

WELSH HEALTH SPECIALISED SERVICES COMMITTEE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – MAY 2019

The Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee held its latest public meeting on 14 May 2019. 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/2019-20-whssc-joint-committee>

Action log & matters arising

Members noted the action log.

Chair's Report

The Joint Committee received a written report that reminded members of the various appointments to the Joint Committee, WRCN and the Quality & Patient Safety Sub-committee discussed at the previous meeting and approved by Chair's action on 28 March 2019.

Managing Director's Report

The Joint Committee noted the content of the Managing Director's report and in particular updates on (1) the proposed options for a Mother & Baby Unit for south Wales and out of area beds for mid and north Wales, and (2) resolution of a potential data sharing issue between NHS Digital in England and NWIS.

Adult Thoracic Surgery Update

The Joint Committee received a paper that (1) outlined the latest information regarding the thoracic surgery cover arrangements for the MTC, including the workforce arrangements suggested by the medical directors of Swansea Bay UHB (SBUHB) and Cardiff and Vale UHB (CVUHB), and provide a commissioning assessment of those arrangements, (2) provided assurance on the arrangements for addressing the further issues raised by the affected health boards as part of their conditional approval of the recommendation for a single adult thoracic surgery centre based in Morriston Hospital, Swansea, (3) highlighted the key lessons learned from the review of the conduct of the engagement exercise and public consultation, (4) noted the development

of the thoracic surgery commissioning plan, (5) noted the implementation project has been established by SBUHB, and (6) sought support from Joint Committee for the recommendations to go forward to the six affected health boards and that they be asked to confirm their unconditional approval for a single adult thoracic surgery centre based in Morriston Hospital, Swansea.

Members:

- Requested Dr Sian Lewis (and the WHSS Team) to bring a WHSSC commissioning proposal back to the Joint Committee by the end of June 2019 that would take into consideration a number of matters and some uncertainties raised in the paper and during the meeting, related to workforce arrangements that had been developed to provide thoracic surgical cover from Morriston Hospital, Swansea, for the MTC in UHW, Cardiff;
- Noted and received assurance that arrangements are in place to address the further issues raised by the affected health boards in November 2018;
- Supported the recommendations arising from the assessment of lessons learned from the engagement exercise and public consultation;
- Noted the development of the thoracic surgery commissioning plan; and
- Noted the implementation project led by SBUHB has commenced with project board and stakeholder meetings already held.

The final recommendation set out in the paper was postponed.

The indicative scope of work for the WHSS Team included:

1. Detail regarding the anticipated demand for thoracic surgery in south Wales, this would include out-patient and surgical activity and allow for the planned 20% increase in activity;
2. Expert advice on the level of activity required to maintain consultant thoracic surgeons' skills;
3. Development of indicative job plans for consultant thoracic surgeons to inform an assessment of the appropriate number of consultants;
4. Detailed costings for any proposed increase in consultant thoracic surgeons above the original WHSSC recommended level of six consultants;
5. Clarity on the role of trauma surgeons in the immediate management of emergency trauma patients and the requirement for input from thoracic surgeons (e.g. telephone advice or on site input); and
6. Clarity on the interface of thoracic surgeons in managing trauma patients with other specialties (e.g. rib fixation with orthopaedic surgeons).

South Wales Blood and Marrow Transplant Programme: Review of Investment – Haematology Pathways

The Joint Committee received a paper that (1) outlined the investment made in the south Wales BMT programme between 2014/15 and 2016/17, and outlined the purpose of this investment, (2) set out what had been achieved with the additional investment with regard to meeting patient need and delivering on quality standards to meet the service specification and JACIE accreditation requirements, (3) described the clinical outcomes achieved by the south Wales BMT service, (4) noted current risks in the service and the plans to address these risks, and (5) noted future service developments.

Members noted:

- The investment made in the south Wales BMT programme;
- The confirmation that the investment has been implemented.
- The increase in capacity to meet patient need and the achievement of the quality standards in the service specification and JACIE accreditation requirements;
- The excellent clinical outcomes achieved by the service and published by the British Society for BMT;
- The current risks and the plans to address these risks; and
- The future service developments.

Welsh Renal Clinical Network (WRCN) Board – Terms of Reference

The Joint Committee received a paper that proposed revised Terms of Reference for the WRCN Board. The changes were described.

Members approved the revised WRCN Board Terms of Reference.

Review of Governance and Accountability Framework

The Joint Committee received a paper that presented proposed amendments to the WHSSC Governance and Accountability Framework.

Members

- Noted the contents of this paper;
- Approved the proposed amendments to the WHSSC Governance and Accountability Framework; and
- Supported the amended WHSSC Governance and Accountability Framework being taken forward for ratification by local health boards.

Annual Business Plan

The Joint Committee received a paper that provided Members with the Draft Joint Committee Annual Business Cycle 2019-20.

Members noted and supported the content of the report, including the schedule of meetings for 2019-20.

Corporate Risk Assurance Framework (CRAF)

The Joint Committee received a paper that provided Members with an update on the WHSSC CRAF as at 31 March 2019. It was reported that work was underway to remove provider risks from the corporate risk register and that the CRAF should be read in conjunction with the Integrated Performance Report.

Members:

- Noted the update provided within the report; and
- Receive assurance that risks are being appropriately assessed and managed.

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

