

CORE BRIEF TO MANAGEMENT GROUP MEMBERS

MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2019

This briefing sets out the key areas of discussion and decision. It aims to ensure the Management Group members have a common core brief to disseminate within their organisation.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2019 were approved.

Members noted the action log and received updates on:

- MG086 IVF: Royal Shrewsbury Hospital RTT Escalation – Update deferred to March 19, following escalation meeting on 27 February.
- MG088 BMT investment in south Wales: Overview to follow.
- MG099 Invest to save: Medicines Management – Closed.
- MG103 Tertiary Cardiology Services – Agenda item 2.2
- MG106 MAIR: LHB roll out – S Tallon has made contact with all LHBs regarding roll out and is awaiting responses, except for CVUHB who have responded.
- MG107 Rehabilitation: Incentivisation to change – Deferred to March 19.
- MG108 Invest to save: Referral management co-ordinator – JD has been drafted, further update to be given in due course. Closed.
- MG110 PNMH: Mother and baby unit - Options appraisal coming to March 19 meeting and on to JC in May 19.
- MG111 WHSSC OD: MG members had completed or would complete survey during meeting. Closed.
- MG113 Complex cardiac devices: Agenda item 2.2. Closed.
- MG114 Cystic Fibrosis update: Deferred to March 19.
- MG115 PID for Pulmonary Hypertension Project: Deferred to March 19.
- MG117 Update on NHSE tariff: Agenda item 3.3. Closed.

3. Report from the Managing Director

Members received the Managing Director's report. The report included an update on:

- Neonatal transport – K Preece attended recent Network Board meeting which considered the ToR for the review of neonatal transport. WHSS Team feedback to follow.

WHSSC had received a request from the NHS Health Collaborative to consider commissioning testing for Lynch Syndrome – A paper would be brought to the March 19 meeting for appropriate scrutiny.

4. Commissioning of Mechanical Thrombectomy

Members received a paper that provided an update on the progress made for formally commissioning Mechanical Thrombectomy from April 2019. It was anticipated that a workshop would be held during April 2019 to agree the operationalising of the pathway from identification and diagnosis of the patient through to transfer to the treating centre and repatriation to a local stroke unit post intervention.

Members noted the progress made for formally commissioning Mechanical Thrombectomy from April 2019.

5. Tertiary Cardiology Services

Members received a report that informed them of the initial assessment undertaken on the impact of the proposed repatriation of Primary Coronary Intervention (PCI) and Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators (ICDs) from CVUHB to CTUHB and ABUHB and to proposed and sought support for further work to take place over the next three months to determine the future commissioning arrangements and process for designating CTUHB and ABUHB as providers of tertiary services.

Members (1) noted the information presented within the report; (2) noted the intention to undertake further work regarding the future commissioning arrangements for PCI and ICDs to best meet the needs of the population; and (3) approved the release of Quarter 1 and 2 funding (£278k) to CVUHB for complex cardiac ablation.

In addition, members agreed that (1) CVUHB should be asked to submit a revised business case before end of quarter 2 which takes into consideration the impact of repatriation and is not predicated on weekend working; and (2) the WHSS Team should undertake a piece of scoping work with the LHBs and supported by the Cardiac Network on cath lab capacity across Wales, bringing a paper back describing a proposed approach to a strategic review of the interlinking strands regarding cardiac surgery and interventional cardiology.

6. Plastic Surgery

Members received a paper that outlined:

- the elective waiting times performance position of the plastic surgery service at ABMUHB;
- the variation in plastic surgery utilisation rates by health board of residence and the evidence suggesting high levels of non-specialist activity currently delivered by the service in ABMUHB;

- current contracting arrangements and the need to revise the contract framework and review commissioning responsibilities; and
- actions WHSSC intends to take to address the performance and commissioning issues within the service.

Members:

- noted the deteriorating performance position of the plastic surgery service at ABMUHB;
- noted the significant levels of variation across health boards in plastic surgery activity rates delivered at ABMUHB;
- note current contractual and commissioning arrangements for plastic surgery in Wales; and
- supported the proposed actions to revise the contract, develop a commissioning policy and consider future commissioning and planning arrangements.

In addition, members encouraged the WHSS Team to (1) work with the Delivery Unit to identify any relevant data; (2) consider demand and capacity planning data from ABMUHB; and (3) include north Wales in the project.

7. Policy Group Update

Members received a paper on the work of the WHSSC Policy Group and noted the information presented within the report.

8. Integrated Performance Report

Members received a paper that provided a summary of the performance of services commissioned by WHSSC for December 2018 and noted the actions being undertaken to address areas of non-compliance.

9. Finance Report 2018-19 Month 10

Members received a report that set out the estimated financial position for WHSSC for the tenth month of 2018-19. The year to date position was a £1,984k underspend and the year-end forecast was a £4,520k underspend. An offer had been made to NHS England providers address the HRG4+ dispute that involved Welsh Government funding 2% inflation; a response was awaited.

Members noted the current financial position and forecast year-end position.