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Dear Co Chairs,

Following on from discussions to scrutinise the Mid Wales Collaborative Board, here's a brief outline of the main elements of the agreement.

Each of the three local authorities (Ceredigion, Gwynedd and Powys) have appointed 3 scrutiny members each who have met twice – in Llandrindod Wells on 23rd November 2015 and in Dolgellau on 21st March 2016.

The Group has given some initial consideration to Scrutiny Options, the Governance Arrangements of the Board and a Scrutiny Forward Work Plan.

We agreed Terms of Reference including:

- To conduct our business as an Informal Joint Scrutiny Working Group with the option of having a Formal Joint Committee if this approach was not successful.
- The aim of the Group is to ensure the best health outcomes for the people of Mid Wales by providing good scrutiny of the Mid Wales Health Care Collaborative.
- To ask guestions and to make recommendations to the Board.

Our first recommendations to the Board are:

- 1 Request to note presence of Scrutineers as Observers on the Board's Presence/ Attendance Sheet.
- Request that the Chair (the Chair of the authority hosting the meeting) writes to the Collaborative noting the recommendations following the meetings of the Scrutiny Group and a copy to Scrutiny Members.
- 3 Suggest that the Board considers possibilities of private sponsorship of it's work where appropriate.
- 4 Consider allocating more time for Members of the Board to question authors of reports rather than receiving vocal presentations of written reports.

We are glad of the opportunity to work together to ensure the best health and care outcomes for the people of Mid Wales.

Yours sincerely,

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