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WELSH HEALTH SPECIALISED SERVICES COMMITTEE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – MAY 2020

The Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee held its latest public meeting on 12 May 2020 with a 'consent agenda', as described on the WHSSC website. This briefing sets out the key areas of consideration 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/2020-21-whssc-joint-committee>

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 10 March 2020 were taken as read and approved.

Action log & matters arising

Members noted there were no outstanding actions or matters arising.

Chair's Report

The Chair's Report, including approval of appointment of the Vice Chair and ratification of two Chair's Actions, was taken as read.

Managing Director's Report

The Managing Director's report, including updates on the South Wales Major Trauma Network and ATMPs, was taken as read.

Commissioning Welsh Independent Sector Hospitals Capacity

A paper providing an update on the progress in commissioning Welsh independent sector hospitals capacity on behalf of Health Boards for the period of the COVID-19 situation was taken as read.

Commissioning Specialised Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Director of Planning summarised a paper providing a description of the proposed WHSS Team approach to commissioning specialised services during the next phase of the COVID-19 pandemic that reflected the approach of the Welsh Government Framework for Recovery; Leading

Wales Out of the Coronavirus Pandemic, the joint CMO/CNO Framework of Ethical Values and Principles for Healthcare Delivery as well as the output of the CEO group provided to the NHS CEO. Members acknowledged that even the delivery of essential services would need to recognise a balance of risk for patients, where the risk of harm arising from COVID-19 infection would need to be understood and taken into account by all parties when taking decisions on clinical treatment. The proposed approach received support from members.

Adult Thoracic Surgery for South Wales – Consultant Workforce Cover for the Major Trauma Centre – Detail of Joint Committee Decisions

A paper providing the detail of the decisions made at the July 2019 Joint Committee meeting regarding thoracic surgery consultant workforce cover for the major trauma centre and clarifying the agreed handling of the expected Society of Cardiothoracic Surgery Guidelines on the management of thoracic trauma was taken as read.

WHSSC Corporate Risk and Assurance Framework

A paper providing an update on the WHSSC risk management framework as at 29 February 2020 and the approach being taken to risk management during the COVID-19 pandemic was taken as read.

Financial Performance Report – Month 12 2019/20

A paper that set out the financial position for WHSSC for the 12th month of 2019-20, including a reported under spend of £6.5m for the year, was taken as read.

Other reports

Members also took as read the update reports from the following joint sub committees and advisory groups:

- Management Group;
- Integrated Governance Committee;
- Quality & Patient Safety Committee;
- All Wales Individual Patient Funding Request Panel; and
- Welsh Renal Clinical Network Board.

