and Social Care', which sets out what is being done to ensure a coordinated approach to the planning and delivery of health and care services across Mid Wales. The vision of the Joint Committee is:

"The population of Mid Wales is provided with equitable access to safe, sustainable and high-quality integrated health and care services."

3. The Joint Committee's remit covers Powys, Ceredigion and Meirionnydd.
4. The membership of the Mid Wales Joint Committee for Health and Care includes the Chief Executives of partner healthcare organisations, namely:
  - Hywel Dda University Health Board
  - Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
  - Powys Teaching Health Board
  - Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust

Along with representatives from Local Authorities and Community Health Councils serving the Mid Wales area.

5. Gwynedd's representatives on the Joint Committee include the Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Well-being and the Corporate Director.

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6. The role of the Working Group is to look at the provision of health and care services in Mid Wales and issues affecting people living in the relevant areas of the counties of Ceredigion, Gwynedd and Powys.
7. It is an opportunity for Councillors from the three counties to scrutinise the provision of health and care services, ask questions about how decisions are made, consider whether service improvements can be made and make recommendations to this effect.
8. Scrutiny plays a vital role in promoting accountability, efficiency and effectiveness in the decision-making process.
9. Gwynedd's pre-election scrutiny representatives were Councillors Eryl Jones-Williams, Beth Lawton and Dewi Roberts.
- 10. The Care Scrutiny Committee is requested to nominate three Members to the Working Group.**