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MOTION AGREED BY AUTUMN CONFERENCE 2023

ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY AND REBUILDING TRUST: Addressing the Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board scandals

Conference notes:

- A. The alarming and deeply concerning reports regarding a growing number of scandals within the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB).**
- B. The serious repercussions of the various scandals on patient care, public trust, and the overall performance of the health board.**
- C. The significant impact of the scandal on the morale and well-being of healthcare professionals working within BCUHB.**
- D. The unique problems faced by North Wales may require innovative solutions that address the region's specific healthcare needs.**
- E. Good governance is essential for healthcare reform, and local councils and other stakeholders should be included in decision-making. This inclusivity can also provide avenues for patient voice and input.**

Conference believes:

- I. That BCUHB should never have been taken out of special measures in 2020.**
- II. That the Welsh Government failed to take responsibility for the failures of BCUHB and instead unfairly blamed the board.**
- III. The welfare and safety of patients must be prioritized within the Welsh healthcare system.**

- IV. Transparency, accountability, and effective governance are essential to prevent similar scandals from occurring in the future.**
- V. That structural limitations in healthcare investment, as observed in the case of Denbighshire Community Hospital, need to be addressed to ensure the delivery of quality care and services.**

Conference resolves:

- 1. To demand that the Welsh Government conduct a comprehensive and independent inquiry into the scandal within BCUHB, ensuring full transparency and public access to the findings.**
- 2. To ensure data collection is standardized across Wales, allowing for clearer comparisons to be drawn across health boards.**
- 3. To call for urgent action to address the systemic issues identified within BCUHB, including the establishment of robust governance mechanisms and a culture of accountability.**
- 4. To support measures that prioritize the well-being and professional development of healthcare professionals within BCUHB, recognizing the immense challenges they face in delivering quality care.**
- 5. To support initiatives aimed at rebuilding trust between the health board and the communities it serves, including engagement with patients, their families, and healthcare professionals.**