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Dear Sophie Howe and Sally Holland

Re Letter Dated 16th August 2018

Thank you to you and Sally Holland for your query in relation to the relationship between the Powys Public Service Board (PPSB) and Powys Regional Partnership Board (PRPB).

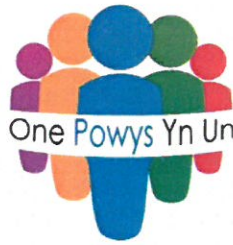
In many ways the governance relationship between the two boards in Powys is a lot easier than in many other regions due to the coalescence of the boundaries for Powys County Council (PCC) and Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) as it is considered as a region in its own right.

From the outset, colleagues from PTHB, PCC and representatives for the RPB and PSB worked closely together to align, as far as possible, our strategic planning processes and timelines. This has ensured for the most part, reduced duplication and alignment of partner and individual organisation corporate plans. For example, both PTHB's IMTP (Integrated Medium Term Plan, the Council's Corporate Improvement Plan Health and Care Programme is fully aligned to the objectives of the RPB Area Plan. We also defined and agreed 'The Golden Thread' (see Appendix 1) which ensures a shared understanding of our joint vision and objectives and the strategic plans for delivery.

In addition, it was agreed that two of the PSB's 12 well-being steps outlined in its [Wellbeing Plan](#) would be delegated to the Regional Partnership Board to deliver. These are-

- Step 11 - Implement more effective structures and processes that enable multiagency community focused response to wellbeing, early help and support
- Step 12 - Develop our organisations' capacity to improve emotional health and well-being within all our communities

These two steps could represent all the work of the RPB, however we are currently working to define a discreet locality based project that is scalable and will promote a whole system approach to health and wellbeing; enabling PSB and RPB member agencies to actively engage and share learning. The project also reflects the ambition outlined in A Healthier Wales, something that Powys anticipated in the [Health and Care Strategy: Delivering the Vision \(Joint Area Plan\) - Health Caring Powys](#) .



The project is in the very early stages but represents a significant step towards co-production and integration in Powys, the design of which should help bring care closer to home whilst also building capacity within the community to care for itself and others. The project is currently referred to as the North Powys Project and combines the development of a Regional Rural Centre and Community Wellbeing Hub.

Progress and performance reporting in relation to this work will be shared regularly at both Boards and we are also looking at a joint approach to scrutiny to ensure the appropriate level and quality of cross sector challenge is in place.

In terms of representation, there is some duplication of membership across the PSB and RPB, which given their shared remit is inevitable. While duplication of time and resource is something we are working hard to avoid, currently five people (including ourselves as Chairs) sit on both boards. It proves challenging to ensure we have the right representation on both the PSB and RPB, allowing all relevant organisations to have a voice, while also avoiding identical membership. We have tried to manage this by ensuring that project/ delivery boards (e.g. thematic partnerships) which sit below the RPB and PSB governance are fully representative and aligned to existing organisational structures as far as possible.

At this stage, we feel that it is too early to know if the governance arrangements will be effective for the whole population, but our intention is to ensure they are as streamlined as possible and avoid duplication.

In support of our partnership arrangements, we are very proud of our joint approach to citizen engagement. The RPB and PSB have worked together in engaging with the public – for example a joint event for young people on Wellbeing called 'Have your Say' was held in November, along with a Carers Matters event in the same month.

In addition, four individuals are supported via Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations to sit and actively engage with the Regional Partnership Board. This has changed the dynamic of the Board and helps to keep the debate grounded in personal story and experience. We are currently working with the RPB thematic partnerships (see Appendix 2 - RPB Structure) to ensure a consistent approach to citizen and carer engagement and all at various stages within this journey.

Yours sincerely

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