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CORE BRIEF TO MANAGEMENT GROUP MEMBERS

MEETING HELD ON 28 MARCH 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 21 February 2019 were approved.

It was agreed that a paper would be brought to a future meeting with more information on testing for Lynch Syndrome.

Members noted the action log and received updates on:

- MG086 IVF: Royal Shrewsbury Hospital RTT Escalation – A further meeting was due the following week but it appeared that waiting times were being exaggerated because the 'waiting time' within the policy was being included inappropriately.
- MG119 Provision of Tertiary Cardiology Services – the WHSS Team was working with health boards on these issues and a response was anticipated by the May meeting following a workshop.

3. Mother and Baby Unit

Members received a paper that presented (1) potential options proposed by ABMUHB to provide a Mother and Baby Unit in south Wales and (2) access to Mother and Baby beds for the population of mid and north Wales. It was noted that the latest view of revenue costs was up to £1m greater than previously anticipated in the ICP dependent upon which option was selected for the south Wales Unit. The WHSS Team would be briefing WG on this potential shortfall and would advise members on how this would be funded.

Members were broadly supportive of the options presented and agreed that (1) all three capital options for south Wales should be kept open if possible, (2) further clarification on staffing models and revenue costs should be sought from ABMUHB, (3) an appropriate contracting framework needs to be developed and the Finance sub-group should consider risk sharing, and (4) the WHSS Team should update WG.

An update would be given to the May meeting of the Joint Committee.

4. Report from the Managing Director

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

- Development of the CVUHB Cystic Fibrosis service; and
- Development of the Gender service.

5. Replacement Wheelchair Programme for the Posture and Mobility Service in South Wales

Members received a paper that sought approval for the release of funding for the CVUHB Wheelchair Replacement Scheme as included in the 2018-21 Integrated Commissioning Plan.

Members (1) approved the release of funding for the replacement wheelchair programme in south Wales for 2019-20 part year effect and recurrent funding for 2020-21 to 2022-23, (2) noted the comparison replacement programme submitted for by the north Wales service for consideration of funding in the WHSSC ICP 2019-22, and (3) noted the evidence that there is a more rigorous performance management process being established for the Posture and Mobility Wheelchair Service.

6. Specialised Rehabilitation – Monitoring Arrangements for Driving Change

Members received a paper that provided an update on how the implementation of monitoring arrangements is driving change in Specialised Rehabilitation services. As a consequence the previously introduced charging mechanism is being withdrawn.

7. South Wales Blood and Marrow Transplant Programme: Review of Investment

Members received a paper that (1) outlined the investment made in the south Wales BMT programme between 2014-15 and 2016-17 and the purpose of this investment, (2) set out what has been achieved with the additional investment with regard to meeting patient need and delivering on quality standards to meet the service specification and JACIE accreditation requirements, (3) described the clinical outcomes achieved by the south Wales BMT service, (4) noted current risks in the service and the plans to address these risks, and (5) noted future service developments. In addition, a presentation on the service was delivered by Dr Keith Wilson.

Members noted (1) the investment made in the south Wales BMT programme, (2) the confirmation that the investment has been implemented, (3) the increase in capacity to meet patient need and the achievement of the quality standards in the service specification and JACIE accreditation requirements, (4) the excellent clinical outcomes achieved by the service and published by the British Society for BMT, (5) the current risks and the plans to address these risks, and (6) the future service developments.

8. WHSSC Commissioning Policy CP58: Trans-catheter Aortic Valve Implantation for Severe Symptomatic Aortic Stenosis

Members received a paper that sought approval for the implementation of WHSSC Commissioning Policy CP58: Trans-catheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) for severe symptomatic aortic stenosis (SSAS). The WHSS Team provided assurance that it had been prudent and as rigorous as possible in assessing the net financial impact of adopting the policy.

Members (1) noted the information set out in the paper, and (2) approved the implementation of WHSSC Commissioning Policy for Trans-catheter Aortic Valve Implantation for severe symptomatic aortic stenosis.

9. Collective Commissioning of Specialised Paediatric Radiology Services

Members received a paper that sought approval for the collective commissioning approach to take for Specialised Paediatric Radiology Services. The paper set out three options.

It was agreed that the WHSS Team would bring the paper back with greater clarity of purpose and more information on the sub-sets of different types of paediatric radiology.

10. Developing a Pulmonary Hypertension Services for Wales

Members received a paper that sought to clarify the scope of the Pulmonary Hypertension project and to include the gap analysis, addressing the concerns previously raised by members.

Members approved the revised project initiation document for the development of an options appraisal for the future commissioning strategy for pulmonary hypertension services across Wales.

11. Risk Sharing Review

Members received a report that (1) provided an update on the process and principles adopted for the approved rebased risk sharing framework to be implemented from April 2019, and (2) informed members of cost neutral implementation in line with the 2019-20 ICP.

Members noted the information presented in the report.

12. WHSSC Policy Group: Update

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

It was noted that the WHSSC Policy Process document had been circulated to members for consultation and that a request had been received to discuss it at a meeting. It was agreed to consider this request, after the consultation closes, with the consultation feedback.

13. Integrated Performance Report

Members received a paper that provided a summary of the performance of services commissioned by WHSSC for January 2019 and noted the actions being undertaken to address areas of non-compliance.

14. Finance Report 2018-19 Month 11

Members received a report that set out the estimated financial position for WHSSC for the eleventh month of 2018-19. The WHSSC year to date position was a £4,100k underspend and the year-end forecast was a £5,054k underspend. All HRG4+ reserves provided in 2017-18 have been released in 2018-19 and non-payment of HRG4+ in 2018-19 has now been confirmed.

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

15. Integrated Commissioning Plan 2019-22 (ICP)

Members were advised that WG had confirmed receipt of the ICP and that it was described as 'satisfactory'.

16. Horizon Scanning of ATMPs

Members were informed that the WHSS Team had undertaken some horizon scanning of ATMPs and modelled the financial impact. This would be discussed with the CMO and CSO at WG the following week and the feedback shared with members.

17. Major Trauma

Members were informed that a paper on Major Trauma had been taken to Joint Committee and that the Programme Business case would come to the Finance sub-group in due course.