

# Montgomeryshire

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Meeting Venue  
**Council Chamber - Neuadd Maldwyn,  
Welshpool, Powys**

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Meeting date  
**Wednesday, 3 February 2016**

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Meeting time  
**10.00 am**

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County Hall  
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**Issue Date:**  
28<sup>th</sup> January 2016

## AGENDA

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<b>MS1-2016</b>
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To receive apologies for absence.

<b>2.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - 2ND DECEMBER 2015</b>	<b>MS2-2016</b>
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To receive the Minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015.

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<b>3.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	<b>MS3-2016</b>
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To receive declarations of interest in relation to matters to be discussed on the agenda.

<b>4.</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	<b>MS4-2016</b>
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To receive announcements from the Chairman.

<b>5.</b>	<b>PRIMARY CARE (10.15 - 10.45)</b>	<b>MS5-2016</b>
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To receive an update in relation to the delivery of primary care – Andrew Cresswell,  
Powys teaching Health Board Locality Manager

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<b>6.</b>	<b>CORPORATE FRAUD PREVENTION (10.45 - 11.15)</b>	<b>MS6-2016</b>
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To receive an update in relation to Corporate Fraud Prevention – Yvette Kottaun,  
Senior Investigator

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<b>7.</b>	<b>REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</b>	<b>MS7-2016</b>
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To receive reports from, and to put questions to, Cabinet Portfolio Holders.

7.1. **Councillor Wynne Jones - Deputy Leader/Cabinet Portfolio Holder:  
Finance**

<b>8.</b>	<b>REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES</b>	<b>MS8-2016</b>
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To receive reports from, and put questions to, members serving on outside bodies.

<b>9.</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	<b>MS9-2016</b>
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To receive items of correspondence.

9.1. **Powys Independent Alliance Group**

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<b>10.</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 9TH MARCH 2016</b>	<b>MS10-2016</b>
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To note the date of the next meeting.

# MS2-2016

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MONTGOMERYSHIRE COMMITTEE HELD AT NEUADD MALDWYN, WELSPPOOL ON WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2015

**PRESENT:** Councillor A.W. Davies – Chairman

County Councillors M.C. Alexander, D. Bailey G.J. Bowker, G.R. Brown, L.V. Corfield, D.E. Davies, L.R.E. Davies, E.R. Davies, V.E. Evans, S.M. Hayes, A. Holloway, E.A. Jones, D.C. Jones, D.R. Jones, E.M. Jones, J.R. Jones, W.T. Jones, F.H. Jump, D. J Mayor, B.H. Mills, G. Morgan, P.C. Pritchard, K.M. Roberts-Jones, W.B. Thomas, G.R. Thomas and J.M. Williams.

### **In attendance:**

Jeremy Patterson – Chief Executive, Simon Inkson – Head of Housing and Shane Thomas – Clerk.

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	<b>MS56-2015</b>
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Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors R.I. George, P. Harris, G.M. Jones, P.E. Lewis, J.G. Shearer and G.P. Vaughan.

<b>2.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015</b>	<b>MS57-2015</b>
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The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 as a correct record.

<b>3.</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	<b>MS58-2015</b>
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The Chairman reported on:

- a. **Dafydd Wyn-Jones** – the recent passing away of Dafydd Jones, a previous member and Chairman of Montgomeryshire. Members expressed their condolences to the family
- b. **Centenary** – having visited Eira Gispert resident who had recently achieved her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday

<b>4.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	<b>MS59-2015</b>
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Having sought advice from the Chief Executive and noting the recommendation from the Standards Committee that he withdraws from meetings when school review matters are being discussed the Chairman withdrew from the meeting for item 6 below. There were no other declarations of interest from members in relation to items to be discussed on the agenda.

<b>5.</b>	<b>EXEMPT ITEM</b>	<b>MS60-2015</b>
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Members accepted the determination of the Monitoring Officer and excluded the public from the meeting for the next item of business under category 1 of the Access to Information Procedure rules rule 11.8 because it was their view that to make the information public would disclose personal data relating to an individual in contravention of the principles of the Data Protection Act.

<b>6.</b>	<b>SECONDARY SCHOOL REVIEW BRIEFING</b>	<b>MS61-2015</b>
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The Chief Executive confirmed that Spectrwm consultants had taken issue with regard perceived criticism which had been directed at them in relation to an information gathering exercise which they had conducted on behalf of the Authority. After meeting with the Leader and Portfolio Holder the Chief Executive, at the request of the Leader, had responded to the issues and the consultant had accepted the response.

Having listened to the concerns of members the Chief Executive accepted the need to review operating informal information gathering sessions prior to entering into formal consultation arrangements. It was the general feeling of the meeting that the formal route would be the better approach.

Members accept the need to review the current school estate in the light of budget pressures and surplus capacity with a view to reducing the number of secondary school sites operating in the Montgomeryshire area.

<b>7.</b>	<b>REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS</b>	<b>MS62-2015</b>
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Members welcomed the opportunity to receive reports from, and put questions to, Cabinet Portfolio Holders.

In the light of recent announcements and media attention the Chairman had requested an update from the Portfolio Holder in relation to arrangements for supporting the Syrian Refugee Crisis during which it was reported that two accepting areas had been identified (one in Newtown and the other in Ystradgynlais). Both areas would accept a small number of families and there would be a selection process. The Council would lead in terms of a multi-agency approach. The Home Office had confirmed that set-up funding would be provided. The Portfolio Holder would keep members advised and informed of arrangements and there would be appropriate community briefings.

### **7.1 Councillor Stephen Hayes – Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Adult Social Care**

- a. **Residential Care (BUPA Contract)** – the Authority would take advantage of a break-clause and review its contract with BUPA for providing residential care. It would be important to continue to review provisions to ensure that the contract delivers on need and within budget
- b. **Integration with Powys teaching Health Board** – on 15<sup>th</sup> December Cabinet would consider options for moving closer to integrated working. Governance would be a key issue to address and options would favour more member involvement in determining directions. At a more local level there would be a move to introduce local, multi-agency service sites for providing care/health services
- c. **Day Care** – the Authority would be reviewing arrangements for meeting the needs of elderly people in-line with the direction of the Welsh Government. After Christmas there would be day care pre-consultation to assess need and preference. Formal consultation would take place later in the year
- d. **Head of Adult Social Care** – the current Head of Adult Social Care would be leaving to take up a partnership position between the Council and teaching Health Board to provide mental health services. In the light of the current

position with adult social care and the two areas of focus (delivering provision and looking to transform/change) two positions had been created as opposed to looking to appoint to the one position of Head of Adult Social Care. Positions would be advertised in due course

<b>8.</b>	<b>REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS SERVING ON OUTSIDE BODIES</b>	<b>MS63-2015</b>
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There were no reports from, or questions to, members serving on outside bodies.

<b>9.</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	<b>MS64-2015</b>
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The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from the Montgomeryshire YFC expressing concern about the impact of reduced funding on the YFC and its activities.

<b>10.</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	<b>MS65-2015</b>
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There would not be a January meeting. The Chair would determine when to meet in February 2016 and send due notice to members.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR A.W. DAVIES  
CHAIRMAN**

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## Powys Teaching Health Board Primary Care Location Maps

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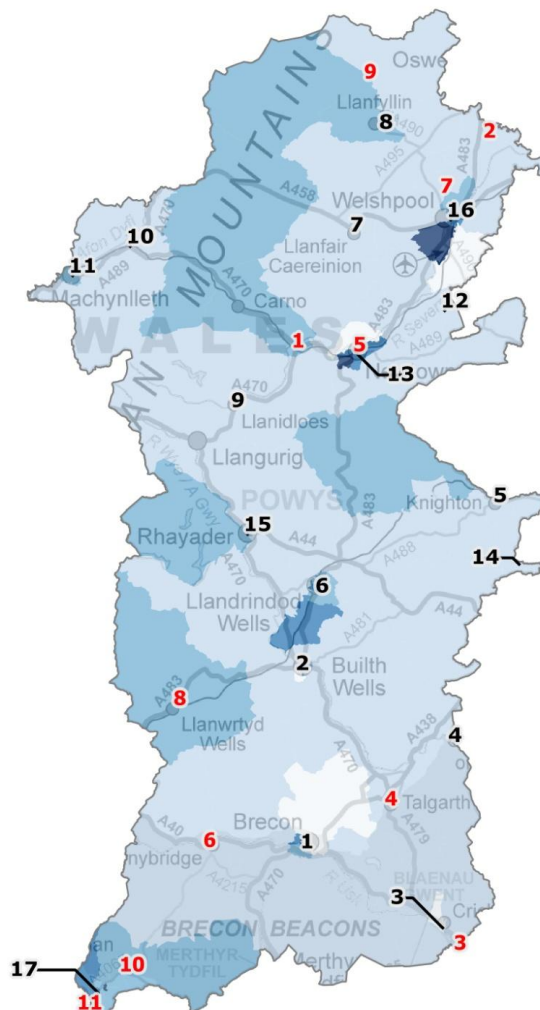
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- Dental Surgeries
- Pharmacies
- Opticians

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## Locations of GP surgeries and branch surgeries, Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2014, Powys tHB

LSOA, national fifths of deprivation

- Most deprived (3)
- Next most deprived (8)
- Middle (17)
- Next least deprived (43)
- Least deprived (8)



### GP Surgeries

- 1 Ty Henry Vaughan, Brecon, LD3 8AH
- 2 Builth Wells Medical Practice, LD2 3DZ
- 3 War Memorial Health Centre, Crickhowell, NP8 1AG
- 4 Hay on Wye Health Centre, HR3 5DS
- 5 Wylcwm Street Surgery, Knighton LD7 1AD
- 6 Llandrindod Wells Medical Centre, LD1 5ES
- 7 Health Centre, Llanfair Caereinion, SY21 0RT
- 8 Llanfyllin Medical Centre, SY22 5DG
- 9 Arwystli Medical Practice, Llanidloes, SY18 6EZ
- 10 Glantwymyn Health Centre, Cemmaes Road, SY20 8LB
- 11 Machynlleth Health Centre, SY20 8EQ
- 12 Montgomery Health Centre, SY15 6PF
- 13 Newtown Medical Centre, SY16 1EF
- 14 Presteigne Health Centre, LD8 2RJ
- 15 Rhayader Medical Centre, LD6 5ED
- 16 Welshpool Health Centre, SY21 7ER
- 17 Meddygfa Pengorof, Ystradgynlais, SA9 1DS

### Branch Surgeries

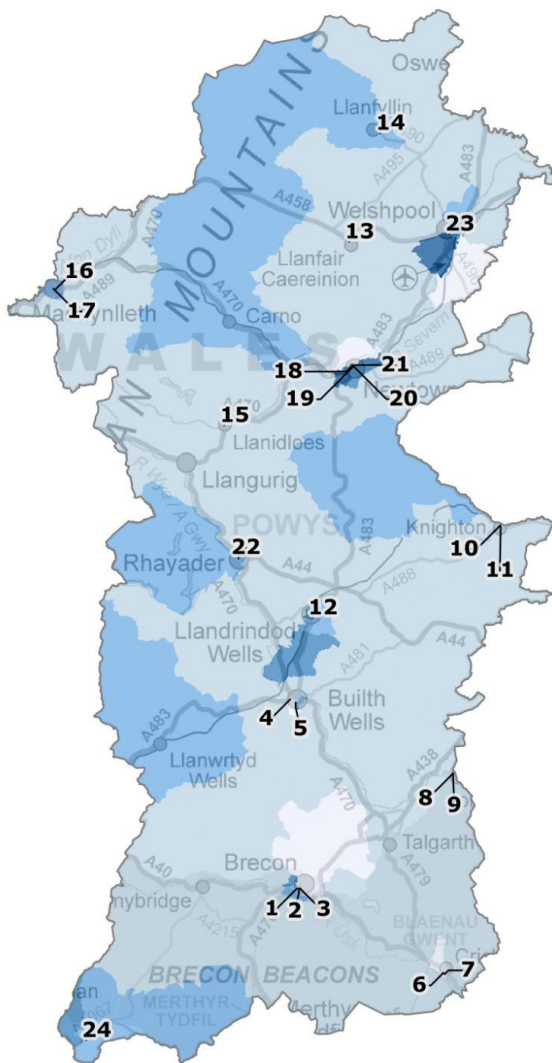
- 1 Caersws Health Centre, SY17 5EX
- 2 Four Crosses Branch Surgery, SY22 6ST
- 3 Gilwern Surgery, NP7 0AS
- 4 Talgarth Medical Centre, LD3 0AW
- 5 Ladywell Surgery, Newtown, SY16 1AF
- 6 Sennybridge Health Centre, LD3 8RU
- 7 The Surgery, Guilsfield, SY21 9NJ
- 8 The Health Centre, Caersws, LD5 4RG
- 9 Llanrhaedr Branch Surgery, SY10 0LJ
- 10 Abercave Surgery, SA9 1XP
- 11 Ystalyfere Surgery, SA9 2LX



**Locations of dental surgeries, Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2014, Powys tHB**

LSOA, national fifths of deprivation

- Most deprived [3]
- Next most deprived [8]
- Middle [17]
- Next least deprived [43]
- Least deprived [8]



**Dental Surgeries**

1. Brecon Dental surgery, Brecon, LD3 8AH
2. My Dentist, Brecon, LD3 7DG
3. Powell's Dental Surgery, Brecon, LD3 7AU
4. My Dentist, Builth Wells, LD2 3DG
5. S Griffiths, Builth Wells, LD2 3AH
6. My Dentist, Crickhowell, NP8 1AD
7. W J Jenkins, Crickhowell, NP8 1AD
8. Hay-on-Wye Dental Surgery, HR3 5AL
9. My Dentist, Hay-on-Wye, HR3 5AL
10. My Dentist, Knighton, LD7 1AE
11. M Quayle, Knighton, LD7 1DB
12. My Dentist, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5DL
13. Deri Dental Practice, Llanfair Caereinion, SY21 0RZ
14. Llanfyllin Dental Practice, Llanfyllin, SY22 5DG
15. The Dental Centre, Llanidloes, SY18 6EZ
16. My Dentist, Machynlleth, SY20 8EQ
17. E G Davies, Machynlleth, SY20 8DY
18. Powell-Main, Newtown, SY16 2LT
19. C Himsworth, Newtown, SY16 1BG
20. My Dentist, Newtown, SY16 1BG
21. Severnside, Newtown, SY16 1BD
22. J Charro, Rhayader, LD6 5DG
23. My Dentist, Welshpool, SY21 7AD
24. M Taylor, Ystradgynlais, SA9 1HD

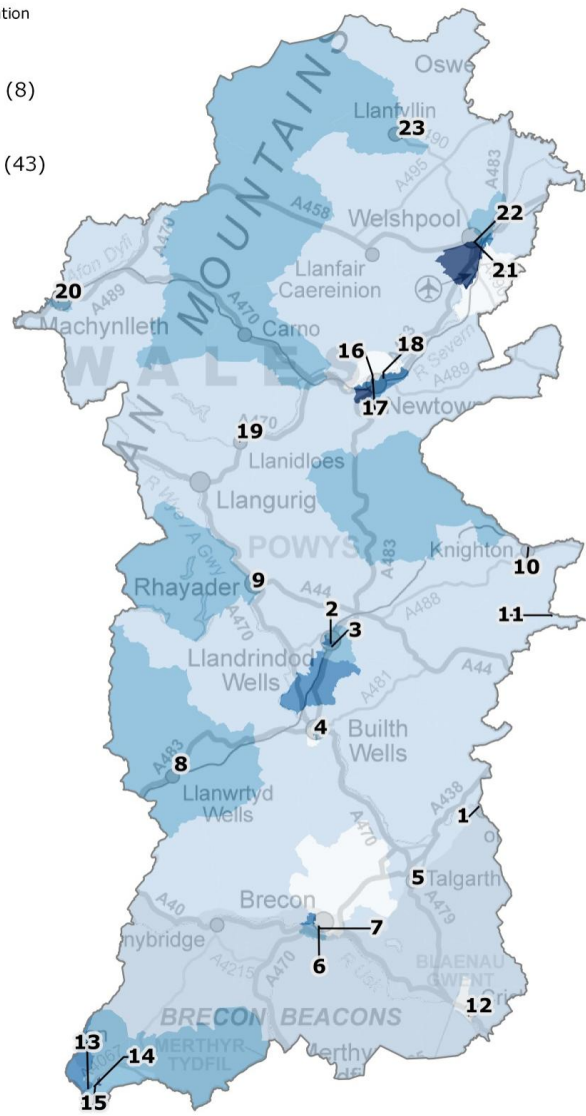
List of dental surgeries extracted from Powys tHB website on 04/12/2015

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**Locations of pharmacies, Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2014, Powys tHB**

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**Pharmacies**

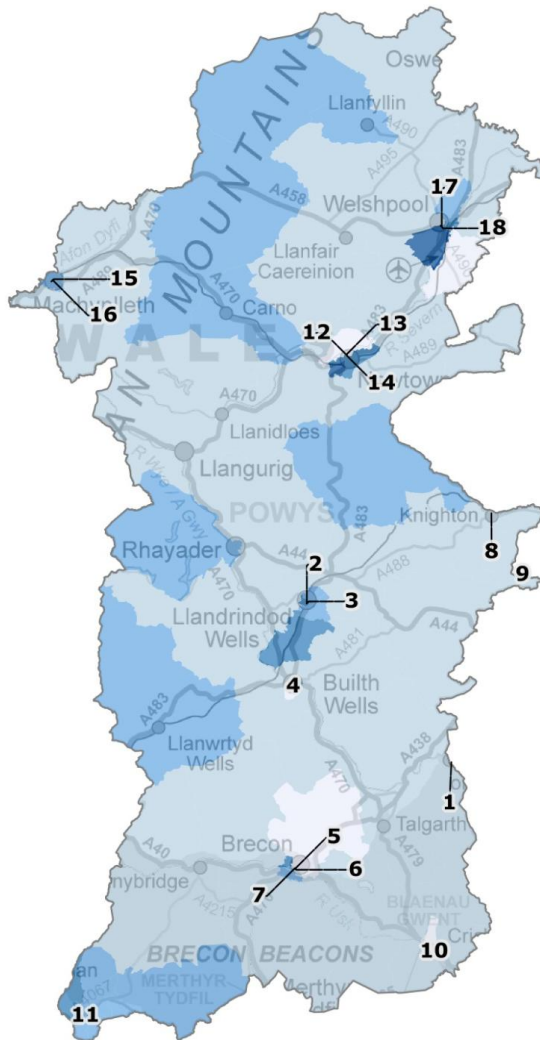
- 1 RM Jones (Chemist) Ltd, Hay On Wye, HR3 5AE
- 2 Boots UK Limited, Station Crescent, LD1 5BB
- 3 Lakeside Pharmacy, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5HU
- 4 Boots UK Limited, Builth Wells, LD2 3DN
- 5 Primrose Pharmacy, High Street, LD3 0PF
- 6 Boots UK Limited, Bethel Square, LD3 7JP
- 7 Well Pharmacy, Brecon, LD3 7LB
- 8 P G J Davies, Ffos Road, LD5 4RG
- 9 Rowlands Pharmacy, West Street, LD6 5AA
- 10 Boots Pharmacy, Knighton, LD7 1AE
- 11 Presteigne Ltd, Presteigne, LD8 2BA
- 12 Boots Pharmacy, Crickhowell, NP8 1AD
- 13 Davies Chemists Limited, Gurnos, SA9 1DR
- 14 E W Richards Ltd, Ystradgynlais, SA9 1EY
- 15 JG & RJ Davies Chemists, 8 Commercial Street, SA9 1HD
- 16 Lloyds Pharmacy, Newtown, SY16 1EF
- 17 Boots UK Limited, Newtown, SY16 2NU
- 18 Morrisons Pharmacy, Newtown, SY16 3AH
- 19 Llanidloes Pharmacy, Llanidloes, SY18 6EF
- 20 Rowlands Pharmacy, Machynlleth, SY20 8DN
- 21 Rowlands Pharmacy, Welshpool, SY21 7DL
- 22 Boots UK Limited, Welshpool, SY21 7SD
- 23 Danby`s Pharmacy, High Street, SY22 5AA

List of pharmacies was extracted from the All Wales Pharmacy Database (AWPD), NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) on 28/10/2014 and updated on 07/12/2015 using information supplied by Powys LPHT

**Locations of opticians, Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2014, Powys tHB**

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- Next least deprived (43)
- Least deprived (8)



**Opticians**

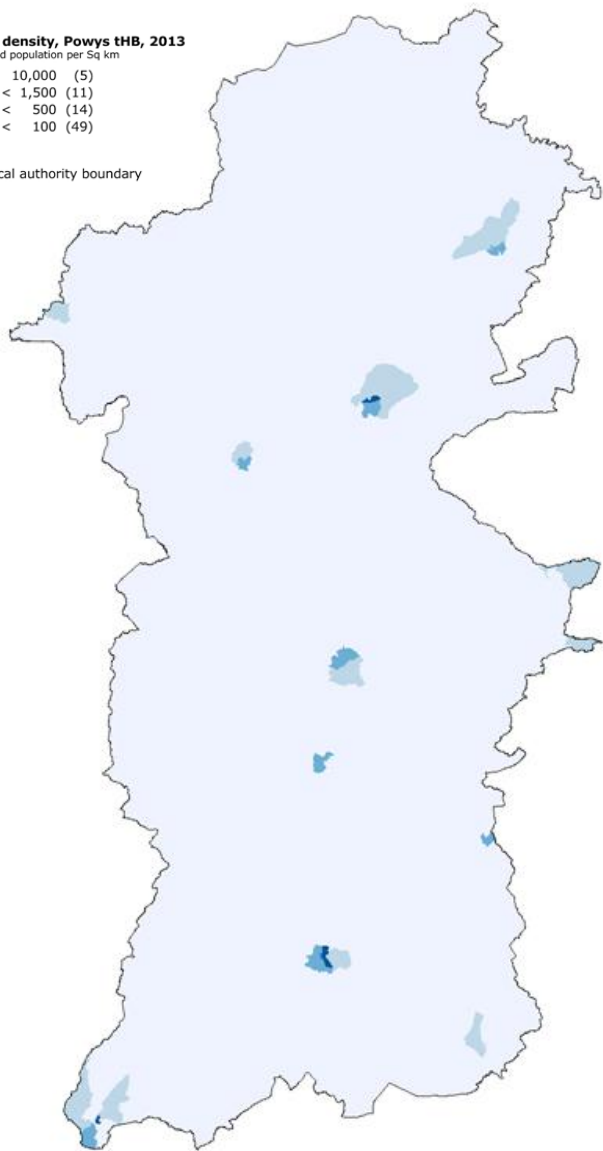
1. Jackson and Gill Opticians Limited, Hay-on-Wye, HR3 5RF
2. Metropia Optics Ltd, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5DG
3. Evans & Jones Opticians, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5ET
4. Metropia Optics Ltd, Builth Wells, LD2 3DL
5. Vision Express (UK) Ltd, Brecon, LD3 7AP
6. First Optic Ltd, Brecon, LD3 7JP
7. Brecon Specsavers, LD3 7LA
8. Evans & Jones Opticians, Knighton, LD7 1BL
9. Mehta Opticians, Presteigne, LD8 2DG
10. Crickhowell Optometrists, NP8 1BD
11. David R Jenkins Optometrists, Ystradgynlais, SA9 1NT
12. Newtown Vision Plus, SY16 2AU
13. Evans & Jones Opticians, Newtown, SY16 2BQ
14. Mehta Opticians, Newtown, SY16 2LW
15. Clive Williams Optometrists, Machynlleth, SY20 8DG
16. Machynlleth Eyecare, SY20 8DY
17. Jonathan Partridge Optometrists Ltd, Welshpool, SY21 7DP
18. Mehta Opticians, Welshpool, SY21 7JF

Optician data supplied by Powys LPHT on 28/11/2015

**Population density, Powys tHB, 2013**  
LSOA, estimated population per Sq km

- 1,500 to 10,000 (5)
- 500 to < 1,500 (11)
- 100 to < 500 (14)
- 0 to < 100 (49)

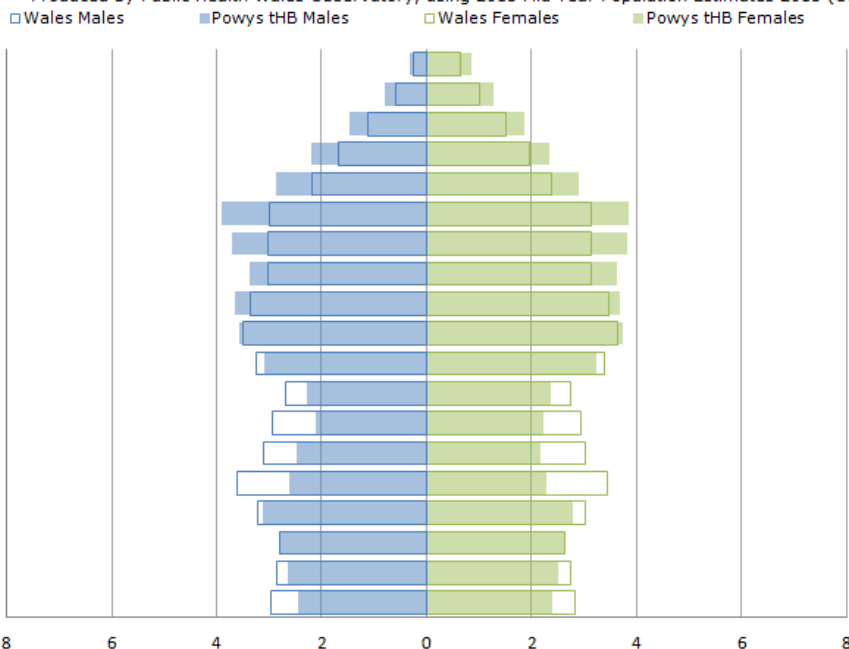
□ Local authority boundary



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**Proportion of population by age and sex, Powys tHB and Wales, 2013**

Produced by Public Health Wales Observatory, using 2013 Mid Year Population Estimates 2013 (ONS)



**Proportion of population by age and sex, Powys tHB and Wales, 2013**

Age group	Powys tHB		Wales	
	% Males	% Females	% Males	% Females
0-4	2.4	2.4	3.0	2.8
5-9	2.6	2.5	2.9	2.7
10-14	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.6
15-19	3.1	2.8	3.2	3.0
20-24	2.6	2.3	3.6	3.5
25-29	2.5	2.2	3.1	3.0
30-34	2.1	2.2	2.9	3.0
35-39	2.3	2.4	2.7	2.7
40-44	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.4
45-49	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.6
50-54	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.5
55-59	3.4	3.6	3.0	3.1
60-64	3.7	3.8	3.0	3.1
65-69	3.9	3.8	3.0	3.1
70-74	2.9	2.9	2.2	2.4
75-79	2.2	2.3	1.7	2.0
80-84	1.5	1.9	1.1	1.5
85-89	0.8	1.3	0.6	1.0
90+	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.7

Produced by Public Health Wales Observatory, using 2013 Mid Year Population Estimates 2013 (ONS)

**Count of population by age and sex, Powys tHB and Wales, 2013**

Age group	Powys tHB		Wales	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
0-4	3,249	3,172	91,691	87,086
5-9	3,504	3,310	88,261	84,327
10-14	3,742	3,495	86,156	81,224
15-19	4,128	3,684	98,816	93,125
20-24	3,463	3,031	111,622	106,358
25-29	3,295	2,889	95,719	93,100
30-34	2,806	2,943	90,583	90,934
35-39	3,016	3,154	83,028	84,741
40-44	4,108	4,306	100,017	104,243
45-49	4,740	4,941	107,466	112,174
50-54	4,847	4,874	103,667	107,226
55-59	4,479	4,821	93,138	97,009
60-64	4,930	5,060	93,226	96,845
65-69	5,192	5,108	92,505	96,492
70-74	3,806	3,851	67,468	73,028
75-79	2,916	3,097	51,734	60,668
80-84	1,943	2,485	34,422	47,015
85-89	1,059	1,684	18,227	31,267
90+	431	1,146	7,481	20,323

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# MS6-2016

Corporate Anti-Fraud Team

## Montgomeryshire 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016

Historically, Powys County Council operated a Benefit Fraud Investigation Team, looking at allegations and incidences of Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Benefit Fraud. Transfer of Housing Benefit Investigations went back to the Department for Work & Pensions as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 due to the introduction of Universal Credit rollout.

Following a pilot scheme and resultant Business Case approval for retaining a Corporate Fraud Team at Powys County Council, investigating non-Benefit fraud offences, the Corporate Anti-Fraud Team came into existence as of April 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. The team are committed to the prevention, detection and investigation of all types of fraud and corruption affecting the Council and the services it provides to the public and communities. No area of the Council is immune from fraud. A Council who looks for fraud, and looks in the right places; - will find fraud.

Fraud costs the UK public sector £20.6 billion each year, this amounts to £390 for each adult living in the UK.

Tackling fraud contributes toward delivering “well managed cost effective services”, which in turn supports “**value** for money”. Additionally, such work contributes to ensuring “safe, sustainable and cohesive communities” by aiming to decrease serious acquisitive crime.”

The way Powys County Council reacts to incidents of alleged or suspected fraud will send a strong deterrent message throughout the Council, helping to reduce the number of future occurrences. The consequences of committing fraud must be clearly communicated throughout the Council, promoting zero tolerance to fraud ethos.

When a fraud involving a Local Authority is committed, it is a theft of public money and deprives services of much needed resources. In addition, reputational damage can arise where fraud is not seen to be tackled robustly. Local Authorities throughout the Country are being urged by the Government to do more to seek out and counteract these forms of non-benefit fraud. Powys County Council takes ALL types of fraud seriously.

We have now successfully completed the migration of Housing Benefit fraud cases as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015. However this still means work for us to do with ongoing cases for Prosecution that we have already been working on, until they are disposed of at Court. We also are not ‘free’ of HB work as with the HB investigation can come a number of other considerations that we are *still* responsible for, under the new remit, such as Council Tax Reduction, Single Person Discounts, abandonment of properties, (such as LT cases) other forms of tenancy fraud, Direct payments for Social care and so on.

## Corporate Anti-Fraud Team

Right-To-Buy has been an area we have focussed on; and upon finding weakness and opportunity for fraud in the process as was; - we have introduced a new checklist and more robust anti-fraud controls for *all* applications to be scrutinised and come via CAFT upon receipt.

We have been delivering face to face fraud awareness training with staff, identifying and working with potential fraud champions. We are continuing with fraud awareness sessions with each service area we go into as well as look at how we may be needed to assist with cases or carry out health checks re fraud opportunity; and also we have introduced a fraud e-learning package which should be available to all staff shortly on the learning pool.

We have created an Intranet page for our Team and 'launch' the CAFT in November when International Fraud Awareness week is on- 16-20 November, so 'page per day' on Intranet to provide more information and help raise profile.

We have been researching fraud software and found a partner company to provide some fraud related services (tried and tested by a number of other Local Authorities successfully). This software, along with our expertise, could be used if PCC were to undertake fraud work for other Councils or Housing Associations/Social Landlords in due course, thereby generating an additional source of income.

### **What type of cases we have been working on:**

- National Fraud Initiative (NFI)- SPD matches and other work in this area
- NFI Mixed matches- we have reviewed a number of additional matches outside of the 'normal' matches which have created some extra cases opened for investigation
- CTRS cases- usually born out of other matches or referrals (SPD or HB)
- Business Rates (NNDR) cases- just a few identified by the NNDR team so far that they have referred but with some really good results. This is not an income generator for Councils in Wales at this time as any monies identified currently go back to the Welsh Govt, but in time this may change as we catch up with England for example who are finding this area one of priority- small numbers in referrals but high value. It is an area of work we want to continue to handle as will be a service we can offer to other potential Council partners.
- Tenancy Fraud- since we have been doing the fraud awareness training sessions the referrals are starting to come in thick and fast, with some cases in process that may involve Court action for Criminal offences
- Free School Meals- usually born out of other Benefit cases – a number of people rebilled so far for non-entitlement
- Council Tax Exemptions – for example empty unfurnished when in fact occupied, in need of extensive renovation and uninhabitable when in fact people residing
- Disabled Blue Badge misuse- issued several formal cautions already for cases taken and 2 badges returned

## Corporate Anti-Fraud Team

- Residential Parking Permits
- Employee fraud- example case where alleged employee working self-employed whilst off sick (Prosecuted successfully and dismissed from position)
- Intra Familial Financial Abuse cases –working with Appointee/Deputyship team
- Direct Payments for Social Care- we have had several successful cases where the overpaid monies have been recovered in full as a result of the Investigation and a number of additional cases now in progress

Our results so far:

**01/04/15- current date *weekly* savings made: £2,203.77 equates to £114,596.04 per annum we are now not paying out, in addition to this:**

**01/04/15- current date overpayments raised: £128,848.69**

Thank you for your support.

Yvette Kottaun

Senior Investigator

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# MS10-2016a

## POWYS INDEPENDENT ALLIANCE GROUP

To: Members of the Montgomeryshire Committee

Dear Members,

At our last meeting of the Montgomery 'Shire' Committee, we had a confidential item on the agenda where the Chief Executive provided us with a report on matters appertaining to the Secondary Schools Transformation project in North Powys, and in particular concerning matters to do with the consultants who had undertaken the work around Welsh Medium provision in the area.

Our Shire Chairman, Cllr. Aled Davies, declared an interest for this confidential item and quite correctly left the room. However, two days later the County Times edition of 4<sup>th</sup> December was published and it contained a leading article on this issue, in which our Chairman was extensively quoted and the following should be noted:-

- That it was clear from the quotations provided to the press by our Chairman of Shire, Cllr. Aled Davies, that he had somehow obtained information from the confidential Committee session. Information provided in a confidential session and things said in such a session should always remain confidential.
- In the quotes given to the press, our Chairman made serious defamatory remarks about our Chief Executive Jeremy Patterson. We do not feel that our Shire Chairman should have made such remarks and by doing so has brought the position of Shire Chairman into disrepute, reflecting badly on Shire Committee. In addition by making these remarks our Shire Chairman has undermined the authority of our CEO and made it more difficult for him to carry out his duties.

The Members of the Powys Independent Alliance Group on the Montgomery 'Shire' Committee, therefore call upon our 'Shire' Chairman, Cllr. Aled Davies to issue an immediate and unreserved apology to the Committee for his behaviour (as described above) and also issue a public apology to the Chief Executive Officer, Jeremy Patterson, for the defamatory remarks that he made in the press.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr. Wynne Jones  
Group Leader Powys Independent Alliance Group

On behalf of the PIA Members on the Montgomery 'Shire' Committee.  
Dated 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016

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