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WELSH HEALTH SPECIALISED SERVICES COMMITTEE JOINT COMMITTEE – June 2016

Welsh Health Specialised Services held its latest public meeting on 28 June 2016. This briefing sets out the key areas of discussion and aims to ensure everyone is kept up to date with what's happening in Welsh Health Specialised Services.

The papers for the June meeting are available here.

Action Log

Members **noted** the action log. Members received updates on:

- JC001 Specialised Services Strategy. Members **agreed** that this would be included in the Team Wales discussions;
- JC003 Pricing Review; and
- JC004 Risk Sharing Review. Members **noted** that the Chair would be raising this item in her meeting with the Cabinet Secretary.

Thoracic Surgery Commissioning

Members **noted** the update on thoracic surgery commissioning, in particular:

- Implementation of the ICP schemes to invest in the quality and capacity of thoracic surgery in South Wales in 2016/17; and
- Project to review the current service model to inform the development of a thoracic surgery commissioning plan to ensure long term service sustainability.

Members discussed the work required in order to test the Value for Money with the proposals to increase the resection rates at both centres in South Wales. . It was **agreed** that subject to the completion of this work by the Management Group, the funding would be released to the providers.

Members discussed the principles for decision making at sub committees to the Joint Committee and it was **agreed** that

Members would, as part of the normal annual governance arrangements, receive the reviewed terms of reference at the next meeting.

Members **resolved**, subject to confirmation that the value for money work on this scheme has been completed, to:

- **Note** the agreement to release funding from the ICP for the thoracic surgery schemes to improve rates of resection and service quality in 2016/17;
- **Support** the use of the Royal College of Surgeons Invited Review process for expert clinical advice on the model of provision for thoracic surgery;
- **Support** the project to review the thoracic surgery service model to inform the development of a commissioning plan for long term service sustainability.
- **Note** that the final recommendation on the future service model for thoracic surgery for Wales will be presented for approval to Joint Committee in January 2017.

Developing a Commissioning Plan for Specialised Neurosciences

Members **noted** the paper on developing a commissioning plan for specialised neurosciences.

Members **supported** direct guidance being given to the members of the project and **supported** the establishment of an expert review group to support the project.

Members **resolved** to:

- **Support** the proposed project initiation document for developing the commissioning plan for neurosciences; and
- **Note** the establishment of the Project Management Group and Working Groups, and the intention to seek nominations for membership.

Commissioning of Organ Donation from the NHS Blood and Transplant

Members **noted** the paper providing a background to the transfer of commissioning responsibilities from Welsh Government to Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee for NHSBT Organ Donation and Transplantation.

Members requested further information on horizon scanning on the potential impact of the Organ Donation Act. It was **agreed** that formal correspondence would be sent to Welsh Government on this item.

Members **resolved** to:

- **Approve** the transfer of commissioning responsibility from Welsh Government to WHSSC on behalf of Health Boards;
- **Approve** the allocation of funding to WHSSC consistent with the increase in allocation already received from Welsh Government;
- **Inform** the allocated budget is consistent with the requirements of the NHSBT income plan and that there are no immediate or anticipated cost pressures. There is an agreed process with Home Nation commissioners for any further innovation or development; and
- **Inform** the planned development of a Memorandum of Understanding or similar process which will be agreed between Welsh Government and WHSSC which will set out respective responsibilities.

Update on Implementation of the Plan

Members **noted** the update on the implementation of the Integrated Commissioning Plan. Members **noted** the opportunities for funding higher risk 'amber' schemes, and the timeline for considering economic benefit amber schemes.

Members **noted** that there needs to be caution on committing non recurrent slippage given the impact this will have on the three year plan. Members discussed whether the areas identified within the core neurosurgery annex represented the highest priority to resolve provider issues. It was **agreed** that Cardiff and Vale HB would confirm the greatest risk for the service. This would then be fed into Management Group for discussion. The Chair **agreed** to write to Members following the Management Group discussions.

Members **resolved** to:

- **Note** the current position of the Amber Higher Risk Schemes
- **Approve** the consideration of slippage from new developments and funding released through other sources to fund Amber Higher Risk Schemes on a case by case basis.
- **Approve** the delegation of the Neurosurgery scheme to the WHSSC Management Group for decision.
- **Note** that recommendations on the remaining schemes will be made to the Joint Committee scheduled for September.

Transfer of Networks

Members **noted** the governance arrangements following the transfer of the Neonatal and CAMHS & ED Networks to Public Health Wales.

Members **resolved** to:

- **Note** the delay to the planned TUPE transfer;
- **Approve** the continuation of the governance and reporting arrangements for the Neonatal and CAMHS/ED Networks; and
- **Support** a review of the Network Steering Groups terms of reference, as advisory groups to the Joint Committee, to strengthen governance arrangements.

Chair's Report

Members **noted** the Chairs report. The Chair **reported** that she would be meeting with the Cabinet Secretary in the forthcoming week.

Director's Report

Members **received** a report from the Managing Director including:

- Independent Review of Children's Cardiac Services in Bristol;
- NAO Report: The Commissioning of Specialised Services in NHS England;
- Specialised Services Commission;
- Strategy for Specialised Services;
- Impact of the Deanery Decision on Specialist Service Provision;
- Quality Implementation Plan and Quality Assurance Report;
- Cardiac MRI Training;
- Neonatal Service and Staffing Model Reconfiguration;
- Gender Variance Clinical Pathway Task and Finish Group;
- Neuro Endocrine Tumour Service (NETs); and
- Bariatric Services at Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (ABMUHB).

Concerns Report

Members **noted** the update on concerns including serious incidents. Members **discussed** the delay in closure of incidents noting that this is often due to providers appropriately following their own internal governance processes so that they can ensure that a robust investigation has been undertaken and also ensure that appropriate actions have been taken to address the issues identified.

Performance Management

Members **received** the performance management report.

Finance Report

Members **received** the finance report for Month 1.

Sub Committee and Advisory Groups

Members **noted** the update reports from the following Committees/Groups:

- Management Group

- Quality and Patient Safety Committee
- Welsh Clinical Renal Network

It was **noted** that the revised MH &LD Group has held its first meeting.

Annual Accounts and Annual Governance Statement

Members **noted** the annual accounts and annual governance statement.

Corporate Risk and Assurance Framework: Annual Report

Members **noted** the Corporate Risk and Assurance Framework Annual Report.