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This is a monthly update for partners and stakeholders on progress with Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW) from its Chief Executive, Alex Howells.

Please help to spread the word about Health Education and Improvement Wales by circulating these bulletins to all staff.

We are live!

Health Education and Improvement Wales is now open for business. Thanks to all of you for your support over the last 12 months; it's great to finally be up and running, and we look forward to working with you in the future.



Launch Event

We had great support and interest at our launch event on 24 September, with about 300 people from partner organisations and 150 staff. An important part of the event was celebrating what the legacy organisations are already doing - showcasing good practice and innovation.

Dr Andrew Goodall, Director General of Health and Social Care and Chief Executive of NHS Wales, attended to give a key note speech, and we would like to formally record our thanks to him for the leadership and direction he has given as Senior Responsible Owner for the HEIW Programme throughout its development.

How to Get in Touch with Us

We have started to move into our new facilities at Ty Dysgu, Nantgarw – this building now houses the Executive Team and staff who have transferred into the new organisation from the Wales Deanery and Wales Centre for Professional Pharmacy Education.

Apologies if there is any disruption to normal business this week – all the systems are brand new and inevitably we will have some teething problems.

The refurbishment work on the building continues over the next few months, and staff from with the Workforce and Education Development Service will be joining us in January when the building will be fully functional.

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Communications

The HEIW Twitter account is continuing to grow gaining over 1,000 followers in just a matter of weeks. Thank you to everyone who has supported this method of two-way communication by following us, retweeting and commenting.

We're especially pleased to see healthcare professionals from across Wales are already using the platform to discuss workforce issues and share views. Going forward this will be a vital tool in our engagement plan.

The HEIW website is a work in progress as we have a wealth of information and bespoke systems coming from the three legacy organisations.

Currently, our corporate information is available at heiw.nhs.wales and aagic.gig.cymru, with links from the home page to the three legacy organisations.

In due course, we aim to bring all information and systems together on one site, but this will take some time.

HEIW Board

Our Board is now complete in terms of its membership and consists of the following people:

Dr CDV Jones, Chair	Alex Howells, Chief Executive
John Hill Tout, Independent Member	Julie Rogers, Director of Workforce and OD/Deputy CEO
Tina Donnelly, Independent Member	Stephen Griffiths, Director of Nursing
Dr Ruth Hall, Independent Member	Danielle Neale, Director of Finance
Gill Lewis, Independent Member	Professor Pushpinder Mangat, Medical Director
Dr Heidi Phillips, Independent Member	Dafydd Bebb, Board Secretary
Ceri Phillips, Independent Member	

The Board holds its first formal meeting on 2 October. As an all-Wales organisation, we are keen to hold our meetings in different locations, and take the opportunity of meeting local partners and staff at the same time.

Please let us know if there are any specific locations you would like us to visit – and if you can suggest venues for us to hold our meeting too, even better!

Investment in E-Resources

As announced by the Cabinet Secretary at the launch event, the Welsh Government has invested over £3m into expanding access to a range of e-resources for all NHS Wales staff.

This ensures that the resources previously available to Cardiff University staff and learners continue to be available to staff and learners under the new arrangements – with the benefit of including the rest of the NHS Wales workforce.

This provides an excellent tool for developing a learning environment in NHS Wales at the push of a button.

Mid Wales Event

We had a really productive workshop in Builth Wells earlier in September, hosted by Powys Teaching Health Board, but involving colleagues from various sectors and organisations across mid Wales. The purpose of the session was to understand the particular needs of mid Wales and rural communities in particular.

The discussion focused on the need for more local access to training and education, the value of apprenticeship models, the need to increase our efforts to develop our existing workforce, and the opportunity to build community resilience by working closely with local people, communities and third sector organisations.

We look forward to working with colleagues on a plan to take this forward.




Recruitment

We continue to recruit to a number of key roles in the new organisation and we would really appreciate it if you could

help us with this by circulating this bulletin as widely as possible.

The roles of Assistant Director of Leadership & Succession, OD & Learning Manager, and Workforce Information Officer are all currently live on NHS Jobs.

New adverts in October will include a GP Programme Director, GP Training Officer, Office Manager, Governance Support Manager, Welsh Language/Governance Support Officer, Head of Education Commissioning & Quality.

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