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**Betsi Cadwaladr University Local
Health Board**

Appointment of Vice-Chair

Closing date: 25 October 2019



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Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board

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Making an application

Thank you for your interest in the appointment of a Vice-Chair to Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board. The new Vice-Chair will be required to participate as a full member of the Board setting the strategy for the organisation. In addition, the new Vice-Chair will be expected to constructively challenge, to participate actively in the decision-making process of the Board, and to scrutinise the performance of the Executive in meeting agreed goals and objectives. The attached Annexes provide details on the role of the Vice-Chair and the person specification, the role and responsibilities of Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board and the selection process.

To make an application please visit the Welsh Government public appointment website here <https://cymru-wales.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-3/brand-2/candidate/jobboard/vacancy/7/adv/>.

To apply for this role, click on the Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board Vice-Chair vacancy and click on 'Apply' at the bottom left hand corner. The first time you apply for a post, you will need to complete a registration form for the Welsh Government's online application system. You will only need to register once, and you will be able to keep yourself updated on the progress of your application, and any other applications you make, via your registered account.

Once you've registered, you'll be able to access the application form. To apply you will need to upload a personal statement and CV to the 'Reasons for applying' section of the online application form.

Personal Statement

The personal statement is your opportunity to outline how you meet the criteria specific to the role for which you are applying. It also asks you to provide answers, in terms of you evidencing your competencies and also an outcome, to the questions listed below. How you choose to present the information is up to you. However, you should aim to provide evidence that demonstrates how you meet the criteria specific for the role for which you are applying, evidence of your understanding of health issues and then evidence which answers the other questions listed below in terms what your role was in achieving a specific result. It will benefit the selection panel if you can be clear as to which particular evidence you provide relates to which of the questions listed below. Providing separate paragraphs to answer to each question with the title of the question you are answering above the paragraph is common practice.

Please limit your personal statement to two pages. Your application may be rejected if you exceed this limit.

Questions to answer as part of your application in your personal statement in no more than 2 sides of A4.

1. Please give details of your experience of leading and developing an organisation at senior board level or equivalent and your ability to look ahead and provide strategic leadership.

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2. Through a specific example, please demonstrate your experience of developing effective relationships with stakeholders and how this could apply to working with NHS Trusts, Local Government, the Third Sector and Social Partners, patients, local communities and primary care contractors.

3. We are looking for people with an understanding of the relationship between resource allocation and management and delivery of service priorities within a framework of robust corporate governance. In this context please describe, the ways in which you have contributed to the planning, development and delivery of a service for which you have had responsibility?

4. Please demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of health issues in the context of Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board at a community, local authority and national levels.

5. Please provide evidence of your interpersonal skills to demonstrate personal impact and credibility to be an effective advocate and ambassador with strong influencing and negotiating skills.

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Please ensure your CV includes brief details of your current or most recent post and the dates you occupied this role. Please identify any past or present Ministerial appointments.

Welsh Language Skills

Welsh language skills are desirable. However, all candidates will be expected to display an empathy towards the language and demonstrate leadership to strengthen bilingual service provision within the NHS in Wales.

Diversity Statement

The Welsh Government believes that public bodies should have board members who reflect Welsh society - people from all walks of life - to help them understand people's needs and make better decisions. This is why the Welsh Government is encouraging a wide and diverse range of individuals to apply for appointments to public bodies. Applications are particularly welcome from all under-represented groups including women, people under 30 years of age, black, Asian and minority ethnic people, disabled people, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

Guaranteed Interview Scheme

The Welsh Government operates a Guaranteed Interview Scheme (GIS) for disabled people. The Equality Act 2010 defines a person as disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment and the impairment has a substantial and long term adverse affect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities. Under the GIS, a disabled candidate will be selected for interview if they meet the minimum essential criteria for the post.

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Indicative timetable

Closing date: 25 October 2019
Shortlisting complete: w/c 4 Tachwedd 2019
Interviews held: w/c 25 November 2019
Start date: 1st December 2019

However, the health board may require a hand over/shadowing period. Therefore, the successful candidate may be required to start **prior** if applicable. Confirmation of this will be provided to the successful candidate once their appointment is confirmed.

Key facts about the post

Location: Board meetings are held bi-monthly with bi-monthly Board workshops/Developments sessions at various locations across North Wales. The Health Board also has various committees. The frequency of these meetings vary and can be monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly.

Remuneration: £56,316 per annum

Where a Board Member is allowed time off from their current employment with pay to attend meetings of the Health Board, they will receive no additional remuneration for undertaking the Independent Member role. They will be treated in the same way as other employees who are given paid time off to undertake public duties.

Time Commitment: The post of Vice-Chair is based on a notional commitment of a minimum of Thirteen (13) days per month but this will be subject to organisational demands and is expected to be higher than the minimum requirement.

Contacts:

For further information regarding the selection process, please contact:
Public Appointments Team Email: Publicappointments@gov.wales

For further information regarding the role of the Independent Member, please contact
Mark Polin OBE QPM, Chair of Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board. Tel: 01248 384290, Email: Mark.Polin@wales.nhs.uk

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For further information about Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board, you may wish to visit the Health Board's internet web site:
<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/861/home>

If you need any further assistance in applying for this role, please contact the Public Appointments Team on Publicappointments@gov.wales.

For further information about Public Appointments in Wales, please visit www.gov.wales/publicappointments

Annex A

The Role of the Vice-Chair

Role Description

This is a great opportunity to use your skills and experience to make a difference to the lives of people and communities served by Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board. The Vice-Chair will be a member of the Board and will deputise for the Chair in the latter's absence.

The Vice-Chair will:-

- Be required to play a full and active role in the governance of the Health Board, both clinical and corporate, and are expected to bring to the Board an independent judgement on issues of performance, key appointments, looking ahead and accountability;
- Contribute to the work of the Board based upon their independence, their past experience and knowledge, and their ability to stand back from the day to day operational management;
- Contribute and accept corporate decisions to ensure a joined up, robust and transparent decision making process by the Board;
- Be expected, in time, to fully understand the business through active involvement to enable the effective performance of the Health Board;
- Work closely with other public, private and voluntary organisations and will make sure that the views of patients, carers and families are fully involved in helping to shape, develop and improve services.

In addition to his / her corporate role across the breadth of the Health Board's responsibilities, the Vice-Chair will have a specific brief to oversee the UHB's primary, community and mental health and learning disability services ensuring a balanced care model to meet the needs of the UHB's population. The Vice-Chair will:

- **Provide strong, effective and visible leadership**, across primary, community, mental health and learning disability services; internally through the board and its committees, and externally through his/her connections with a wide range of stakeholders and partners within the wider community levels and nationally;
- **Chair** the Mental Health Act Committee of the Board which oversees compliance with mental health legislation and associated codes of practice;
- **Be responsible for** scrutinising the governance arrangements for primary, community, mental health and learning disability services. Working within the Health Board's governance framework, to provide Board assurance as to the effective delivery of whole-system working based on integrated care pathways;
- **Work effectively** with community partners, particularly in their sphere of responsibility and more widely supporting the Chair to ensure that the organisational culture and working practices are based upon a spirit of open, meaningful and sustainable partnerships. The Vice-Chair will have excellent communication skills and will, through effective scrutiny, assure the Board that the organisational structures give equal weight to primary, community and mental health services as to other services and provide opportunities for contractor services to fully engage in the design of services;

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- **Support the Health Board's performance management processes**, to ensure integrated performance management and improvement;
- **Help build and sustain a direct relationship** with primary care contractor professionals, ensuring their full engagement in the work of the Health Board;
- **Undertake an external ambassador role**, delivering in the public spotlight and instilling public confidence.

Person specification

The Vice-Chair will demonstrate the following qualities:

Knowledge & Experience

- Experience of leading and developing a successful private, public or third sector organisation, with the ability to look ahead and provide strategic leadership;
- The ability to contribute effectively at Board level;
- Experience of understanding the relationship between resource allocation and management and delivery of service priorities within a framework of robust governance;
- Ability to analyse complex information and contribute to sound decision making;
- Ability to work with the executives to ensure the Board leads the organisation effectively. Where necessarily you will demonstrate skills that will enable you to hold the executives to account for performance whilst maintaining a constructive relationship;
- Ability to contribute to the governance of the Health Board, ensuring it is open and honest in its work by contributing fully in the decision making process;
- Experience of working within communities and multi-disciplinary teams and with key local government stakeholders.
- A commitment to advancing equality and diversity and the ability to demonstrate and champion inclusive leadership.

Personal Attributes & Skills

You will need to be able to demonstrate the following:-

- Ability to lead and inspire staff, to look ahead and identify key issues for the organisation;
- Strong interpersonal skills with personal impact and credibility to be an effective advocate and ambassador with strong influencing and negotiating skills;
- Drive and determination, with the ability to instil vision and develop defined strategies to pursue long and short-term goals;
- Excellent communication skills, with the ability to be clear and succinct, and to be able to engage with people at all levels;
- Ability to facilitate understanding of complex issues while demonstrating respect for the views of others;
- Sound judgement, sensitivity and political awareness;
- Capacity to be independent and resilient; and
- Ability to discharge the Vice-Chair role in the context of the broader statutory and corporate responsibilities of the Board and the roles of the Chair and Chief Executive.

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Candidates must also demonstrate:-

- A clear understanding and commitment to equality and diversity.
- A clear understanding and commitment to Nolan's 'Seven Principles of Public Life'.

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Expenses

You will be entitled to be re-imbursed, if appropriate, against receipts for travel and subsistence expenses incurred while on Health Board business. Expenses must be claimed within three months of them being incurred unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Childcare and other dependent expenses may also be paid, on production of receipts, for additional costs incurred while undertaking Health Board work.

Tenure of office

The Minister for Health and Social Services determines the length of the appointment, which will initially be up to 4 years. However, this is subject to the Vice-Chair remaining eligible for the role for the duration of the term. Board members may stand for a maximum of eight (8) years.

Accountability

Vice-Chairs are appointed by the Minister for Health and Social Services and are accountable to the Minister for Health and Social Services via the Chair for carrying out their duties and for their performance.

Assistance for Disabled Members

Where appropriate all reasonable adjustments will be made to enable members to effectively carry out their duties.

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Eligibility

A person shall be disqualified from appointment if he/she:

- a. has within the preceding 5 years been convicted in the UK, Channel Islands or the Isle of Man of any offence and has had passed on him/her a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than 3 months;
- b. has been adjudged bankrupt or has made a composition or arrangement with his/ her creditors;
- c. has been dismissed, otherwise than by reason of redundancy, or non-renewal of a fixed term contract, from any paid employment with a health service body;
- d. is a person whose tenure of office as the chair, member or director of a health service body has been terminated because his/her appointment is not in the interests of the health service, for non-attendance at meetings or for non-disclosure of pecuniary interest;
- e. is an employee of a health service body.

Subject to the exception noted in (e), it is the policy of the Welsh Government that a person is ineligible to be a chair, vice-chair or non-officer member if the person is or has been within the preceding year in the paid employment of a LHB or a Trust within the area of the Board to which they are seeking appointment.

Any other information that may materially affect your application for appointment should be declared in the application form under the Conflict of Interests section.

Applicants should be persons who conduct themselves at all times in a manner which will maintain public confidence.

In particular, applicants are required to declare whether they are aware of anything in their private or professional life that would be an embarrassment to themselves or to the Welsh Government if it became known in the event of appointment.

Candidates should also note that membership of a Local Health Board is a disqualifying office for membership of the National Assembly for Wales under the National Assembly for Wales (Disqualification) Order 2015.

Conflicts of Interest

You should particularly note the requirement for you to declare any private interests which may, or may be perceived to, conflict with the role and responsibilities as Independent Members of Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board including any business interests and positions of authority outside of the role in the Health Board .

If appointed, Vice-Chairs must declare these interests and seek confirmation from the Chair of the Health Board that no conflict has arisen and if it is appropriate for them to remain a board member.

Standards in public life

Independent Members will be expected to adhere to the standards of good governance set for the NHS in Wales, which are based on the Welsh Government's Citizen Centred Governance Principles and incorporate Nolan's "Seven Principles of Public Life".

Annex B

The role and responsibilities of Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board

Background

Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board is the largest health organisation in Wales and is responsible for improving the health and wellbeing to a population of around 678,000 people across the six counties of North Wales (Anglesey, Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham). This encompasses prevention of ill health as well as treating illness and providing excellent healthcare services.

The Health Board is responsible for the provision of primary, community and mental health as well as acute hospital services. It operates three main hospitals (Ysbyty Gwynedd in Bangor, Glan Clwyd Hospital in Bodelwyddan and Wrexham Maelor Hospital) along with a network of community hospitals, health centres, clinics, mental health units and community team bases.

The Health Board also coordinates the work of 105 GP practices, and NHS services provided by dentists, opticians and pharmacists in North Wales.

In 2018/19 the Health Board had a revenue income of £1.54 billion and employed approximately 18,000 people (15,500 whole time equivalents).

The role of the Board member focuses on four key areas:-

- **Strategy** – to contribute to strategic development and decision-making
- **Performance** – to ensure that effective management arrangements and an effective team are in place at the top level of the organisation. To help clarify which decisions are reserved for the Board and then ensure that the rest are clearly delegated and to hold management to account for its performance in meeting agreed goals and objectives through purposeful challenge and scrutiny, and to monitor the reporting of performance.
- **Risk** – to ensure that financial information is accurate and that financial controls and systems of risk management and assurance are robust and defensible
- **Behaviour** – to live up to the highest ethical standards of integrity and probity and comply fully with the Code of Conduct. Board members should demonstrate through their behaviour that they are focusing on their responsibilities to citizens, the organisations and its stakeholders

Annex C

The selection process

The selection panel will assess your application form in terms of your CV and personal statement to determine whether you meet the criteria for the role, and whether or not you will be invited to interview. The panel can rely only on the information you provide in your CV and personal statement to assess whether you have the skills and experience required. Please ensure that you provide evidence to support how you meet all of the criteria and questions asked to complete as part of your personal statement.

The selection panel will consist of Mark Polin OBE QPM, Chair of Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board, Sioned Rees, Head of Escalation and Special Measures Support, Health and Social Services Department, Welsh Government and Councillor Llinos Medi Huws, Leader of Anglesey County Council, who will be the Independent Member.

Your application may be “long-listed”, subject to the volume of applications received, before it is passed to the shortlisting panel for consideration. You should be aware that in this situation, your application might not be considered in full by the entire selection panel.

We anticipate that during the week commencing **4 November 2019** the panel will have decided who will be invited to the interviews which will take place during the week commencing **25 November 2019**.

The panel will select for interview only the strongest applicants who it feels have demonstrated that they best meet the criteria as asked to demonstrate in the personal statement. However, if you have applied under the guaranteed interview scheme and you meet the minimum essential criteria for the post, then you will also be invited for interview.

If you are invited to interview and if the interview date is not already provided in this information pack, we will aim to provide you with as much notice as we can of the interview date. If you are unable to make the arranged interview date, we will endeavour to re-arrange it but it might not be possible due to time constraints within the appointment timetable or selection panel availability.

You will receive email communication from the Appointment system to let you know whether or not you have been invited to be interviewed.

If invited to interview, the panel will question you about your skills and experience, asking specific questions to assess whether you meet the criteria set out for the post. The appointment process as well as an interview may include further assessment of suitability for the roles. Further information will be provided in advance to those called for interview.

Candidates who the panel believe are ‘appointable’, will be recommended to the Minister for Health, and Social Services who will make the final decision. The Minister

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for Health and Social Services may choose to meet with appointable candidates before making a decision. If he does, he will meet all candidates and in the presence of the selection panel chair or their nominated representative. There will be a time gap between interview and a final appointment decision being made. Candidates who have been interviewed will be kept informed of progress.

If you are successful, you will receive a letter from the Minister for Health, and Social Services appointing you as Vice-Chair of Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board, which will confirm the terms on which the appointment is offered.

If you are unsuccessful at interview, you will be notified by Welsh Government. We appreciate it takes a lot of time and effort to apply for roles and that feedback is a valuable part of the process. As a result, the letter will provide the details of who you may approach for feedback on your interview and application, if you so wish

Queries

For queries about your application, please contact Publicappointments@gov.wales

Regulation by the Commissioner for Public Appointments

The Commissioner regulates and monitors appointments to public bodies to ensure procedures are fair, open and transparent and based on merit. More information about the role of the Commissioner and his Code of Practice is available from <http://publicappointmentscommissioner.independent.gov.uk>

If you are not completely satisfied

Welsh Government will aim to process all applications as quickly as possible and to treat all applicants with courtesy. If you have any complaints about the way your application has been handled, please contact Publicappointments@gov.wales

If after receiving a comprehensive response from the Welsh Government you are still concerned, you can write to the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Please contact:

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