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BOARD INSIGHTS

HI ALL,

Welcome to the first edition of 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 first edition comes from our Vice Chair, Ruth Glazzard.

It's been an interesting and encouraging few months as we embed as a new organisation, and it is clear to see that all staff are building on the good work of NWIS to drive the new organisation forward.

Over the past few months, I have been attending the Vice Chair's Network, which is attended by all Vice Chairs across Health Boards,

Trusts and Special Health Authorities. The Vice Chairs have a statutory responsibility to advocate for Primary Care, Community Services, Mental Health and Learning Difficulty Services. It is a significant agenda that the Vice Chairs are enthusiastic about driving forward collectively, digital integration and information sharing is a key enabler for these services.

I have recently been co-opted onto the Board for the Centre for Digital Public Services (CDPS) and am working closely with colleagues there to strengthen the links between our organisations as the CDPS is established – It's an exciting time for Digital innovation in Wales!

We have started our introductory Board to Board Sessions with our counterparts (Health Board, Trust and Special Health Authorities) across NHS Wales, these have been really productive and insightful discussions. A poignant message that has come out of these meetings is the recognition that DHCW is not just a re-branding of NWIS, but a new organisation with a broader remit, committed to driving the digital agenda forward and building strong, collaborative, and effective working relationships with our colleagues. This has been really encouraging and for the tweeters amongst you - you may have also seen several positive tweets from colleagues re-iterating this recently!

I would also like to encourage you all to take 10 minutes out of your working day to watch the Board Summary from Bob Hudson, Interim Chair to keep you appraised of all the Board goings on... After every Board meeting, one of the Board Members will be providing a video summary, so it's definitely something to look out for! In addition, if there are any team sessions you would like me to pop along to, I would really welcome this, just pop an email to dhcw.corporategovernance@wales.nhs.uk and our Corporate Governance team will arrange this.

I hope you're all taking some time to enjoy the summer period and I look forward to touching base with you again soon.

Ruth Glazzard
Vice Chair



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