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CORE BRIEF TO MANAGEMENT GROUP MEMBERS

MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 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. Mechanical Thrombectomy

In response to a request from ABUHB, an oral update was given on the current provider status for mechanical thrombectomy for Welsh residents. A written update would follow.

3. Neonatal Transport

Members were advised that the proposal for a 24 hour service was identical to the one already seen by Management Group, which was considered not to benchmark well on cost and to be unaffordable; discussions were continuing with the Network and providers. Dr Fox had begun the external review; any recommendations would be considered through the ICP prioritisation process.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2019 were approved.

Members noted the action log and received updates on:

- MG121 Lynch Syndrome – Proposal from CVUHB awaited and expected to be presented at July meeting.
- MG129 Thomas Report - CN currently working on WHSSC response.
- MG130 Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust - Renal Network has picked up issues and will report back via the WHSSC Quality & Patient Safety Committee. Action closed.
- MG134 Cystic Fibrosis – Meeting with CVUHB colleagues took place. Action closed.

5. Report from the Managing Director

Members received the Managing Director's report, which included:

- **Radio Frequency Ablation for Barrett's Oesophagus Update** It was likely that a proposal to Joint Committee would be delayed beyond July 2019.

- **Hereditary Anaemias** At the request of Welsh Government the WHSS Team was developing a proposal that would be considered through the 2020-21 ICP process.

6. ICP 19-293 PET New Indications for 2019-20

Members received a paper that (1) outlined the scheme ICP19-23 to fund additional PET indications and confirmed it is within the funded ICP 2019-20, (2) confirmed that the PET policy has been updated to include the new indications and published on the WHSSC website, and (3) outlined the financial and contract arrangements to support implementation of the additional indications for PET.

Subject to clarification that the paper covered the All Wales position, members (1) noted the scheme ICP19-293 PET new indications is included within the funded plan, (2) noted the revised PET policy has been approved by WHSSC Policy Group and published on the WHSSC website in June 2019, and (3) noted the financial provision within the ICP for the additional indications and that work is in progress to incorporate the revised baseline within provider contracts.

7. ICP 19-285 Adoption of NHS England Genetic Test Directory

Members received a paper that requested approval for the release of funding to implement Year 1 of the Integrated Commissioning Plan scheme 19/285 Adoption of the NHS England Genetic Test Directory.

Members approved the release of funding to implement Year 1 of the Integrated Commissioning Plan scheme 19/285 Adoption of the NHS England Genetic Test Directory.

8. Funding Release for Cleft Lip and Palate MDT

Members received a paper that requested support for the release of funding to address patients accessing a comprehensive MDT for the Cleft Lip and Palate service to ensure that services can be delivered sustainably in line with national standards and improve the quality of the service. Members requested inclusion of a requirement for the service to provide PREMS and PROMS data.

Members resolved to approve the release of funding, part year in 2019-20 and recurrent funding from 2020-21, to ensure patients can access a fully functioning MDT for the Cleft Lip and Palate service, in order to deliver a safe, sustainable quality service and meets national standards.

9. Funding Release for Cleft Lip and Palate Adult RTT Scheme

Members received a paper that requested approval for the release of funding to implement the ICP RTT scheme for the adult Cleft Lip and Palate service in south Wales. Members requested three-monthly updates on actual performance against the recovery plan.

Members approved the request of funding to reduce the backlog of Cleft Lip and Palate adult patients waiting for surgery and progress towards achieving the 26 week RTT target.

10. Funding Release for Paediatric Rheumatology Service in South and Mid Wales

Members received a paper that requested approval for the release of funding to establish a tertiary Paediatric Rheumatology service for south and mid Wales.

Members approved (1) approved the funding release for Paediatric Rheumatology, (2) noted the comparison with the Paediatric Rheumatology service in Alder Hey Children's Hospital for the population of north Wales, and (3) note the evidence that there is a more rigorous performance management process being established for rheumatology service.

11. Funding Release for Paediatric Endocrinology Service in South and Mid Wales

Members received a paper that sought support for the release of funding for the Paediatric Endocrine service to be formally commissioned by WHSSC to ensure safe and effective clinical services can be provided to all Paediatric Endocrine patients across South and Mid Wales. It was agreed that the service would be reviewed after one year.

Members approved the release of funding for the Paediatric Endocrinology Service in south Wales for 2019-20 (part year) and recurrent funding from 2020-21.

12. Funding Release for Neuro-Rehabilitation Service in South Wales

Members received a paper that sought support for the release of funding for the Neuro-Rehabilitation service based in Rookwood, Cardiff.

Members approved the release of funding for the Neuro-Rehabilitation service as provided in the WHSSC Integrated Commissioning Plan 2019-22.

13. Funding Release and Update on Cystic Fibrosis Service in South Wales

Members received a paper that (1) provided an update on the implementation of Phase 1 investment for the All Wales Adult Cystic Fibrosis Centre, and (2) requested approval for the release of funding for the Adult Cystic Fibrosis Service 2019-20. Members suggested that the WHSS Team approach WG for 'value based' funding for the Home IV service as an alternative to considering it under the 2020-21 ICP.

Members (1) noted the information presented in the report, (2) approved referral to Joint Committee (because of the risk on the recurrent funding requirement) of the release of funding for 2019-20 to recruit to the

remaining posts in phase 2, part A, to support the current cohort and the continued development of the satellite clinics, and (3) supported taking forward the case for a recurrent Home IV service and additional staffing aligned to the capital development for the new ward to the 2020-21 ICP, in the event that WG declined separate 'Healthier Wales' funding.

14. Major Trauma Contracting Framework

Members received a paper that set out the options considered and recommendations made by the Finance Sub Group for the contracting framework in relation to the Major Trauma Centre and Major Trauma Network.

The recommended Option E (block contract with variation) with a view to transitioning to Option C (cost and volume contract) after an appropriate evaluation period was approved.

15. Major Trauma Update

Members received a presentation that gave an indication of providers' estimated costs for establishing the MTC and TUs. It was noted that the estimated costs were well in excess of those previously anticipated and would need to be subjected to considerable scrutiny and benchmarking.

16. Veterans' Trauma Network

Members received a paper recommending approval of the proposal for WHSSC to commission a new Veterans Trauma Network for Wales (VTN). The VTN will be hosted by the Major Trauma Network to facilitate appropriate connection to providers in the NHS Wales Trauma Network and referral into the NHS England VTN. The proposal is consistent with Welsh Government policy. The proposal fits with WHSSC's existing commissioning roles related to care for veterans with prosthetics and the armed forces fast track.

Members (1) approved the proposal that WHSSC commission the Veterans Trauma Network for Wales (2) approved that WHSSC will commission the VTN from the Major Trauma Network who will act as host to the VTN, (3) received assurance that the proposed VTN will be either resource neutral or of minimal net financial cost, (4) noted that the proposed establishment of the VTN is consistent with the principles of value based healthcare by ensuring better coordination of care and consequent avoidance of harm and waste.

17. WHSSC Policy Group Update

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

18. Integrated Performance Report

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

compliance. The Bariatric Surgery service had been de-escalated in June 2019 following improvements in service.

19. Finance Report 2019-20 Month 2

Members received a report that set out the financial position for WHSSC for the second month of 2019-20, being an under spend of £387k and forecast overspend of £192k for the full year. It was noted that all Welsh contracts for 2019-20 had now been signed.

