



CORE BRIEF TO MANAGEMENT GROUP MEMBERS

MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2020

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 from Previous Meeting and Action Log

The Minutes from the meetings held on 23 January 2020 were noted.

Members noted the action log and received updates on:

- **MG172** – 2020-23 ICP: Public Health input – SL would be meeting with the local Directors of Public Health in March 2020 to look at what can be done to strengthen WHSSC needs assessments. SL reported the Public Health Wales trainee and a number of other Public Health colleagues would be attending the WHSSC Prioritisation Workshop and assisting with Public Health support around prioritisation.
- **MG179** – JK reported work was ongoing but that the action fits in with a wider piece of work and could be closed.

3. Report from the Managing Director

Members received the Managing Director's report and in particular noted that the North Wales Posture and Mobility service had been de-escalated as a result of an improvement in RTT performance, with the service consistently achieving 93% RTT since September 2019.

4. Paediatric Radiology Services in South Wales

Members received a paper providing a summary of the work to date and planned activity for the continued development of a collective commissioning framework for Specialised Paediatric Radiology Services and a description of the issues and risks associated with paediatric radiology services across south Wales.

The WHSS Team had developed a Service Specification in line with the Delivering Quality Imaging Services for Children description of a Level 1 (Top Tier) Paediatric Radiology service and completed a full consultation on the Service Specification that would inform the development of any commissioning framework and provider business case.

A workshop had been arranged for 25 February 2020 with representation from the radiology services and paediatric services from each affected health board to seek contributions to and support for the development of an appropriate service model and solutions to risks and issues across all levels of service provision. The work done so far seemed to indicate that there was a lack of capacity, capability or confidence to image children locally in certain situations which was creating an unnecessary flow into Cardiff.

Members noted the information presented.

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

Members received a paper providing an update on the investment made in the Wheelchair Replacement Programme for the Posture and Mobility Service in south Wales.

Members:

- Noted the investment made for the replacement wheelchair programme and the activity levels delivered against the plan at CVUHB Posture and Mobility Service;
- Noted the requirements for WHSCC to seek a more detailed financial summary of the planned and actual expenditure against the replacement programme including a robust minimum data set; and
- Received assurance that the service has a robust plan to ensure delivery of the expected number of replacement wheelchairs over the four year period and to provide a profile plan on how this would be achieved by end of March 2020.

6. Paediatric Ketogenic Diet – Change in Service Model

Members received a paper seeking support for the release of funding to implement the Integrated Commissioning Plan scheme to establish a Paediatric Ketogenic Diet Service in south Wales. Members noted the scheme was prioritised by the Clinical Impact Assessment Group and subsequently approved for inclusion in the WHSSC ICP 2019-22.

It was agreed that an updated paper would be reconsidered at an Extraordinary Management Group meeting to be held week commencing 24 February 2020.

7. Paediatric MRI Capacity

Members received a paper seeking approval for the release of funding to implement the WHSSC ICP 2019-22 scheme for Paediatric MRI Capacity. Members noted that the current model was not adequate to cope with the current waiting lists.

The scheme was aimed at addressing the excessively long waits for Paediatric MRIs in the south Wales service (waiting times of up to 16 months compared to 32 days in English centres). The scheme would

provide funding for the necessary staff to commission additional sessions of the MRI scanner in the Children's Hospital, CVUHB. Members noted that, as well as the additional sessions, the scheme would introduce, on a sustainable basis, a pre-operative assessment to increase productivity and efficiency.

It was proposed that demand and capacity would be managed via a contracting mechanism not currently in place, as WHSSC had not previously commissioned the service, and issues of risk share would be dealt with in the transfer of service process.

It was agreed the Finance Sub-group would be asked to scope the current mechanism for recharging Paediatric MRI activity and proposed contracting arrangements at their next meeting and the paper would be updated as necessary and presented for further consideration at the March meeting.

8. Interim ICP19/280 Inherited Bleeding Disorders: North Wales

Members received a paper requesting approval for the release of funding to implement the Integrated Commissioning Plan scheme 19/280 Inherited Bleeding Disorders: North Wales.

Members approved the release of funding to implement the Integrated Commissioning Plan scheme 19/280 Inherited Bleeding Disorders: North Wales.

9. Renal Dialysis Growth Forecast

Members received a paper the purpose of which was to provide an overview of the monitoring activities undertaken by the Welsh Renal Clinical Network to forecast growth in renal dialysis in Wales; to inform Members of current forecasts and outline additional developments in monitoring activity.

Members noted the information presented within the report; and received assurance that there are robust processes in place to ensure delivery of sustainable renal dialysis services in Wales.

10. Neonatal Transport Review Recommendations

Members received a paper setting out the key recommendations from the Review of the South Wales Neonatal Transport Service and seeking support for the implementation timetable to commission a permanent 24 hour neonatal transport service. Members noted the recommendations in the Final Report, which had been circulated the previous day, had not changed from those presented at the meeting on 23 January 2020.

It was agreed the paper would be reconsidered at an Extraordinary Management Group meeting to be held week commencing 24 February 2020.

11. Integrated Performance Report

Members received a report on the performance of services commissioned by WHSSC for December 2019 and noted the services in escalation and actions being undertaken to address areas of non-compliance.

The WHSS Team remained concerned about CVUHB Cardiac performance and noted that CVUHB were agreeing an outsourcing arrangement with Stoke Hospital.

13. Finance Report 2019-20 Month 9

Members received a report on the financial position for WHSSC for Month 10 2019-20, being an under spend of £7.4M to date and forecast under spend of £4.4M for the full year.

14. Other business

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The WHSS Team was looking at the implications of a coronavirus outbreak on specialised services and would prepare a briefing paper on the implications.

Cardiff PET Scanner

Work was ongoing on the business case for the replacement PET scanner in Cardiff but that there were concerns around both timescales and content.

