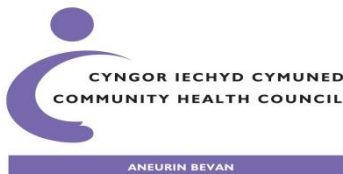


Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council

# Patients Voice News Bulletin



## Special points of interest:

- **Engagement**
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## Engagement



Wendy Thomas & Peter Allen

On 17<sup>th</sup> February the Health Board held a 'Talk Health Your Voice Matters' event in Newport, inviting the public to have their say on a variety of health issues. There were lots of health related stands of which the CHC was one and our Members engaged with health professionals and members of the public to spread the word about what the CHC does.

Members also joined Melin Homes in promoting 'Digital Health' at two Newport Community Centres. The public were shown how to access 'My Health Online' to book GP appointments and repeat prescriptions.

Two Members attended the Welsh NHS Confederation Focus Group which was held to help the public make the best use of NHS services and encourage people to live healthier lifestyles.

Lastly, the CHC had a stand at the Falls Prevention Workshop which focused on joined up working in the community and in hospitals, not just with healthcare, but also fire, police, community groups etc.

## Visits

It has been a busy few months for our Members undertaking monitoring visits. The visit to the new A&E department at the Royal Gwent Hospital was extremely positive. Patients were handed over from ambulances within the 15 minutes target time and no patients were being treated in the corridors. Patients were happy with their care and didn't have to wait long to be seen.

The Maternity wards at the Royal Gwent Hospital were also positive; the wards are well run and patients were found to be happy.

As part of the Board of CHC's in Wales national projects, Members visited Dementia wards to ask patients 'What could the NHS do better to support people, as well as their families and their carers, living with dementia?' We had 170 responses locally and over 500 nationally.

## AGM



Michelle Donovan & Joanne Williams with John Pearce

We held our AGM at The Parkway Hotel on the 5<sup>th</sup> April. Two members of staff from the Health Board, Michelle Donovan and Joanne Williams, were presented by the Chair of Aneurin Bevan CHC, John Pearce, with the Tudgay Award. This was in recognition of their commitment and dedication to Trevethin Health Clinic, Pontypool, going above and beyond to help their patients.

Ex-Member Lyndon Curnuck was presented with the Cathy O'Sullivan Award in recognition of his outstanding achievements and highest standards of excellence for the Aneurin Bevan CHC.

## Brynmawr Resource Centre

Liz Warren, Deputy Chief Officer, and Member Sonia Stainer were invited to a 'sod cutting' ceremony on the 10<sup>th</sup> April to formally recognise the commencement of the building of the new Resource Centre at Brynmawr, which is due to be completed at the end of this year. Amongst those present were Alun Davies, Assembly Member for Blaenau Gwent and Judith Paget, Chief Executive of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.

The Resource Centre will include a new doctors' surgery, pharmacy, community dental services, a range of therapies, community nursing and health visiting and screening services.



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