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# BOARD INSIGHTS

**Welcome to Board Insights**, as members of the SHA Board, we all feel it's important to keep you updated with some of the work we are undertaking across the organisation and NHS Wales.

This edition comes from our Independent Member,  
**Grace Quantock.**

## **Annwyl gyfeillion/ Dear colleagues,**

As we move towards spring – even when it can feel a long way away – I want to share with you what the board has been engaged with, since the last Board Insights edition.

In our first board meeting in 2022, we received a really informative and interesting presentation from Dr Sally Lewis, which explained

the importance of Value Based Healthcare and how DHCW were supporting this work. Our Independent Member, David Selway recorded a post Board Summary which highlights some key discussions, I'd encourage you to listen when you have five minutes – you can find it on [Stream](#).

We have also had an anti-racist board briefing. This is important work for us at DHCW and is essential for everyone in the organisation, including the board, to take an anti-racist approach. We uphold the commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion at board level and through DHCW. The training was very valuable and has helped us to think about how we can make sure DHCW can best serve not only our NHS Wales workforce but all the citizens and communities of Wales who access health and care services.

Our Board Development session in January focussed on the importance of getting a concise vision and mission. We did some great work as a board on developing the vision and mission so they are focussed but also far-reaching, reflecting our expansive remit as digital leaders. We also looked at the emerging IMTP ahead of IMTP approval in March. There were good discussions and we look forward to the next steps on these pieces of work.

We have also been engaging with the Caring for Carers Audit Wales Report. As a carer myself, I know how important this topic is and to be aware of all carers. As a board, we thought about the importance of staff wellbeing and recognised the good work

DHCW is doing to support this. Our staff are our greatest asset and it was appreciated to recognise the importance of wellbeing here.

The IM Digital Network has been established and first meeting on was on 26 January, it was great to see that beginning and we look forward to future developments and reports, a highlight report of this inaugural meeting is expected at our board meeting in March.

As Vice chair of Audit Committee I was glad to be part of the Audit Wales Baseline Governance Review and proud of the encouraging feedback on the development of the DHCW Board. Testament to this praise goes, of course, to those who have been instrumental in the development, including our Chair, Simon Jones, Vice Chair, Ruth Glazzard and Board Secretary, Chris Darling. As well as Marian Wyn Jones's work as Chair of Audit Committee and all our committee Chairs.

We look forward to the next board meeting and continuing our work in 2022.

**Grace Quantock**  
Independent Member

