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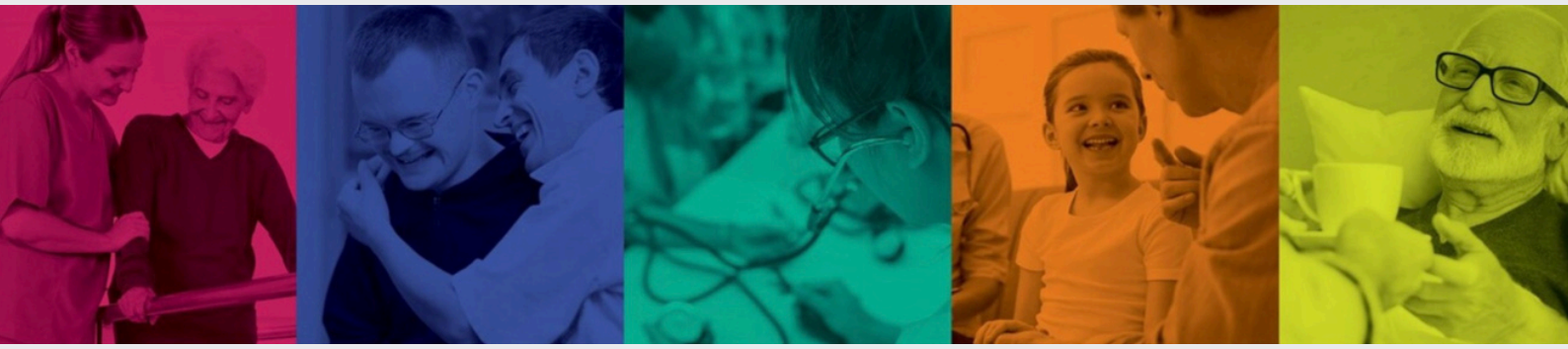

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FAIRWAYS HUB: A WELCOMING SPACE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

On 9 September, members of the West Glamorgan team attended the launch of the Fairways Family Support Hub in Sandfields, Port Talbot. The Hub has been transformed through investment from the Welsh Government's Integration and Rebalancing Capital Fund (IRCF), supported by Neath Port Talbot Council match funding, creating a welcoming and accessible space designed to bring families, children and support services together under one roof.

SUPPORTING FAMILIES UNDER ONE ROOF

The redevelopment has created a flexible community-based space where services can work together around the needs of each family. The new Hub hosts scheduled programmes and appointments alongside more immediate and crisis support. It provides a comfortable setting for Looked After Children reviews, child protection conferences, care and support meetings, direct social work and Team Around the Family activity. Contact sessions also give children a welcoming place to spend time with their parents.

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FAIRWAYS HUB CONTINUED

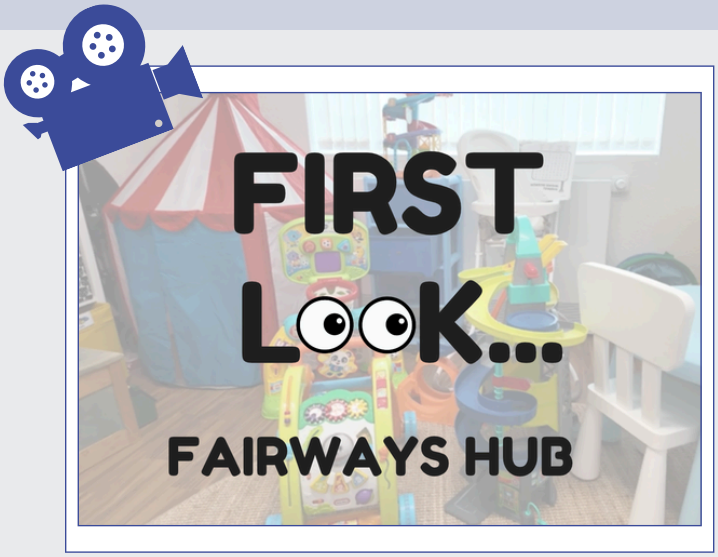
Practical help is central to the hub's offer. Drop-in welfare rights sessions sit alongside life-skills activities such as cooking, cleaning and preparing baby bottles. By building parents' skills and confidence, the support can play an important part in helping children and young people return home safely. The Hub also offers targeted support for groups including pregnant mothers, with plans to establish a group for dads.

"We've spent the last months trying to figure out what the gaps are. We don't want to duplicate what's working well. If this is a better space for something that already exists, then we can host it here – and if there's a gap, we can start something here."

- Hub Stakeholder

Following the building's formal launch, Fairways aims to broaden its multi-agency model by establishing a regular presence from services including housing, policing, health visiting, midwifery, adult services, mental health, Local Coordinators, Women's Aid, the Community Drug and Alcohol Team, Youth Services and the Youth Offending Team.

Bringing this expertise together will make it easier for professionals to collaborate and for staff and members of the public to access advice and support.



Click on the image to view a walk through of the Hub!

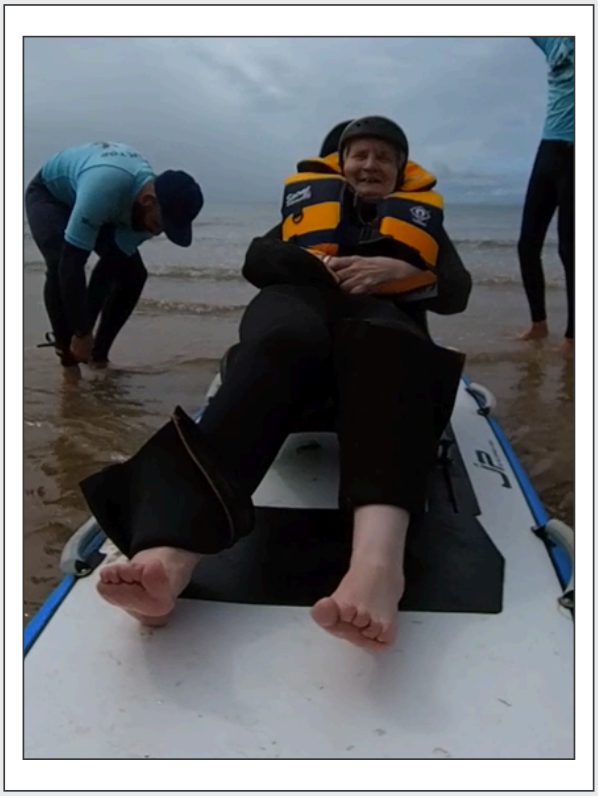
DEMENTIA EVENT SHOWCASES INNOVATION

On 25 September, colleagues and partners from across West Glamorgan attended the NHS Wales Performance and Improvement Dementia Programme Community Showcase Event in Cardiff, which brought together organisations, professionals and people with lived experience from across Wales to share innovative approaches to supporting people to live well with dementia. The event celebrated collaboration, storytelling and community-led solutions, with a strong focus on sharing good practice and learning from one another.

West Glamorgan was proud to be represented by a diverse range of projects and partners. Our display featured digital stories showcasing people with lived experience of dementia and highlighting how individuals can continue to live well and remain active in their communities.

DEMENTIA EVENT CONTINUED...

The stories generated a great deal of interest throughout the day, encouraging conversations about the importance of listening to and amplifying the voices of people affected by dementia.



Alongside the digital stories, visitors had the opportunity to experience a number of innovative projects from across the region. *Swansea Council colleagues* demonstrated their Magic Table and virtual reality experiences, offering practical examples of how technology can support engagement, wellbeing and meaningful activity. The *Dementia Hwb* showcased its developing AI support tool, while *Ospreys in the Community* brought energy and fun to the event with an inclusive sitting volleyball session using balloons, encouraging participants to get active and involved.

A particular highlight was the attendance of Mair (pictured) and her family, whose lived experience helped bring the digital stories to life and demonstrate the real impact of dementia support services. We were also delighted to be joined by Anita from the *Me, Myself and I* daybreak programme, whose insights and enthusiasm contributed to many positive conversations throughout the day.

The event provided a valuable opportunity to showcase the innovative work taking place across West Glamorgan, with many attendees commenting positively on the displays and activities on offer. We would like to thank *NHS Wales Performance and Improvement* for hosting such a successful event, and to everyone who attended and helped represent our region, share their experiences and contribute to a memorable day of learning, collaboration and celebration

EASY READ WEB PAGES LAUNCH SUCCESS

SortedSupported recently celebrated the successful launch of its new **Easy Read web pages** at a community event in Swansea on World Mental Health Day (10 October).

The event brought together people with learning disabilities, partners, carers and local organisations to explore the new website, enjoy activities and refreshments, and share their feedback.

The new Easy Read content has been designed to make information more accessible and easier to understand, helping people with learning disabilities find the support, services and advice they need. The launch marks an important step forward in improving access to information and promoting inclusion across the region.

Check out the newly launched Easy Read section on the SortedSupported website:

www.easyread.sortedsupported.org.uk

CELEBRATING OUR AWARD-WINNING VOLUNTEERS

We're delighted to celebrate the recent achievements of two of our fantastic volunteer representatives, Phil Swinnerton and Georgia Miggins, who have both received recognition for their contributions and achievements.

Phil was awarded Silver in the Volunteer of the Year category at the Mental Health & Wellbeing Wales Awards. Phil is a lived experience volunteer on our Emotional Well-being and Mental Health Programme Board, where he shares his knowledge and personal experience to help shape and improve services across the region. Alongside his work with West Glamorgan, Phil supports a variety of men's groups for people experiencing mental health difficulties and is involved in peer support through Bipolar UK and other organisations.

We're also thrilled to congratulate Georgia Miggins, who was Highly Commended in the Young Adult Learner Award during Adult Learners' Week. Her recognition is another fantastic achievement and particularly resonates with our Learning Disability Strategy's commitment to ensuring people with Learning Disabilities have opportunities to learn, develop and have their voices heard.

These awards are a wonderful opportunity to recognise the time, experience and enthusiasm that volunteers bring to our work. A huge congratulations to Phil and Georgia from everyone at West Glamorgan. We're incredibly proud to see your achievements recognised and grateful for everything you contribute.

ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

Our latest **Annual Report** is now available and celebrates another year of partnership working across West Glamorgan.

The new-look report showcases the difference being made through a wide range of projects and services supporting children and families, unpaid carers, people living with dementia, those experiencing mental health challenges, older people, people with learning disabilities and neurodivergent individuals. It also highlights how engagement, co-production and collaborative commissioning continue to shape services, ensuring local people remain at the heart of regional decision-making and service development.

You can find the report on our website → **westglamorgan.org.uk/annual-report/**

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