

WELSH HEALTH SPECIALISED SERVICES COMMITTEE (WHSSC) JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING BRIEFING – NOVEMBER 2021

The Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee held its latest public meeting on 9 November 2021. This briefing sets out the key areas of consideration and aims to ensure everyone is kept up to date with what is happening within Welsh Health Specialised Services.

The papers for the meeting can be accessed at:

<https://whssc.nhs.wales/joint-committee/committee-meetings-and-papers/2021-2022-meeting-papers/>

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 September 2021 were **approved** as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2. Action log & matters arising

Members **noted** the progress on the actions outlined on the action log.

3. Chair's Report

Members received the Chair's Report and **noted**:

- that no chairs actions had been taken since the last meeting,
- an update on discussions with Welsh Government and Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (CTMUHB) concerning WHSSC Independent Member Remuneration,
- the Integrated Governance Committee (IGC) held on the 12 October 2021,
- that the Chair had attended 1 to 1 meetings with Health Board (HB) CEO's,
- An update on plans to recruit a Chair to the Welsh Renal Clinical Network (WRCN),
- A request from Digital Health Care Wales (DHCW) to appoint IM's for a Digital IM network.

Members **noted** the report.

4. Managing Director's Report

Members received the Managing Director's Report and **noted** updates on:

- The De-Escalation of SBUHB Cardiac Surgery under the WHSSC escalation process,
- The De-escalation of Swansea Bay UHB Trans-catheter Aortic Valve Intervention (TAVI) Service under the WHSSC escalation process,

- Health Board's approving requests received from the NHS Wales Collaborative (Collaborative) for WHSSC to commission:
 - Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Services;
 - The Hepato-Cellular Carcinoma (HCC) MDT and; to
 - Develop a specialist orthopaedic paediatric service specification with a view to future commissioning of the service.
- An Organisational Development Session with Improvement Cymru,
- Progress on developing the WHSSC Specialised Services Strategy.

Members **noted** the report.

5. Integrated Commissioning Plan (ICP) 2022-2025

Members received an informative presentation providing an update on progress to develop the Integrated Commissioning Plan (ICP) 2022-2025.

Members **noted** the update.

6. All Wales Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Programme Update

Members received a report on the WHSSC Governance and Accountability Framework to support implementation of the All Wales Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Programme.

Members (1) **Noted** the mandate letter received from the Director General for Health and Social Services and the NHS Wales Chief Executive regarding the PET Programme; (2) **Supported** the business case requesting revenue funding from Welsh Government for a Programme Management Office based at WHSSC; (3) **Supported** the request to Welsh Government to formally appoint the Managing Director of WHSSC as the Programme Senior Responsible Officer (SRO), and (4) **Approved** the changes to the top-level governance and structure of the Programme.

7. Neonatal Transport – Update on the development of a Neonatal Transport Operational Delivery Network.

Members received an update on progress to establish an operational delivery network (ODN) for neonatal transport, and noted that due to operational workforce pressures across the system, the SRO for the programme had requested that the Joint Committee supported an extension of the current interim 24 hour model until the end of June 2022.

Members (1) **Noted** the actions from the Neonatal Transport workshop, (2) **Noted** that a letter had been issued to Neonatal Transport Colleagues from the SRO explaining the delay to the programme, (3) **Approved** the extension of the current interim 24 hour model until the

end of June 2022, (4) **Supported** the next steps required to establish the programme of works.

8. Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) Panel Update

Members received a report providing an update on updating the terms of reference (ToR) for the WHSSC All Wales Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) panel.

Members (1) **Noted** the report, (2) **Discussed** the issues affecting the WHSSC All Wales IPFR panel and considered the actions required to progress and resolve the issues.

9. Corporate Risk Assurance Framework (CRAF)

Members received the updated Corporate Risk Assurance Framework (CRAF) which outlined the risks scoring 15 or above on the commissioning teams and directorate risk registers

Members (1) **Noted** the updated Corporate Risk Assurance Framework (CRAF), (2) **Noted** the amendments made to the CRAF following the risk management workshop held on the 16 September 2021 to review the existing risks and identify additional corporate and organisational risks, (3) **Approved** the updated Corporate Risk Assurance Framework (CRAF), and (4) **Noted** that a follow up risk management workshop will be held in January 2022 to review how the Risk management process was working, and to consider risk appetite and tolerance levels across the organisation.

10. Activity Report for Month 5 2021-2022 COVID-19 Period

Members received a report that highlighted the scale of decrease in specialised services activity delivered for the Welsh population by providers in England, together with the two major supra-regional providers in South Wales.

Members **noted** the report.

11. Financial Performance Report – Month 6 2021-2022

Members received a report providing the final outturn for the financial year. The financial position reported at Month 6 for WHSSC was a year-end outturn forecast under spend of £9,308k.

Members **noted** the report.

12. Corporate Governance Matters

Members received a report providing an update on corporate governance matters arising since the previous meeting.

Members **noted** the report.

13. Other reports

Members also **noted** update reports from the following joint Sub-committees and Advisory Groups:

- Audit & Risk Committee (ARC);
- Management Group (MG);
- Quality & Patient Safety Committee (QPSC);
- Integrated Governance Committee (IGC);
- All Wales Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) Panel;
- Welsh Renal Clinical Network (WRCN).

