

ALL WALES INDEPENDENT MEMBER DIGITAL NETWORK HIGHLIGHT REPORT

Name of Meeting	All-Wales Independent Member Digital Network
Date of Meeting	27 April 2022

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Network Chair	David Selway, DHCW Independent Member (Chair)
Network Vice Chair	Maynard Davies, HD UHB Independent Member (Vice Chair)

Purpose of the Report	For Noting
Recommendation	
<p>The Highlight Report provides an overview of the key discussion points and decisions made at the IM Digital Network. Partner NHS Wales Bodies are being asked to:</p> <p>NOTE the discussion points at the IM Digital Network held on the 27 April 2022.</p>	

Acronyms			
DHCW	Digital Health and Care Wales	IM	Independent Member
SHA	Special Health Authority	RAG	Red, Amber, Green
CDPS	Centre for Digital Public Services	ICT	Information Communication Technology
HD	Hywel Dda	UHB	University Health Board
SAIL	Secure Anonymised Information Linkage	AI	Artificial Intelligence

1 SITUATION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Independent Member Digital Network was created to strengthen links with Independent Members from all Health Boards, Special Health Authorities and Trusts across NHS Wales to enhance the Digital agenda and improve services for patients and service users across the system.
- 1.2 The inaugural meeting took place on the 26 January 2022 and this report provides a highlight from the second meeting which took place on 27 April 2022.
- 1.3 The expectation will be that all members of the network contribute agenda items and that the forward plan will take a systems wide approach in terms of subjects for discussion.

2 SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THIS MEETING (ASSESSMENT)

Review of Terms of Reference

- 2.1 The Network considered the Terms of Reference which were tabled at the last meeting and recirculated outside of the meeting to Network Members and the Board Secretaries network for feedback. The Network noted and welcomed the confirmation that David Selway would continue as Chair for a 12-month period and Maynard Davies was confirmed as Vice Chair. Members provided some minor further changes before approving the Terms of Reference.

Cyber Security

- 2.2 The Network received an informative presentation including a video relating to a cyber-attack in Ireland from Carwyn Lloyd Jones the DHCW Director of ICT and Jamie Graham, DCHW Interim Head of Cyber Security. The presentation included some suggestions for reflection within the Network member organisations and encouragement to have conversations about Cyber Security at Board level. Cyber considerations were made, for each NHS Wales organisation to consider, in relation to local business continuity plans:-

- Cyber Incident response plans – do we have one?

- Business Continuity Plans – do we have one for each department?
- Have we undertaken a Ransomware specific assessment?
- What risks do we have on the Corporate Risk Register relating to Cyber Security?
- Legacy Infrastructure – is it being tracked and actively managed?
- Patch management – do we have robust security patch management arrangements?
- Vulnerability scanning/ penetration testing – what arrangements do we have in place for identifying vulnerabilities in networks and systems and resolving these?
- Do we have off-line backups?
- Consider what information is presented to the relevant Cyber Security Committee.

DHCW IMTP 2022/25

- 2.3 The Network welcomed Ifan Evans, DHCW Executive Director of Strategy to provide an update on DHCW's IMTP 2022/25. The opportunities for efficiencies and improved outcomes through working together across the health and care system was a focus in the presentation and discussion. The benefits and impact of this demonstrated by the recent rapid progress achieved through the pandemic and the existing national systems which DHCW provide to support patients and professionals. The Network discussed the issue of funding models and agreed that the digital transformation required can only be successfully delivered across Wales if there are appropriate funding models in place.

Welsh Government Health and Care Digital Strategy

- 2.4 Representatives from Gartner joined the meeting to provide a presentation on the work they are undertaking for Welsh Government to develop a Welsh Government Health and Care Digital Strategy including the principles of the strategy:
- User Centre Design
 - Access to information
 - Resilient Secure Infrastructure
 - Cloud-First
 - Use of Data Insights
 - Cyber Secure
 - Use of Digital Standards

Artificial Intelligence

- 2.5 The Network were encouraged to reach out to their organisations and seek examples and case studies to inform discussions at a future meeting.

3 KEY RISKS/MATTERS FOR ESCALATION TO BOARD/COMMITTEE

- 3.1 Not all NHS Wales Bodies have an Independent Member with a lead for Digital, however, any nominated Independent Member can attend the IM Digital Network to ensure each body is represented.
- 3.2 Additional topics for the forward workplan identified during the meeting were:
- Cyber Resilience Unit
 - Presentation on SAIL
 - NDR Data strategy
 - AI and Research and Innovation

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 Partner organizations are asked to:

NOTE the Network minutes approved from the inaugural meeting held on the 26 January 2022.
NOTE the Terms of Reference were approved for the All-Wales Independent Member Digital Network.

NOTE the presentation on Cyber Security and the **REQUEST** to take the consideration back to Network organisations.

NOTE the update on DHCW's IMTP

NOTE the update on the Welsh Government Digital Health and Care Strategy

REQUEST NHS Bodies consider any future relevant agenda item topics and feed these to their IM representative on the Network.

5 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT	A healthier Wales
If more than one standard applies, please list below:	

HEALTH CARE STANDARD	Governance, leadership and accountability
If more than one standard applies, please list below:	

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT STATEMENT	Date of submission: N/A
No, (detail included below as to reasoning)	Outcome: N/A
Statement: N/A	

APPROVAL/SCRUTINY ROUTE:

Person/Committee/Group who have received or considered this paper prior to this meeting

COMMITTEE OR GROUP	DATE	OUTCOME
Terms of Reference	April 27, 2022	Approved

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

QUALITY AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS/IMPACT	No, there are no specific quality and safety implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/IMPACT	No, there are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/IMPACT	No, there are no specific financial implication related to the activity outlined in this report
WORKFORCE IMPLICATION/IMPACT	No, there is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.
SOCIO ECONOMIC IMPLICATION/IMPACT	No. there are no specific socio-economic implications related to the activity outlined in this report