

Powys Regional Partnership Board Newsletter

Autumn 2022



RPB in brief

Powys Regional Partnership Board (RPB) brings together a number of public service representatives including Powys Teaching Health Board, Powys County Council and the Third Sector. The board meets bimonthly and includes members that represent the interests of citizens and unpaid carers.

Our mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of the population and how health and care services are delivered. We ensure services are focused on achieving what matters to people and communities.

The Board is also responsible for the Welsh Government's Regional Integration Funding in Powys to support a wide range of initiatives such as Community Connectors, Powys Befriending Service and Young Carers.

To learn more about the RPB visit:

www.powysrpb.org



Meet our Chair and Vice Chairs



Pictured L-R: Cllr Sian Cox, Carl Cooper, Kirsty Williams

Carl Cooper, Chief Executive of Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations (PAVO), is currently the Chair of Powys RPB. Carl has recently been appointed as Chair of PTHB and will take his partnership experience into that new role in coming months.

He is joined by two Vice Chairs, Cllr Sian Cox, Powys County Council's Cabinet Member for a Caring Powys and Kirsty Williams, Vice Chair of Powys Teaching Health Board.

Message from the Chair >>

I am delighted to share this Newsletter with you. It is a pleasure to welcome new members to the board, including a new citizen member.

We will make the most of these fresh perspectives as we develop our partnership to address the challenges ahead.

Our [Health and Care Strategy](#) and [Joint Area Plan](#) set the priorities of the partnership. Over the coming months we will review the strategy, drawing on the research and feedback in the [Population Needs Assessment](#) and the [Market Stability Report](#). This will enable us to refresh the strategy and ensure our work beyond 2023 delivers what matters to people, and helps to support the wellbeing of individuals, households and communities. We will focus on the key partnership priority areas to make the biggest impact where it most matters

We face significant challenges, principally the ongoing effect of the pandemic and the demands during winter months. A partnership priority will be to support planning and delivery arrangements to improve the transfer of people from hospitals and ensure adequate care and support for people at home.

Our sights will be on future aspirations as well as immediate needs. We need to strike a balance between addressing the immediacy of additional pressures to support people through the winter, whilst continuing our efforts to transform the health and care system in the medium to longer term.

Working together is more important now than ever and I will be dedicated to supporting the work of the RPB in my new role for the Health Board.

Carl Cooper 

Citizen and carer members

The involvement of citizen and carer members on the Board and its partnerships not only informs work and shapes decisions, but it also provides a better way to understand 'what matters' to people.

The Board has two citizen members and two carer members who are full and equal members of the RPB. Each carer or citizen member serves a three-year term.



Helen Wear Carl Strack

We welcome Helen Wear as our new citizen member who took up the role on the Board this summer. Helen joins Carl Strack who has been a citizen member of the RPB since 2020. Our carer members are Meiriona Davies and Kim Spelman.

Kim joined the RPB earlier this year and Meiriona has just a few months to go before she hands over the baton to a new carer member. We will be hearing more from Meiriona in the next issue.

Our citizen and carer members are supported to get fully involved in the work of the board. Powys reps have played an active role in the Welsh Government group to draw up a citizen charter and co-design solutions to support citizen, carer, third sector and provider representative across Wales. More on this next time.



Meiriona Davies Kim Spelman

Sian Dorward, a previous citizen member, had this to say about her time working on the charter with the RPB:

“ It has been very interesting to see how other RPB's throughout Wales work with their citizen reps and although we don't have all the answers here in Powys we are leaps and bounds ahead. ”

A big thank you to the carer and citizen members for their valued work on the board and beyond. If you want to find out more about becoming a carer or citizen rep or suggesting someone that might be keen to take up the role contact andrew.davies@pavo.org.uk



Want to know more about how the RPB works and what it's doing in your area?

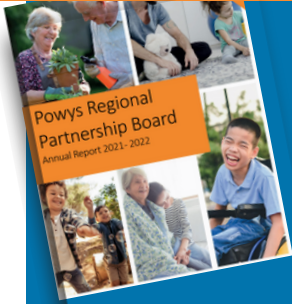
Email us at prpb@powys.gov.uk with any questions.



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Annual Report

The latest round up of the Board's activity is now published. The latest Annual Report outlines our progress and challenges between April 2021 and March 2022 and looks briefly at priorities for the Board going forward. Highlights include:



Health and Care Academy and Kickstart apprenticeship launch.



Powys Together delivering services to vulnerable children and their families.



Enhanced support for children on the edge of care to remain with their families.



Community Connectors supporting people early to prevent the need for more intrusive and costly services later.



Increased availability of digital technology enabling more older people to remain at home.



New sleep diagnostic and eye care service in place in Newtown.

Virtual Wallet scheme launched to help those receiving direct payments to manage their own care.



The report also covers the cross cutting work such as unpaid carers, Improving the Cancer Journey, citizen engagement and research.

You can view the annual report in full [here](#) or visit www.powysrpb.org