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**Information pack for applicants**

# **Cardiff and Vale University Health Board**

## **Appointment of Vice Chair**

**Closing date: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020**



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## **Making an application**

Thank you for your interest in the appointment of a Vice Chair to the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board. The new Vice Chair will be a member of the Board and will deputise for the Chair in the latter's absence for any reason. 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 Health Board's performance in the planning, delivery and evaluation of primary, community and mental health services ensuring a balanced care model to meet the needs of the UHB's population.

The attached Annexes provide details on the role of the Vice Chair and the person specification, the role and responsibilities of Cardiff and Vale University 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 Cardiff and Vale University 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 demonstrate how you meet each of the criteria set out in the person specification. How you choose to present the information is up to you. However, you should aim to provide detailed examples that demonstrate how your knowledge and experience matches each of the criteria, and which describe what your role was in achieving a specific result. It will also benefit the selection panel if you can be clear which particular evidence you provide relates to which criteria. Providing separate paragraphs in relation to each criterion is common practice.

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

### **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.

### **References**

Please provide two referees (employer and personal) who will be contacted for successful candidates only.

### **Indicative timetable**

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Shortlisting: w/c 09<sup>th</sup> November  
Interviews: w/c 30<sup>th</sup> November  
Start date: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021

### **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, and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

### **Disability Confident**

The Welsh Government accepts the social definition of disability, in which it is recognised that barriers in society act to disable people who have impairments or health conditions or who use British Sign Language. We are committed to removing barriers so that all staff can perform at their best. The Equality Act 2010 uses the medical definition of disability ("a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term impact on a person's ability to carry out normal day to day activities").

We guarantee to interview anyone who is disabled whose application meets the minimum criteria for the post. By 'minimum criteria' we mean that you must provide us with evidence in your application which demonstrates that you generally meet the level of competence for the role and any qualifications, skills or experience defined as essential.

We are committed to the employment and career development of disabled people. If you would like a guaranteed interview, please contact Sharon Williams email: [Sharon.Williams059@gov.wales](mailto:Sharon.Williams059@gov.wales) to let them know.

If you have an impairment or health condition, or use British Sign Language and need to discuss reasonable adjustments for any part of this recruitment process, please contact: [Sharon.Williams059@gov.wales](mailto:Sharon.Williams059@gov.wales) as above as soon as possible and a member of the team will contact you to discuss your requirements and any questions you may have.

### **Contacts:**

For further information regarding the selection process, please contact:

Public Appointments Team  
Public Bodies Unit  
Email: [publicappointments@gov.wales](mailto:publicappointments@gov.wales)

For further information regarding the role of the Vice Chair at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and the role of the Board, please contact Charles Janczewski, Chair of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.

Tel: 02921836011  
Email: [Charles.Janczewski@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Charles.Janczewski@wales.nhs.uk)

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If you need any further assistance in applying for this role, please contact [publicappointments@gov.wales](mailto:publicappointments@gov.wales).

For further information about Public Appointments in Wales, please visit [www.gov.wales/publicappointments](http://www.gov.wales/publicappointments)

## Appointment of Vice Chair to the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

### Role description and person specification

#### 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 Cardiff and Vale University 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 Capacity Legislation Committee of the Board which oversees compliance with mental health legislation and associated codes of practice;
- **Be responsible for** scrutinizing the governance arrangements for primary, community, mental health and learning disability services. Working within Cardiff and Vale UHB's governance framework, to provide Board assurance as to the effective delivery of whole-system working based on integrated care pathways;
- **Work closely** with the Mental Health Clinical board to agree and deliver an integrated work programme that reflects the relevant needs of the Cardiff and Vale population;

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- **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;
- **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

Vice-Chairs 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;
- 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.

#### 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 issues and challenging discriminatory practices.
- A clear understanding and commitment to Nolan's 'Seven Principles of Public Life'.

### Welsh Language

The Welsh Language skill level for this appointment is Desirable.

### Key facts about the post

Location:	Woodlands House, Maes y Coed Road, Cardiff
Time Commitment:	13 days per month
Tenure of office:	Initial appointment of 4 years.
Remuneration:	£56,316 per annum plus travel and other reasonable expenses within reasonable limits].

### 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 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 chairman, 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 a health service employee;

Subject to the exception noted in (e), it is the policy of the Welsh Government that all recent employees of LHBs and NHS Trusts should serve a non-involvement break before being considered for an NHS Public Appointment.

If you are successful, you will receive a letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services appointing you as an Independent Member of Public Health Wales, which will confirm the terms on which the appointment is offered. Your appointment will be subject to a reference check undertaken by the Welsh Government's Public Bodies Unit and to a DBS check undertaken by the NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership. Attendance at the NHS Wales Independent Member Induction Programme is mandatory on appointment and you will be required to attend the next available course.

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### **Conflict of Interests**

When applying you will be asked to declare any private interests which may, or may be perceived to, conflict with the role and responsibilities as Vice-Chair of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board including any business interests and positions of authority outside of the role in Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.

Any conflicts of interest will be explored at interview. If appointed, you will also be required to declare these interests on a register which is available to the public.

### **Standards in public life**

Vice Chairs 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.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/code-of-conduct-for-board-members-of-public-bodies>

## **The role and responsibilities of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board**

### **Background**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (UHB) was established in October 2009 and is one of the largest NHS organisations in the UK. As a UHB, we have a responsibility for around 475,000 people living in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. This includes health promotion and public health functions as well as the provision of local primary care services (GP practices, dentists, optometrists and community pharmacists) and the running of hospitals, health centres, community health teams and mental health services. Together with some services from other health Boards and key partners, these provide a full ranges of health services for our local residents and those from further afield in both Wales and England who use our specialist services. The Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales (CHfW) is based on the site of the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff. It provides health care for the children of Cardiff but also provides tertiary services for children across Wales. At the University Hospital Llandough we have Hafan y Coed, the new adult mental health unit which opened in April 2016, providing a modern, therapeutic and recovery focussed environment to adults experiencing mental health issues. This new unit is first class and will help recovery and rehabilitation for service users.

**Shaping our Future Wellbeing** is our 10 year Strategy (2015-2025)

<http://www.cardiffandvaleuhb.wales.nhs.uk/our-mission-and-vision> *Caring for People; Keeping People Well* is why we exist as a UHB, our vision being that *a person's chance of leading a healthy life is the same wherever they live and whoever they are.* At its heart our strategy has the desire to achieve joined up care based on home first, avoiding harm waste and variation, empowering people and delivering outcomes that matter to them.

To deliver these highly diverse and complex services, we spend over £1.2 billion every year and employ around 14,000 staff. When many people think of the NHS they think of doctors and nurses, but it is important to remember that many varied roles that make the care we provide possible. Allied healthcare professionals and health scientists comprise more than 40 different professions including dieticians, physiotherapists, radiographers, audiologists and laboratory scientists. Healthcare support workers play a key role in supporting staff to deliver direct clinical care and those providing non-clinical support include our portering staff, cleaning and catering staff, electricians and engineers and many others.

We are also a teaching Health Board with close links to Cardiff University, which boasts a high profile teaching, research and development role with the UK and abroad. This is alongside other academic links with Cardiff Metropolitan University and the University of South Wales. Together, we are training the next generation of clinical professionals in order that we develop our expertise and improve our clinical outcomes.

### **The role of the Board**

The three key roles through which the board of the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board demonstrates leadership within its organisation are:-

- Formulating strategy.

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- Ensuring accountability by holding the organisation to account for the delivery of the strategy and through seeking assurance that systems of control are robust and reliable
- Shaping a positive culture for the Board and the organisation.

### **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 arrangement 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

## The selection process

The interview panel will assess candidates' CVs and personal statements to determine who it believes best meet the criteria for the role, and who will be invited to interview. The panel will rely only on the information you provide in your CV and 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 essential criteria.

The selection panel will be chaired by Charles Janczewski and will also comprise Stephanie Sampson Welsh Government and Martin Woodford, Chair of WAST as an Independent Panel 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 all of the panel.

We anticipate that during w/c 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 the panel will have decided who will be invited for interview in w/c 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020. It is our intention that interviews will take place in Woodlands House, Maes Y Coed Road, Cardiff.

The panel will select for interview only the strongest applicants who it feels have demonstrated that they best meet the criteria set out in the person specification. 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 Welsh Government's application centre 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.

Candidates who the panel believe are 'appointable', will be recommended to Ministers who will make the final decision. The Minister may choose to meet with appointable candidates before making a decision. If she/he does, she/he will meet all candidates and in the presence of the 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 appointing you as Vice Chair of the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, which will confirm the terms on which the appointment is offered.

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If you are unsuccessful at interview, you will be notified through the Welsh Government's application centre. 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](mailto:publicappointments@gov.wales).

### **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](mailto:publicappointments@gov.wales).