

## POWYS PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Dear Councillor Harris

### **Powys Public Services Board Scrutiny Committee 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

The PSB Scrutiny Committee met for the second time on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 where there were two main items on the agenda. The first was to receive a response to the question put to the meeting of the Public Service Board on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019. We understand that the Public Service Board considered this question but were of the view that this should have been properly directed to the Regional Partnership Board however the Chief Executive of the Powys Teaching Health Board offered to respond to this question but it had not been possible to provide this ahead of the scrutiny meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April. We have written to the Chief Executive requesting a response ahead of your next meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019. We note the comments regarding where this question should have been properly addressed and this has raised some queries regarding the governance arrangements between the PSB, RPB and ourselves and we have requested a paper on the governance arrangements for these three bodies so that we can ensure that we do not make a similar mistake in the future.

The second substantive item that the PSB Scrutiny Committee considered was receipt of the Delivery Plans and Update reports on the 12 Steps that the PSB had received at your meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019. It is noted that within the Delivery Plans two were entirely blank (Steps 1 and 5) and for these two steps there was no update report provided either. It was also noted that the Update Report on Step 8 mentions that 'the other key partner is PCC, however, it has been difficult to engage with PCC on this issue so far' going on to describe this as a barrier and asking for the PSB to consider how to ensure full involvement of PCC.

We welcome your thoughts on the issues raised in our letter and would be grateful if you could respond in writing addressing the following issues by 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

1. The absence of completed delivery plans or update reports for Steps 1 and 5.
2. What the PSB considered regarding the difficulties of engaging with PCC described by Step 8.

Yours sincerely,

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