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WELSH HEALTH SPECIALISED SERVICES COMMITTEE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – NOVEMBER 2018

The Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee held its latest public meeting on 13 November 2018. This briefing sets out the key areas of discussion and aims to ensure everyone is kept up to date with what is happening in Welsh Health Specialised Services.

The papers for the meeting are available at:

<http://www.whssc.wales.nhs.uk/2018-19-whssc-joint-committee>

Action log & matters arising

Members noted the action log.

Chair's report

The Joint Committee received a written report that covered:

- The impending retirement of Dr Chris Turner as an Independent Member of the Joint Committee;
- The appointment of Delyth Raynsford as a member of the WHSSC Quality & Patient Safety Committee;
- The appointment of Professor Sheila Hunt as a lay member of the All Wales (WHSSC) Individual Patient Funding Review Panel;
- The ratification of the Chair's Action approving v2.0 of the Report on Public Consultation relating to the Provision of Adult Thoracic Surgery in South Wales, including the recommendations set out within it; and
- Recent developments in relation to the Gender Identity Services.

Managing Director's report

The Joint Committee noted the content of the Managing Director's report and in particular an update on Perinatal Mental Health and the proposed provision of a Mother & Baby Unit for South Wales.

Patient Story - CAMHS

The Joint Committee heard the the story of a 16 year old patient who had experienced both out of area and local CAMHS placements, which were both well received but illustrated the difficulties associated with placements a long distance from home.

National Collaborative Commissioning Unit ('NCCU') Proposal to provide a quality assurance ('QA') service for commissioned NHS Inpatient Mental Health Services in Wales

The Joint Committee received a paper that provided members with a proposal from the NCCU to provide a QA service for commissioned NHS Inpatient Mental Health Services in Wales.

Members (1) supported the development of an SLA with the Quality Assurance Improvement Service to ensure consistent quality standards across specialised service providers, (2) noted that the SLA will sit outside the framework and will link with the quality assurance and escalation process within WHSSC, and (3) asked for any significant incremental cost to be reviewed with Management Group.

Proton Beam Therapy ('PBT')

The Joint Committee received an update paper that set out proposals arising from the PBT procurement exercise.

Members (1) considered the progress made in the procurement process to provide the required levels of assurance, (2) approved, having now received an appropriate signed SLA between the Rutherford Cancer Centre ('RCC') and Velindre NHS Trust, WHSSC commissioning an adult PBT service from RCC, and (3) approved WHSSC would finalising a formal agreement with NHS England for commissioning of PBT services initially from Christie and then Christie & UCLH.

Genomics

The Joint Committee received a presentation that provided an update on developments in the Genomics in the UK. The developments would ultimately lead to a proposal coming through the WHSSC prioritisation process.

Other reports

The Joint Committee received the Integrated Performance Report and the Financial Performance Report. The Joint Committee also noted the update reports from the following joint sub committees and advisory groups:

- Management Group (Briefings);
- All Wales (WHSSC) Individual Patient Funding Request Panel;
- Welsh Renal Clinical Network; and
- Quality & Patient Safety Committee.