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| **TITLE**  | **Update about progress made under special measures at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board** |
| **DATE**  | **06 September 2024** |
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Members have been provided with regular updates since Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board was [placed](https://www.gov.wales/written-statement-betsi-cadwaladr-university-health-board) in special measures in February 2023.

We have published four progress [reports](https://www.gov.wales/betsi-cadwaladr-university-health-board-bcuhb-special-measures-2023) to date, and I am today publishing a [report](https://www.gov.wales/betsi-cadwaladr-university-health-board-special-measures-progress-report-april-june-2024) which sets out the progress the health board has made between April and June 2024.

A special measures framework for this phase of the current special measures intervention was agreed between the Chief Executive of NHS Wales and the Chief Executive of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board in May 2024. This was [presented](https://bcuhb.nhs.wales/about-us/health-board-meetings-and-members/health-board-meetings/bcuhb-agenda-30524-v20/) to the Board at its meeting on 30 May 2024.

The Welsh Government will continue to work with the health board through our oversight and assurance arrangements to ensure the required improvements related to outcomes, performance, clinical fragile services and quality and safety are accelerated, and that the necessary systems and structures are in place to ensure these improvements are sustainable.

There is still a lot of work to do, but there are encouraging signs of improvement for people living in North Wales. We will continue to update Members as the work progresses.

This statement is being issued during recess in order to keep members informed. Should members wish me to make a further statement or to answer questions on this when the Senedd returns I would be happy to do so.