

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the
WHSSC Joint Committee Meeting held In Public on
Tuesday 15 December 2020
by MS Teams**

Members Present:

Kate Eden	(KE)	Chair
Carole Bell	(CB)	Director of Nursing and Quality Assurance, WHSSC
Stuart Davies	(SD)	Director of Finance, WHSSC
Iolo Doull	(ID)	Interim Medical Director, WHSSC
Emrys Elias	(EE)	Independent Member/ Q&PS Committee Chair
Sian Lewis	(SL)	Managing Director, WHSSC
Steve Moore	(SM)	Chief Executive Officer, Hywel Dda UHB
Ian Phillips	(IP)	Independent Member
Carol Shillabeer	(CS)	Chief Executive Officer, Powys THB

Deputies:

Darren Griffiths	(DG)	Interim Director of Finance, Swansea Bay UHB (deputising for Tracy Myhill)
Sue Hill	(SH)	Finance Director, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB (deputising for Gill Harris)
Glyn Jones	(GJ)	Finance Director, Anuerin Bevan UHB (deputising for Judith Paget)
Nick Lyons	(NL)	Medical Director, Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB (deputising for Paul Mears) (part meeting)

Apologies:

Kieron Donovan	(KD)	Affiliate Member/ Chair, Welsh Renal Clinical Network
Paul Griffiths	(PG)	Independent Member
Gill Harris	(GH)	Chief Executive Officer, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB
Jason Killens	(JK)	Chief Executive Officer, WAST
Paul Mears	(PM)	Chief Executive Officer, Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB
Tracy Myhill	(TM)	Chief Executive Officer, Swansea Bay UHB
Judith Paget	(JP)	Chief Executive Officer, Aneurin Bevan UHB
Len Richards	(LR)	Chief Executive Officer, Cardiff and Vale UHB

In Attendance:

Karen Preece	(KP)	Director of Planning, WHSSC
Kevin Smith	(KS)	Committee Secretary & Head of Corporate Services, WHSSC
Helen Tyler	(HT)	Corporate Governance Manager, WHSSC

The meeting opened at 15:30 hrs.

JC20/068	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies The Chair formally opened the meeting and welcomed members.</p> <p>Apologies were noted as above. It was noted that a quorum had been achieved.</p>
JC20/069	<p>Declarations of Interest The Joint Committee noted the standing declarations. There were no additional declarations to note.</p>
JC20/070	<p>Managing Director's Report The Managing Director's report included a report from the Operational Delivery Network and the Major Trauma Centre on the key highlights from the first six weeks of operation of the south Wales major trauma network, which was based on the report presented to the first South Wales Major Trauma Network Commissioning Delivery Assurance Group (DAG) meeting that was held on 25 November 2020.</p> <p>KP reported that DAG members were pleased with the level of repatriation achieved in the first six weeks of operation and that some aspects of the report were under development and/or subject to review. In addition, KP had asked for future reporting on benefits realisation. It was noted that participation in the UK-wide TARN system would drive outcome related performance data.</p> <p>Members resolved to note the content of the report.</p>
JC20/071	<p>Resource Utilisation for Value - Options 2020-21 Members received a paper that provided an update on the improving financial position of WHSSC for 2020-21 and the options to deploy a proportion of the forecast surplus to mitigate the impact of the worsening waiting list position on specialised services patients, deliver service improvement and innovation.</p> <p>SD reported that the additional savings over the M7 forecast of £13.2m were likely to be in the range of £2-4m. In addition SD described some of the likely opportunities that could be deployed.</p> <p>[NL joined the meeting.]</p> <p>The importance of not committing to schemes that would incur recurrent expenditure beyond 31 March 2021 without full ICP scrutiny was noted; as was the importance of trying to achieve equality of access for Welsh patients.</p>

	<p>In response to questions, SL confirmed that work on risk stratification, mental health services and potential outsourcing to English providers were all within scope.</p> <p>Members resolved to approve authorisation of the WHSS Team to deploy additional surpluses over and above the month 7 level of £13.2m towards mitigation of waiting lists, service improvement, innovation and risk reduction. Members agreed that in the interests of time these plans will be undertaken by Chair's Action and reported to the next available Management Group and Joint Committee meetings.</p>
JC20/072	<p>Tavistock & Portman NHS Trust (T&P) – Legal decision</p> <p>CB gave an oral report on the recent Judicial Review involving T&P in relation to prescription of puberty suppressing drugs, sometimes referred to as 'puberty blockers' (PBs), for patients aged under 16 years, who were judged to lack competence to give consent for this type of treatment. T&P had until 22 December to appeal the Judgement. In the absence of an appeal, if a clinician understands that a child wishes to continue with PBs they will need to seek a Court order on a case by case basis.</p> <p>In the meantime all under sixteens on PBs will need a clinical assessment. The numbers affected weren't yet clear but it was estimated that there were around 6-10 in Wales.</p>
JC20/073	<p>Date and Time of Next Scheduled Meeting</p> <p>Members noted that the next scheduled meeting would take place on 26 January 2021.</p> <p>There being no other business other than the above the meeting closed.</p>

The meeting closed at 16:20hrs

Chair's Signature:

Date: