



MEETING	CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	3 April 2025
TITLE	Mid Wales Joint Committee for Health and Care Scrutiny Group
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT	To elect a member to represent the Scrutiny Committee on the Mid Wales Joint Committee for Health and Care Scrutiny Group
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1. In 2015, the Mid Wales Healthcare Collaborative Group was established in response to the Mid Wales Healthcare Study, which aimed to ensure the effective delivery of healthcare services to the population of Mid Wales. Following recognition by the Welsh Government that Mid Wales was a designated planning area, the Mid Wales Healthcare Collaborative Group was transformed to form the Mid Wales Joint Committee for Health and Care in March 2018.
2. The Strategic Aims of the Mid Wales Joint Committee for Health and Care align with the Welsh Government's long-term plan for the future of health and social care in Wales, 'A Healthier Wales: Our Plan for Health and Social Care'. The Joint Committee vision is that:

"The population of Mid Wales is provided with equitable access to safe, sustainable and high-quality integrated health and care services."
3. The Joint Committee's remit covers Powys, Ceredigion and Meirionnydd.
4. The membership of the Mid Wales Joint Committee for Health and Care includes the Chief Executives of partner healthcare organisations, namely:
 - Hywel Dda University Health Board
 - Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
 - Powys Teaching Health Board
 - Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust
5. Along with representatives from Local Authorities. Gwynedd's representatives on the Joint Committee are the Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Well-being and the Statutory Director of Social Services.
6. The role of the Scrutiny Group is to look at the provision of health and care services in Mid Wales and issues affecting people living in the relevant areas of the counties of Ceredigion, Gwynedd and Powys.

7. It is an opportunity for Councillors from the three counties to scrutinise the provision of health and care services, ask questions about how decisions are made, consider whether service improvements can be made and make recommendations to this effect.
8. Scrutiny plays a vital role in promoting accountability, efficiency and effectiveness in the decision-making process.
9. The Care Scrutiny Committee's current representatives on the Scrutiny Group are Councillors Linda Morgan and John Pughe.
10. Following Councillor Linda Ann Jones' retirement as a member of the Council, another member needs to be elected to represent the Committee on the Scrutiny Group.
11. Scrutiny Group members are invited to attend Joint Committee meetings. Joint Committee meetings are held twice a year:
 - Annual Meeting in April with its main purpose being a planning meeting for the Joint Committee's future workplan.
 - Annual Conference in November which is an opportunity to showcase the work of the Joint Committee and engage with partners and members of the public on its work.
12. The next meeting of the Joint Committee is being held at 10.00am on Friday, the 4th of April 2025 via Microsoft Teams.
13. The role of the members of the Scrutiny Group in the meetings of the Joint Committee is to observe and to ask questions under the item 'Listening to you'. If any Member wishes to receive more information in the form of a report or presentation following a meeting of the Joint Committee, a meeting of the Scrutiny Group will be arranged and held at that time.
14. **The Care Scrutiny Committee is asked to elect a member to represent the Committee on the Mid Wales Joint Committee for Health and Care Scrutiny Group.**