

Welcome

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Appointment of LHB Vice Chairs

The following appointments have been made:

- Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University LHB – Dr Edward Roberts
Dr Roberts is currently Chair of Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot LHBs
- Aneurin Bevan LHB – Miss Susan Kent
Miss Kent is currently Chair of Cardiff and Newport LHBs
- Betsi Cadwaladr University LHB – Dr Lyndon Miles
Dr Miles is currently Chair of Gwynedd and Conwy LHBs
- Cardiff and Vale University LHB – Mrs Mutale Merrill
Mrs Merrill is currently Chair of the Care Council for Wales
- Hywel Dda LHB – Mrs Janet Hawes
Mrs Hawes is currently Chair of Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire LHBs

No appointment was made to Cwm Taf LHB; the post has been re-advertised. Dr Victoria Winckler, currently a Non-Executive Director of Cwm Taf NHS Trust, has been appointed Interim Vice-Chair of the new LHB, until a substantive appointment is made.

No appointment was made to Powys LHB; this post will also be advertised in the near future.

Ministerial Statements on recent consultations

- **CHC Consultation**
319 responses were received to the CHC consultation. On May 12th the Minister for Health and Social Services made a Plenary Statement outlining the next steps to take this work forward. CHCs are asked to develop proposals by the end of July, outlining how they will implement

joint working within the new LHB areas from October onwards. The Minister's statement can be found at:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-chamber/bus-chamber-third-assembly-rop.htm?act=dis&id=129044&ds=5/2009#4>

- **Unified Public Health Organisation**
125 responses were received on the proposal to establish a Unified Public Health Organisation. The Minister is currently considering the responses and will make a Plenary Statement in early June
- **Consultation on the Future of Specialist and Tertiary Services**
The consultation on the future of specialist and tertiary services is ongoing until the 19th June 2009.

HR Update

Executive appointments to LHBs

The selection process for the Executive Directors appointments is now underway.

Governance

Work is progressing well on the development of a governance framework for the NHS in Wales. The framework will comprise a single set of common values and standards of behaviour expected of everyone operating within the NHS in Wales. The framework will be underpinned by a set of guidance and codes of conduct. Further information on this work can be found on the NHS Reform website:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?pid=36156&orgid=811>

Shared Services Review Project Board

The NHS Reform Programme has established a Project Board to undertake a review of shared services, to look at opportunities to provide services more effectively. The project held its first meeting on May 11th. The Terms of Reference and Membership of this Project will be published on the NHS Reform website shortly.

Shadow Running

The six new Local Health Boards will be established in shadow form from the 1st June 2009, and will be fully operational from the 1st October 2009. From October 2009, there will be seven LHBs in Wales.

Guidance

To facilitate shadow running, a number of Guidance Documents will be issued during June. These include:

- Guidance on a Corporate Style and Logo
- Guidance on the constitution and membership of the Professional Forum
- Criteria for LHB Headquarters
- Model Standing Orders, Standing Financial Instructions and Reservations and Delegations of Powers for LHBs

In addition, a Working Group to take forward the Planning Framework will be convened early June, which will result in Planning Guidance being issued later in the summer.

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