



CORE BRIEF TO MANAGEMENT GROUP MEMBERS

MEETING HELD ON 25 APRIL 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 28 March 2019 were approved subject to minor revisions.

Members noted the action log and received updates on:

- MG086 IVF: Royal Shrewsbury Hospital RTT Escalation – Work was ongoing to confirm that waiting times had incorrectly included the 52 week planned wait, prior to counting recordable waiting time. An update would be brought to the September meeting following one quarter of 'clean' data.
- MG124 South Wales Blood and Marrow Transplant Programme: Review of Investment: Check information provided to patients under Duty of Candour – carried forward to May 2019.

3. The Thomas Report: Access to Specialist Neuromuscular Care in Wales

CL reported that a complaint had been received by PHW in relation to dissatisfaction with progress in addressing recommendations identified in the Thomas Report and that a co-ordinated response might be required between WHSSC and health boards.

4. Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (SaTH): Special measures status

CL reported that concerns had been expressed regarding the renal service provided by SaTH; it was understood that SaTH would be writing to the Welsh Renal Clinical Network in this respect.

5. Welsh Language Standards (WLS)

Members discussed steps being taken to include contractual obligations on non-Welsh service providers to comply with the WLS particularly in relation to interpreter and translation services for patients whilst receiving care. It was acknowledged that this could be a difficult issue to fully

address within the spirit of the Standards but that BCUHB had received guidance that the WLS did not apply to English providers in any event. CL undertook to raise this subject with the Cross Border Network.

6. Report from the Managing Director

Members received the Managing Director's report, which included an update on the proposed Lynch Syndrome testing programme for all patients with colorectal cancer that would replace the existing service for high risk patients. It was noted that clarity on the pathway would be required.

7. Project Update on the Development of an Aortic Stenosis Commissioning Strategy

Members received a paper that provided an update on the development of a Commissioning Strategy for the treatment of Aortic Valve Stenosis, together with a presentation on the key points from the paper.

Members noted (1) the progress in delivering the nine project products defined to achieve the objectives in the development of a Commissioning Strategy for the treatment of Aortic Valve Stenosis, (2) the products that have been completed, (3) that information from the findings of Products S1 and S2 will be taken forward for discussion in the workshop planned with the Clinical Working Group (4) that the completion dates for products S3 to S9 will require revision and completion of these are subject to achieving the agreed outputs from the workshop.

8. Cystic Fibrosis: 2019-20 ICP

Members received and noted a presentation on the current Cystic Fibrosis investment requirements, how these differed from those previously described by CVUHB and the proposed way forward.

9. Congenital Heart Disease Services Peer Review

Members received a paper that provided information regarding the forthcoming peer review of Congenital Heart Disease services.

Members noted the information presented within the paper.

10. Adult Thoracic Surgery Commissioning Plan

Members received a paper that outlined the commissioning plan for thoracic surgery to support the implementation of the new single adult thoracic surgery centre at Morriston Hospital for the population of west Wales, south east Wales and south Powys.

Members supported the proposed commissioning plan for thoracic surgery to support the implementation of the new single adult thoracic surgery centre at Morriston Hospital for the population of west Wales, south east Wales and south Powys.

11. Collective Commissioning of Specialised Paediatric Radiology Services

Members received a paper that sought approval for the collective commissioning approach recommended by the WHSS Team for Specialised Paediatric Radiology Services.

Members supported the collective commissioning of Specialised Paediatric Radiology Services. The approach would involve WHSSC entering into a formal consultation on the service specification and then developing a commissioning plan outlining how on behalf of the seven Health Boards, WHSSC could plan, commission, procure, contract and fund the service. This will include the request for a detailed business plan from CVUHB.

12. Advanced Therapeutic Medicinal Products (ATMPs): Horizon scanning

Members received and noted a presentation on ATMPs and related horizon scanning, including indicative cost implications. The WHSS Team had prepared the underlying information to support discussions with Welsh Government regarding overall affordability of ATMPs.

13. 2019-22 Integrated Commissioning Plan

Members received and noted the WHSSC Integrated Commissioning Plan 2019-22 document and related annexes.

14. WHSSC Policy Group: Update

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

15. Integrated Performance Report

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

16. Finance Report 2018-19 Month 12

Members received a report that set out the estimated financial position for WHSSC for the twelfth month of 2018-19. The WHSSC year end position was a £2,589k underspend. The combined WHSSC and EASC year end position was a £3,192k underspend.

Members noted the full year financial position.