



CORE BRIEF TO MANAGEMENT GROUP MEMBERS

MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 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 noting that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was being held via MS Teams. It was noted that a quorum had been achieved.

Written questions from members and answers had been published in advance of the meeting and had been embedded within the meeting papers.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting and Action Log

The Minutes from the meetings held on 26 November 2020 were noted and approved.

Members noted the action log and received an update on:

- **MG202** - Replacement Wheelchair Programme for the Posture and Mobility Service in South Wales. An update was provided in the Managing Director's Report and the substantive matter was carried forward to January 2021.

3. Managing Director's Report

The Managing Director's report providing an update the replacement wheelchair programme was taken as read.

4. Update on the Collaborative Kidney Care project

Members received a paper that provided an update on the Collaborative Kidney Care project.

Members noted the information presented within the paper.

5. Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Service Review (Phase 1)

Members received a paper that described phase 1 of the second service review for the AAC service. It was reported that the author of the report was currently on sickness absence, so an updated version of the paper

that addressed additional questions would be brought to members in the New Year.

6. Tertiary Paediatric Cardiology – Sustainability and Standards of Care

Members received a paper that sought approval for the release of funding to implement the Integrated Commissioning Plan scheme for the development of Tertiary Paediatric Congenital Heart Disease - sustainability and standards of care in South Wales (ICP20-23).

Members (1) noted that the funding is within the provision for the Tertiary Paediatric Cardiology scheme 2020/23, (2) noted that the implementation of the ICP scheme supports the response to COVID harm as outlined in the paper, and (3) approved the release of funding to implement the Integrated Commissioning Plan scheme for the development of Tertiary Paediatric Congenital Heart Disease - sustainability and standards of care in South Wales (ICP20-23).

7. Month 7 Activity Report

Members received a paper the purpose of which was to highlight the scale of the decrease in activity levels during the peak COVID-19 period and whether there are any signs of recovery in specialised services activity. These activity decreases are shown in the context of the potential risk re patient harms and of the loss of value from nationally agreed financial block contract arrangements.

Some English providers had continued to improve but with flattening of activity levels from others.

There had been further improvement in Cardiac surgery in south Wales, particularly from CVUHB, but with some negative impact from nosocomial infection. Paediatric surgery in south Wales was gradually improving.

There was concern that the latest surge in COVID-19 infection rates would adversely affect specialised services activity rates.

Members noted the information presented within the report and confirmed that they wished to continue receiving this type of report.

8. 2020-21 Month 8 Finance Report

Members received a paper the purpose of which was to provide the current financial position of WHSSC together with the outturn forecast for the financial year.

The financial position at Month 8 is a year to date underspend of £13.1m and a forecast year end under spend of £14.4m.

Members were advised that the under spend relates mainly to months 1-8 underspend on the pass through elements of Welsh provider SLA's, COVID-19 block arrangements with NHSE for Q1-Q3 below the plan

baseline, a baseline increase for NHSE providers for the additional 0.8% inflation and Q1–Q3 2020-21 development slippage.

Members were advised that Joint Committee had approved a proposal at its meeting on 15 December for the WHSS Team to deploy additional surpluses over and above the month 7 forecast surplus level of £13.2m towards mitigation of waiting lists, service improvement, innovation and risk reduction. Also that, in the interests of time, these arrangements will be undertaken by Chair's Action and reported to the next available Management Group and Joint Committee meetings.

Members noted the information presented in the paper.

9. Assistant Director of Planning

It was reported that Claire Harding, from ABUHB, had been appointed Assistant Director of Planning - WHSSC and would be joining the team in February 2021.

10. CAR-T Good News Story

Members were briefed on widely reported story of a mother of three from north Wales who had received CAR-T cell therapy treatment, the first Welsh patient for this treatment, and was now cured from her previous prognosis of terminal cancer.

11. Ockenden Review – First Report

Members were made aware of the publication, on 15 December, of the first report of the Independent Maternity Review at the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS chaired by Donna Ockenden. The report outlines the local actions for learning for the Trust and immediate and essential actions for the Trust and wider system that are required to be implemented now to improve safety in maternity services for the Trust and beyond.

12. January Meetings

Members were advised that WHSSC had received a communication on behalf of the Chief Executives' Group requesting Joint Committee and Management Group meetings scheduled for January to be stood down because of the anticipated operational challenges facing health boards as a result of the continuing increase in COVID-19 admissions.

It was noted that an alternative Joint Committee meeting would be scheduled for mid-February to consider the ICP 2021-22. Members considered the need to fulfil their scrutiny role of the ICP ahead of Joint Committee consideration and decided to proceed with the Management Group meeting scheduled for January.

13. 2020 Management Group Integrated Commissioning Plan (ICP) Prioritisation Report

Members received the following:

- a. A paper that outlines the Clinical Impact Assessment process undertaken in 2020 for schemes received from service providers and the outcomes from the prioritisation of those schemes;
- b. A paper that present the final, validated results from the Prioritisation Panel process from the horizon scanning process for new and emerging health technologies to inform development of the ICP for 2021-22; and
- c. A presentation outlining the preliminary financial impact of the prioritised schemes and health technologies on the ICP for 2021-22.

These documents were considered in a workshop format following the meeting and it was noted that the draft ICP 2021-22 would be considered further at the January 2021 meeting.

