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**Title: Plans for a Board meeting in Cymru/Wales**

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**Paper for Approval**

**Open paper**

**How does this work contribute to Strategic Aim 3 (To promote and support safer care for all):** engagement with stakeholders, particularly professional bodies, Royal Colleges and employers, to promote the need to improve workplace cultures with the overriding objective of public protection.

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**1. Issue**

- 1.1 The Authority's remit covers all four countries of the UK. As part of its commitment to working effectively with the respective governments, and to provide opportunities for stakeholder engagement, the Authority holds Board meetings across the four nations of the UK on a revolving basis.
- 1.2 This paper sets out the plans for holding the Board meeting in Cymru/Wales in July 2024.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Board is asked to approve the draft plan set out in the paper.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 As part of its stakeholder engagement activities, the Board agreed to have a Board meeting every other year in Scotland, Cymru/Wales or Northern Ireland; with an online seminar focused on each of those countries in the intervening year (every year in Wales as it is shared with the Welsh Government).
- 3.2 In addition to the Board meeting, the visits to the devolved administrations will involve stakeholder engagement activities.

## 4. Analysis

4.1 An indicative timetable for the Board meeting and associated stakeholder engagement in Cymru/Wales in July 2024 is set out below.

Date and time	Activities
Tuesday 16 July (evening)	Board member arrival in Cardiff
Wednesday 17 July: 0900-1200	Board meeting
Wednesday 17 July: 1230-1430	Stakeholder roundtable meeting (see below)
Wednesday 17 July: 1500-1800	Bilateral stakeholder meetings (see below)

- 4.2 The stakeholder roundtable meeting between 1230-1430 on Wednesday 17 July will be focused on professional bodies, Royal Colleges and employers. These are groups that the PSA will be seeking to build stronger links with as part our stakeholder relations strategy. The main topic of discussion will be improving workplace culture. This is a key theme from Safer Care for All and is a priority area in our 'manifesto for change'. Themes to be covered include tackling discriminatory and inappropriate behaviour, the regulation of NHS managers, and PSA's research into a common code of conduct for health and care professionals. A short discussion paper will be circulated in advance to provide a structure for the meeting.
- 4.3 The suggested list of participants is set out below. Immediately following Board approval of the plan, these participants will be contacted and invited to attend. We will explore options for virtual attendance to maximise participation.

No.	Organisation
1	Royal College of Nursing (RCN) Wales
2	BMA Welsh Council
3	Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) Wales
4	Royal College of Physicians (RCP) (Welsh Office)
5	Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) Wales
6	Royal College of Ophthalmologists in Wales
7	Welsh NHS Confederation
8	NHS Wales Employers
9	College of Paramedics (Wales)
10	Royal Pharmaceutical Society (Director for Wales)
11	British Psychological Society (Wales)
12	Aneurin Bevan Health Board
13	Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board
14	Cardiff & Vale Health Board
15	Powys Health Board
16	Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust
17	Vellindre NHS Trust
18	Unison

19	Welsh Government representatives
20	Social Work/Social Care organisations, such as BASW and WLGA.
21	Allied Healthcare Professions, such as RCSLT and CSP.
22	Swansea Bay Health Board
23	Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board
24	Hywel Dda Health Board

4.4 The additional stakeholder meetings between 1500-1800 on the afternoon of 17 July may involve Board members and executive staff visiting stakeholders based in and around Cardiff. Suggested meetings are: the Minister for Health and Social Services (it is expected that there will be a new Minister in place at the time of the Board meeting); Mabon ap Gwynfor MS, Plaid Cymru health spokesperson and member of Health and Social Care Committee; the CEOs of Llais, Social Care Wales, and Health Education and Improvement Wales (unless these form part of the earlier roundtable meeting). Consideration should also be given to requesting a follow-up meeting with Russell George MS, Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee, or another Committee member.

## 5. Finance and Resource

- 5.1 Additional financial resources have been built in to the 2024/25 budget to cover travel, accommodation and subsistence costs. Options will be explored for cost-effective venue hire.
- 5.2 Some additional staff and Board time will be involved in organising and facilitating the visit.

## 6. Impact Assessment

- 6.1 It is hoped that this activity will broaden our stakeholder engagement. It should also raise the profile of our work and support the mitigation of risks where stakeholder engagement is a factor.

## 7. Timescale

- 7.1 Subject to approval, the detailed event plan will be shared with the Board at the beginning of July 2024.

## 8. Communications

- 8.1 The visit to Cymru/Wales will provide opportunities for communications on the stakeholder meetings and public Board meeting.

## 9. Internal Stakeholders

- 9.1 The Policy and Communications team, together with Corporate Services, will be involved in planning and delivering the stakeholder meetings.

**10. External Stakeholders**

10.1 Officials in Cymru/Wales and the wider stakeholder group.