

Ceredigion

Public Services Board

**Meeting 33
6th of March 2023, 13:30
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

MINUTES

Present:	
Cllr. Bryan Davies (BD)	Chair, Ceredigion County Council
Hazel Lloyd Lubran (HLL)	Vice Chair, CAVO
Barry Rees (BR)	Ceredigion County Council
Dr. Jo McCarthy (JMc)	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Dr. Phil Kloer (PK)	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Elwyn Williams (EW)	Chair, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Iwan Cray (IC)	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Gavin Bown (GB)	Natural Resources Wales
Rachel Jervis (RJ)	Natural Resources Wales
Gwilym D. Jones (GJ)	University of Wales Trinity St David
Megan Harris (MH)	Public Health Team, Hywel Dda University Health Board
Rhodri Llwyd Morgan (RLM)	Aberystwyth University
Supt. Ross Evans (RE)	Dyfed Powys Police
Nia Lloyd (NLI)	Coleg Sir Gar
Also in attendance:	
Claire Bryant (CB)	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Eldeg Rosser (ER)	Hywel Dda University Health Board
Kelvin Barlow (KB)	West Wales Care Partnership
Scott O'Kelly (SOK)	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Amy Richmond-Jones (ARJ)	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Bailie Olivia-Jones (BOJ)	Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Cathryn Morgan (CM)	Ceredigion County Council
Cllr. Catrin Davies (CD)	Ceredigion County Council
Rob Starr (RS)	Ceredigion County Council
Elen James (EJ)	Ceredigion County Council
Alun Williams (AW)	Ceredigion County Council
PSB Support team:	
Diana Davies (DD)	Ceredigion County Council
Naomi McDonagh (NMc)	Ceredigion County Council
Kieran Metson (KM)	Ceredigion County Council
Sara Dafydd (SD)	Ceredigion County Council

Anwen Thomas (AT)	Ceredigion County Council																
33.1	Apologies, introductions & disclosures of interest																
<p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair also disclosed a personal interest in agenda item 33.8 as his brother lives next door to a proposed location for the new planned and urgent care hospital.</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Christine Harley</td> <td>Probation Service</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr. Keith Evans</td> <td>Ceredigion County Council</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cllr. Matthew Vaux</td> <td>Ceredigion County Council</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dewi Day</td> <td>Aberystwyth University</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Judith Hardisty</td> <td>Hywel Dda University Health Board</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peter Skitt</td> <td>Hywel Dda University Health Board</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steve Moore</td> <td>Public Health Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Victoria Jones</td> <td>Welsh Government</td> </tr> </table>		Christine Harley	Probation Service	Cllr. Keith Evans	Ceredigion County Council	Cllr. Matthew Vaux	Ceredigion County Council	Dewi Day	Aberystwyth University	Judith Hardisty	Hywel Dda University Health Board	Peter Skitt	Hywel Dda University Health Board	Steve Moore	Public Health Wales	Victoria Jones	Welsh Government
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33.2	Minutes of previous Ceredigion PSB meeting – 02.12.22																
<p>The minutes from the meeting held on 02.12.22 were agreed as a true record.</p>																	
33.3	Matters arising from previous meeting																
<p>Census 2021 Results: Due to the full Agenda for this meeting, Rob Star (RS) will be invited to present on the Census data at the next PSB meeting in April.</p> <p>Well-being Plan 2023-28 Consultation: Naomi McDonagh (NMc) confirmed that the relevant information relating to the Co-production Network for Wales had been circulated. It was requested at the previous meeting that all PSB members promote the consultation to their staff, Communications Team and via their networks – This action was marked as complete.</p> <p>Ageing Well Presentation: Due to the full Agenda for this meeting, Sara Humphreys (SH) – Carers and Community Support Team Manager at Ceredigion County Council (CCC) has been invited to present at June's PSB meeting.</p> <p>Public Health Wales representation at PSB meetings: Jo McCarthy (JMc) confirmed that Megan Harris (MH) or Jan Batty (JB) will attend on behalf of the Public Health Team until a Director of Public Health is appointed, and JMc and Phil Kloer (PK) will be attending as representatives for Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDdUHB).</p> <p>Bus routes and access to services: NMc confirmed that a presentation will be given by Gerwyn Jones (CCC) and placed on the Agenda for June's PSB meeting on the subject of bus routes; to commence conversations around access to services and active / public transport.</p> <p>ACTION: Rob Starr to present Census data at April's PSB meeting. Add Ageing Well Communities presentation to June's PSB meeting Agenda.</p>																	

Add Bus Network presentation to the June's PSB meeting Agenda.

33.4 Agreement of the Local Well-being Plan 2023-28

NMc delivered an update on the Local Well-being Plan 2023-28. NMc referred to a document circulated prior to the meeting – The Local Well-being Plan 2023-28 Consultation Summary and Analysis Report. The report outlined that 41 responses were received during the 12-week consultation period, which ran from November until January, including 7 written responses from partners regionally and nationally. An engagement activity facilitated by the Co-production Network for Wales was also undertaken, which saw excellent feedback received from 13 primary schools and 3 secondary schools. Importantly, 88% of survey respondents agreed that the 5 Well-being Objectives outlined in the draft Plan are the right priorities.

NMc confirmed that in line with the feedback received through the consultation, amendments and inclusions had been made to the draft Plan, which was circulated to members prior to the meeting for their consideration. These amendments included:

- Inclusion of reference to sustainable transport, and commitment to a Healthy Travel Charter.
- Reference to procurement and maximising use of local suppliers.
- Utilising an Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) approach to improve connectivity and maximise local assets.
- Reference to food sustainability and promoting community growing initiatives, as well as supporting the development of a Local Food Partnership across Ceredigion.
- Highlighting the importance of sport and physical activity, and links to blue and green prescribing opportunities.

- The importance of the ecosystem and how this is intertwined with food growing opportunities.
- Reference to appropriate, energy efficient and good quality housing.
- Reflections on the Welsh language Census data
- Reference to the Crime and Disorder Strategic Assessment to be undertaken to inform the priorities of the Ceredigion Community Safety Partnership (CSP).
- Information on governance, delivery progress monitoring, as well as scrutiny arrangements.

Subject to agreement from PSB members, and approval from the respective Boards of statutory members, NMc requested that the Confirmation of Plan Approval Form embedded within the cover report for this item was signed and returned following the Board meetings to signify approval. NMc confirmed that final bilingual versions of the Plan will be circulated imminently to members ahead of their Board meetings. Pending approval, the Plan will be signed off at the next PSB meeting on 24 April 2023, and published by 5 May 2023.

Iwan Cray (IC) thanked NMc and the Team for their work on the Plan, and although it was recognised the numbers are comparable across neighbouring counties, expressed disappointment with regards to the quantity of survey responses. NMc agreed that conversations around engagement and maximising opportunities for consultation response will need to continue, and that this is something that will be considered with the support of the Co-production Network for Wales. There are opportunities to highlight the work of the PSB and demonstrate its value amongst the community, which will hopefully allow for a greater understanding and involvement from residents during future engagements. Catrin Davies (CD) and Hazel Lloyd-Lubran (HLL) emphasised the importance of ensuring user friendly language is utilised to encourage participation, whilst Alun Williams (AW) reinforced the crucial part partners also have to play in promoting the consultation during the engagement period.

The PSB formally approved the amendments made to the draft Plan, which will be subsequently translated in readiness for presentation at the Board meetings of statutory members.

DECISION: The amended Local Well-being Plan 2023-28 was accepted by the PSB.

ACTION: Statutory PSB members to present the Plan at their respective Board meetings and complete the 'Confirmation of Plan Approval Form' as circulated.

33.5	PSB Place Based Pilot Project Updates
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i.) Carbon Neutral Aberystwyth and Decarbonisation Strategy

Rachel Jarvis (RJ) provided an update on behalf of the sub-group's departing Chair, Dewi Day (DD). An update on the progress of Local Well-being Plan consultation and engagement was provided by NMc, and Yvette Eley (YE) from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) shared a presentation on Climate Adaptation. The presentation highlighted that current climate plans are insufficient to deal with the predicted temperature rises. RJ reported that NRW are producing a Climate Risk baseline report, as well as drafting a Climate Adaptation Plan in 2023 which is still ongoing – These include a comprehensive list of NRW activity, an indication of what is currently being done by the organisation on climate adaptation, and an assessment of the urgency and

lead in time for action. Once these drafts can be shared, conversations can be held with PSBs across Wales on how the actions included can be supported.

ACTION: RJ to establish whether the NRW Climate Risk baseline report is available yet to be shared with the PSB sub-group.

A presentation on NRW's response to the Local Well-being Plan consultation was provided by RJ. As part of their consultation response, a recommendation was included for a Climate Risk and Opportunity Assessment to be undertaken by the PSB. RJ and NMc met following the consultation deadline to discuss the incorporation of NRW's suggestions into the Plan.

RJ reported that DD gave an update on the District Heat Network project. Following an economic feasibility study, DD confirmed that a report outlining design and costs for the scheme has been produced. Internal conversations within the University indicate support for the scheme, and next steps will include engaging with the Welsh Government Energy Service. Additional updates by partners included imminent sign-off on Aberystwyth University's (AU) solar farm, a low carbon heat grant secured by HDdUHB and an update on CCC's Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure project. It was also suggested that it would be beneficial for members of the sub-group to read and consider the COP15 report, which has 23 actions.

With DD stepping down as Chair following the meeting on 12 January 2023, RJ thanked DD for his hard work and confirmed that she has agreed to act as interim Chair, with a review of arrangements to be carried out later in the year. RJ welcomed the opportunity to progress with this role, and looks forwards to working with the PSB to deliver on the Well-being Objectives.

ii.) Improving Community Well-being and tackling hardship in Cardigan

The sub-group's Chair, HLL provided an update. As in the Aberystwyth sub-group meeting, NMc reported on the latest developments with regards to the Well-being Plan consultation and RJ delivered a presentation on NRW's consultation and approval process. The sub-group also received an update on the Cardigan Place Plan and Green Infrastructure Plan by Catrin Cond (CC). Rural Office have been commissioned until the end of March to formulate A1 schematic maps of each of Ceredigion's 6 main towns based on the ideas included in the Place Plans. When ready, the Place Plans will be shared with each Town Council for consideration of any identified gaps. With regards to the Green Infrastructure Plan, Land Use Consultants (LUC) have identified 5 potential Green and Blue Infrastructure projects for each of the towns, and the potential projects for Cardigan were outlined in the sub-group meeting.

In addition, Aled Davies (AD) and Sarah Coakham (SC) from NRW shared a presentation on grant funded projects focused on building resilient communities by increasing community participation in nature to increase health, well-being and resilience. HLL also provided a brief overview of a statistical update provided by Caitlin Theodorou (CT) in advance of the meeting relating to additional information released with regards to the Census 2021 and its outcomes for Cardigan. HLL confirmed that next sub-group meeting would be opened up to community groups from Cardigan to receive a presentation by CCC's Research and Performance team on

the Census data and updated baseline report. It is also hoped that a presentation on projects to develop Cardigan town in conjunction with the Town Council could be rescheduled for the next meeting.

iii.) Well-being in Lampeter

Sara Dafydd (SD) delivered an update on behalf of the Group's chair - Elen James who expressed her apologies as she had to leave the meeting. The last meeting of the Well-being in Lampeter sub-group was held on 12 January 2023. A presentation was given by Roxanne Treacy (RT) on the Co-production Network for Wales, and an update on progress with regards to the Well-being Plan 2023-28 consultation was provided by NMc. As in the Aberystwyth and Cardigan sub-groups, RJ delivered a presentation on NRW's consultation and approval process.

Cathryn Morgan (CM) provided an overview of the Ceredigion Food Network and an update on the Local Food Partnerships Grant. SD noted that as there had been considerable discussion at sub-group meetings with regards to food and its links to well-being, a Task & Finish group was established in order to ensure linkages across current activities and initiatives were made, and to ensure no duplication of work. With this in mind, consideration of how the Task & Finish group, and wider sub-group, can support the Local Food Partnerships project will be pivotal – It is hoped that conversations around this will continue once a coordinator to lead on the project is appointed. An update was also provided by Carwyn Young on developments with regards to the Well-being Centre in Lampeter.

SD reported that as part of HDdUHB's shift towards a Social Model for Health and Wellbeing (SM4HWB) and long-term community-driven focus on prevention, Lampeter has been identified as a potential area of focus to inform this piece of work – It was therefore agreed that this should become a standing item on the sub-group's Agenda moving forwards.

33.6 Poverty Sub-Group Update

As Chair of the Poverty Sub-Group, Catrin Davies (CD) asked for the hard work and dedication of the officers involved with this group to be noted and commended. The update was provided by CM. The sub-group meets on a quarterly basis, with the most recent meeting being in January. During this meeting, the group assessed high level poverty data, and the latest report of Audit Wales. Audit Wales believe their analysis shows that poverty is the single major challenge facing all tiers of government. Eight recommendations are set out in the report, the first is that Welsh Government (WG) should refresh the current Child Poverty strategy. The group agreed that whilst there is a statutory duty on Welsh authorities to deliver a child poverty strategy, a through age approach is beneficial due to the impact of poverty on all ages and service and is also reflected in the Local Well-being Plan 2023-28.

CCC's Performance and Research team presented the Poverty data dashboards, and Juliet Morris (Citizens Advice Bureau) shared a link to county level data created by CAB that shows how different areas have been affected over time. The Warm Welcome Spaces were also discussed. There are currently 42 Warm Welcome Spaces on the Ceredigion map across a wide geographical area. In January 2023, there were 1,941 unique IP address visitors to the site and

7,565 clicks on the map. CM stated that statistics on use of the Warm Welcome Spaces will be available by the end of March, but it appears that the majority of those using the spaces do so for companionship rather than to keep warm. With this in mind, it's hoped these locations can be maintained and supported to develop as community hubs going forwards. The sub-group also shared updates on support and available grants currently available for those struggling with the cost of living. It is hoped that in the future, this information can be shared via fortnightly bulletins.

With regards to future governance arrangements, as the current membership and Terms of Reference for this group relate to the delivery of the Tackling Hardship Strategy 2020-23, CM confirmed that these will be reviewed as the sub-group will now be supporting the delivery of the Local Well-being Plan from April 2023. With the aim of delivering the systemic change required to tackle and alleviate poverty in Ceredigion, CM proposed that the sub-group needs to include an officer who works on poverty and / or equality from each of the PSB partner organisations, and requested that members consider staff within their organisations who could add value to the work of the sub-group.

ACTION: Partners to consider staff within their organisations who could add value to the work of the sub-group, and share contact details with CM.

33.7

Regional Partnership Board Update

Kelvin Barlow (KB), Regional Partnership Programme Manager at West Wales Care Partnership, presented on the West Wales Area Plan. A Preventions Board has been established on a regional footing with HLL as the co-chair alongside Health Board colleagues. Two meetings of the Preventions Board have been held to date. Amongst other activity during the last 12 months, the Regional Partnership Board (RPB) have undertaken a Population Assessment & Market Stability Report to inform a Regional Area Plan, which is a statutory requirement. RPBs must ensure that the Local Authority and Local Health Board partners work together effectively to respond to the Population Assessment and implement the joint Area Plans.

The Population Assessment indicates the projected demand resulting from certain factors – For example, due to an ageing population, population groups such as dementia, older people, and carers are likely to increase in demand. From this Assessment, themes such as access to services in the community and wait for assessment and diagnosis were identified across population groups. The stability of regulated services was also assessed, with each regulated service being ranked with red representing instability and green being stable.

The joint Area Plans set out the services planned by Local Authorities and Local Health Boards in response to core themes. The RPB's approach is to focus on areas of collaboration / integration across the region which add value as opposed to duplicating other detailed plans, and align with existing regional and local governance arrangements.

Proposed high level priorities under the Area Plan for 2023-28:

1. Support people to manage their own well-being.
2. Support people to stay closer to home.
3. Have the right services available to meet demand.
4. Have a stable and resilient workforce.
5. Plan and deliver our services with people who use them.

Due to time constraints, KB agreed to circulate the PowerPoint presentation for members to review following the meeting.

ACTION: KB to share PowerPoint presentation slides with the Partnerships Team for circulation to PSB members.

33.8

Launch of public consultation on location of new planned and urgent care hospital

Eldeg Rosser (ER) shared a presentation on the New Hospital Site Consultation. HDdUHB provide health services for almost 400,000 people across the region via 4 hospitals, 5 community hospitals, 2 integrated care centers as well as community facilities. The proposed new Urgent and Planned Care Hospital is a part of HDdUHB's strategy to provide more joined-up support and care as close to home as possible in community settings. The consultation outlines 3 potential sites for a new hospital – Whitland Spring Gardens, Whitland Tŷ Newydd, and St Clears. These sites were identified due to their central geographical location in the region, allowing access to an emergency department within an hour for the majority of the population. The consultation seeks to gather public opinion on the best proposed site, as well as any concerns raised. ER reinforced that there isn't currently a preferred site, and no land has been purchased as yet for this development. Purchasing a site and delivering the new Urgent and Planned Care Hospital is subject to Welsh Government funding, which is not yet confirmed and if successful, will take several years to come to fruition.

ER confirmed that the main hospitals will continue to provide quality specialist care that cannot be provided elsewhere in the community, as agreed in HDdUHB's 2018 strategy. With regards to Ceredigion, Bronglais Hospital will continue to provide urgent, emergency, and planned care services, with more specialist cases transferred to the new Urgent and Planned Care Hospital, as well as regional sites for more critical care. Glangwili and Withybush hospitals will be re-purposed as community hospitals, providing 24/7 GP-led urgent care centres. The new Urgent and Planned Care Hospital will be the main hospital site for regional urgent and planned care, providing specialist children, adult, and mental health services in a more centralised way. It will also function as HDdUHB's Trauma Unit and main Emergency Department.

ER outlined the benefits of the proposed new Urgent and Planned Care Hospital, including a reduction in duplication of services across sites, an ability to offer more specialist services, improved recruitment and retention of staff as well as well as modern and efficient buildings that would support achievement of carbon reduction targets. It was also proposed that re-purposing of Glangwili and Withybush as community hospitals will enable discharge of most patients from the Urgent and Planned Care hospital to their own homes or more local hospitals within 72 hours.

Significant discussion was held following the presentation. Barry Rees (BR) reinforced the importance of service retention at Bronglais due to the geographical location of the proposed hospital, and the travel time required to Carmarthen particularly from the north of the county. PK confirmed that service provision will be retained at Bronglais as outlined in the 2018 strategy – The proposed hospital seeks strengthen the resilience of Bronglais through connectivity between the sites, as well as potential for rotation of clinicians. IC enquired as to whether consideration had been given to the integration of services on the proposed site. ER recognised this as a valuable point, and confirmed that whilst discussions had been held with the ambulance service and social services, additional support services will need to be liaised with going forwards.

HLL outlined the importance of considering public transport, and specifically projections of what this may look like in the future as increased pressure is anticipated. HLL noted that community transport providers are already seeing an increased demand on their service for the purposes of health transport. ER reported that a transport manager has been appointed within the last months who will be working closely with Local Authorities to reflect and consider solutions regarding demand on services. Elwyn Williams (EW) raised concerns regarding a potential flood risk at the proposed

Whitland Tŷ Newydd site. ER reinforced that preliminary discussions held with planners have suggested no constraints for development on the site due to the topography of the proposed location. HLL noted that consideration should also be given to site access in the instance of flooding, for both staff and patients.

Rhodri Llwyd Morgan (RLM) noted that AU's Veterinary School has recently opened its doors as well as the commencement of nursing degrees offered on campus in collaboration with HDdUHB. RLM queried the extent to which prospective doctors and nurses had been considered when deciding upon the locations for the proposed hospital, and reflected as to whether this factor would make a site more or less favourable. PK confirmed that high quality sustainable training is an imperative part of the strategy – AU's Nursing School is critical and strengthens HDdUHB's offer for nurses.

Iwan Cray (IC) proposed that consideration is given to co-location of emergency services.

Ross Evans (RE) proposed that a stakeholder group could be formed for emergency services to share feedback and assist in shaping the plan moving forwards. As a significant amount of officer time is currently spent responding to mental health incidents, RE also queried the implications of this proposal on mental health services and provision. ER reported that the proposed hospital will include specialist mental health services, and proposed that further conversations are held with Dyfed-Powys Police (DPP) outside the meeting. CD also echoed RE's concerns regarding mental health support in the region. PK agreed that travelling to Llanelli from Ceredigion is not optimal, and HDdUHB continue to strive to improve services in Ceredigion. ER urged members to ensure their feedback is taken into consideration by completing the online survey.

ACTION: ER to share PowerPoint presentation slides with the Partnerships Team for circulation to PSB members.

33.9	Feedback from the Ceredigion County Council Coordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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The update was delivered by NMc, as Cllr. Keith Evans (KE) was unable to attend the meeting. NMc thanked HLL for reporting to the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on 18.01.23 on behalf of the PSB. The main points raised and discussed at the Committee were as follows:

- Preparation work is underway to welcome asylum seekers to Ceredigion.
- The future of public transport is being considered and discussed.
- Warm Welcome Spaces are continually discussed with Communities.

33.10	Support for PSBs in South West Wales region 2023-24
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NMc reported the Minister for Finance and Local Government recently approved funding on a regional basis in connection with PSBs for 2023-24 to 2025-26. The Minister also indicated that the grant funding is available for a three-year period.

NMc confirmed that a regional bid for funding has been submitted in February to WG, with the aim of recruiting an officer to manage the Gorwel data system. It is hoped that Gorwel as a resource will assist in informing future pieces of work, such as the Well-being Assessment and consequent Local Well-being Plan, as it will act as a repository of live data from partner organisations in relation to well-being. NMc confirmed that WG are interested in establishing a similar resource nationally, and

it's hoped that Gorwel will act as a pilot to pave the way for this. NMc thanked RS and his team for their work in getting the system to its current stage. Should the PSB be in agreement, the funding will assist in appointing a member of staff that will manage Gorwel, provide training on data input and analysing data for presentation at PSB.

DECISION: The PSB agreed with the proposal to utilise WG's funding to recruit a member of staff to manage the Gorwel system.

33.11	Any other business
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SD reported that Ceredigion CSP are currently undertaking a Strategic Assessment of Crime and Disorder, and are seeking the views of the public through a questionnaire. The questionnaire went live on 31 January 2023 and will close on 28 March 2023. This questionnaire will assist the CSP in identifying the main issues affecting the local area, gain perspective on important issues like fear of crime, anti-social behaviour and drug or alcohol misuse, as well as assist in the effective allocation of resources and prioritisation of activities. Along with data from Police colleagues and other partners, the feedback will help provide an evidence-based foundation to inform the next CSP Delivery Plan.

SD invited members to share their thoughts in response to the questionnaire and to promote the engagement via their networks. Responses can be made online, or by downloading the response form from CCC's Consultations page and returning it in the post. Paper copies are available at all Ceredigion libraries and leisure centres. Alternative formats such as Easy Read, Young Person and Large Print copies are also available to download. SD confirmed that a number of stakeholders have been contacted, and that CSP members have received a digital pack of resources including a press release, social media posts and posters to share with their Communications Teams. In response to the Chair's query on whether contact had been made with schools, SD confirmed that a session will be held with the Youth Council on 17 March 2023. The Chair and CD proposed Anwen Bowen as a helpful contact for making links with the Urdd.

No further business was raised. The Chair thanked everyone for their time and contributions.

33.12	Date of next meetings
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24th of April 2023 – 14:00-15:00