



CORE BRIEF TO MANAGEMENT GROUP MEMBERS

MEETING HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 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 from Previous Meeting and Action Log

The Minutes from the meetings held on 24 October 2019 were noted.

Members noted the action log and received updates on:

- **MG160** - WHSSC Policy Group Report - HTW had confirmed there would be no resource available to assist WHSST in undertaking policy compliance audit work but WHSST was free to learn from the HTW methodology. WHSST would look again at how to undertake clinical policy audits using internal resources.
- **MG172** - Draft Integrated Commissioning Plan 2020-23 – SL had discussed the WHSSC requirement for health needs analysis with WG and PHW. PHW will look into provision of temporary support from its new Knowledge Directorate and arrange for SL to attend a Directors of Public Health meeting to start to think about how WHSSC could engage with local Directors of Public Health to get the health board perspective.

3. Report from the Managing Director

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

- **Cystic Fibrosis Drugs** SL and AC shared their informal understanding of an agreement between WG and Vertex, which would be formally announced the following day. It was anticipated that the arrangement would be similar to the agreement between NHSE and Vertex, which would be very good news for CF patients.
- **Development of Plan for Tertiary Services Provided by CVUHB** CVUHB had recently asked health boards and Community Health Councils for comments on the work they are undertaking to develop a plan for tertiary services. The work was provider driven and the finalised plan would be used to inform, but not drive, WHSSC commissioning strategy in future. WHSST would be responding to CVUHB in those terms.

- **PET in South Wales: Additional Capacity via a Mobile Scanner**
A short term operational solution was proposed to address lack of capacity and planned replacement of the PETIC scanner at UHW. The long-term strategic work around PET configuration would be unaffected by the short-term proposal and would continue on an All Wales basis, including the engagement work being carried out by BCUHB.

Members noted the contents of the report.

4. 2020-23 Integrated Commissioning Plan (ICP) Update

Members received a presentation on the draft ICP, updated following the Joint Committee meeting on 12 November 2019. The updated total uplift required of 11.31%, but was 4.12% before the Major Trauma Centre and Advanced Therapeutic Medical Products were included.

5. Vascular Surgery Update

Members received and noted the content of a report the purpose of which was to provide an update about Vascular Surgery activity on contracts with English providers.

6. Review of South Wales Catheter Laboratory Capacity and Health Board Plans for Development

Members received and noted the content of a paper that provided an update on the work undertaken to review catheter laboratory capacity across south Wales in the context of repatriation of services to ABUHB and CTMUHB, and the regional discussion to date by clinicians regarding the future delivery of PCI.

7. Specialised Haematology Commissioning

Members received and noted the content of a paper regarding the specialised haematology services which are commissioned by NHS England and how these compares to those services commissioned by NHS Wales.

8. Major Trauma Operational Readiness (International Recruitment)

Members received a paper that provided a summary of the outcome of the initial Major Trauma Centre review meeting held between WHSSC and CVUHB and requested approval for the suggested approach for utilisation of slippage against approved in year recruitment to facilitate overseas recruitment for theatre practitioners.

Members:

- Noted the information presented within the report; and
- Approved the proposal that the non-recurrent costs of up to £14,400 per international recruit can be funded by any slippage from the Tranche 1 and 2 monies for up to 7 theatre practitioners on the basis that no precedent be set.

9. Perinatal Mental Health

Members received a paper the purpose of which was to present the SBUHB options for a Mother & Baby Unit located in south Wales, a benchmarking assessment of these options and a recommendation for a preferred option.

Members:

- Noted the clinical model presented within the paper;
- Noted the financial summary position;
- Supported a further discussion between SBUHB and WG regarding the availability of capital and the option appraisal process required to decide on the preferred capital option, to inform the final decision by the WHSSC Joint Committee; and
- Noted the further work required to define the options available for patients in Mid & North Wales.

10. WHSSC Policy Group Update

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

11. Integrated Performance Report

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

12. Finance Report 2019-20 Month 7

Members received a report that set out the financial position for WHSSC for the seventh month of 2019-20, following a full review and release of reserves, being an under spend of £4,814k and forecast underspend of £4,108k for the full year.

