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WELSH HEALTH SPECIALISED SERVICES COMMITTEE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – 6 JANUARY 2020

This briefing sets out the key areas of discussion in the Joint Committee Meeting held on 6 January 2020.

Integrated Commissioning Plan 2020-23 (ICP)

Members received (1) a paper that summarised recent developments in relation to the ICP and sought approval of the ICP, (2) the most recent draft of the ICP, and (3) a presentation that provided additional information regarding the most recent progress in reducing the financial gap, the current uplift required (and risk share impact), a comparison between NHSE and NHS Wales funding of specialised services and the impact of Welsh Government's funding letter. Various options for further reducing the financial gap were also set out in the presentation.

The following actions were agreed for the WHSS Team:

- Add further narrative within the ICP on how the WHSS Team would be formalising the WHSSC savings plan, including ongoing monitoring through Management Group and Joint Committee;
- Bring a paper to the March Joint Committee meeting on the savings plan and the value based commissioning work that is being undertaken with particular reference to accelerating the work on pathways within the integrated healthcare system (this paper will reference the outputs from the value based commissioning workshop scheduled with Management Group for 4 February 2020);
- Add further narrative to the ICP on the robust process already in place for any funding release, including scrutiny and rigour around business cases, and confirm that there will not be any financial commitments associated with the ICP until at least April 2020 when the ICP implementation begins;
- Confirm that allocation of any slippage money will only take place after a thorough risk assessment of the investment options and will not be automatically re-invested into specialised services;

- Write to Welsh Government on behalf of the Joint Committee asking that all future funding supplements for RTT performance are routed via the commissioner rather than direct to providers;
- Provide assurance to health boards that the risk share process and the impact on individual organisations is being continually reviewed by the WHSSC Finance Working Sub-group
- Support discussions with Welsh Government for individual health boards impacted by the risk share process ; and
- Prepare a supporting paper (an SBAR) to accompany the ICP within health board papers for consideration at health board January 2020 Board meetings, focussing on the actions that the WHSS Team is taking, following the ICP being agreed in principle by the Joint Committee on 6 January 2020.

Members:

- **Approved** the ICP in principle, subject to:
 - The actions above being completed
 - Further discussions with Welsh Government for individual health boards most impacted by the risk sharing process
 - The WHSS Team providing a supporting paper to accompany the ICP within health board papers for consideration at health board January 2020 Board meetings, focussing on the actions that the WHSS Team is taking, following the ICP being agreed in principle by the Joint Committee on 6 January 2020.

