



## **CORE BRIEF TO MANAGEMENT GROUP MEMBERS**

### **MEETING HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 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 with a consent agenda. 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 24 September 2020 were noted and approved.

Members noted the action log and received updates on:

- **MG180** – Specialised Haematology Commissioning. Carried forward to January 2021 when more capacity will be available to do the required work.
- **MG195** – CAMHS Tier 4 Inpatient Service Specification. Update expected from provider week commencing 26 October 2020. Carried forward to November 2020.
- **MG202** – Replacement Wheelchair Programme for the Posture and Mobility Service in South Wales. Service does not have the capacity currently to provide the information requested. Carried forward to November 2020.
- **MG209** – Transfer of Services. Carried forward to November 2020.
- **MG223** – Activity Report for Quarter 1 2020-21 – Report to be produced monthly to M6. Report now routinely presented to MG. Action closed.
- **MG224** – Policy Group Report – Summary paper showing changes during COVID period to be prepared. Work underway; carried forward to November 2020.

#### **3. Managing Director's Report**

The Managing Director's report providing an update on Neonatal Transport was taken as read.

Members were advised that an informal response had now been received from WAST confirming its capacity to deliver an interim 24/7 transport service from December 2020.

Given the lack of support from provider organisations represented on the Task and Finish Group for a lead provider model for the permanent solution (previously supported by Management Group and Joint Committee), the WHSS Team is taking the matter back to Joint Committee.

#### **4. Development of a Tertiary Thrombectomy Service in South Wales**

Members received a paper the purpose of which was to outline a proposal to appoint a temporary dedicated Project Manager to plan and develop a Thrombectomy service across the south Wales region.

Members supported the proposal to appoint a temporary Project Manager to plan and develop a Thrombectomy service across south Wales and strengthen links with the current service provision in North Bristol NHS Trust whilst the Cardiff service is developing; and considered the hosting arrangements for the Project Manager's post, concluding that the post might be situated in UHW (albeit potentially working remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic) but accountable to WHSSC. It was agreed that the WHSS Team will progress the hosting arrangements with CVUHB.

#### **5. Activity Report M5 2020-21**

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 were any signs of recovery in specialised services activity. Members noted these activity decreases were shown in the context of the potential risk of patient harms and of the loss of value from nationally agreed financial block contract arrangements.

Members observed that activity in English providers appeared to be recovering more quickly than in Welsh providers and that Welsh providers need to accelerate their recovery to catch up.

Members noted the information presented within the paper.

#### **6. Policy Group Report**

Members received a paper the purpose of which was to update them on the work of the WHSSC Policy Group.

Members noted a paper summarising the key changes made to each Commissioning Policy over the COVID-19 period would be presented at the meeting in November 2020.

## **7. 2020-21 Month 6 Finance Report**

Members received a paper the purpose of which was to set out the financial position for WHSSC for month 6 of 2020-21. Members noted the financial position was reported against the 2020-21 baselines following approval of the 2020-21 WHSSC Integrated Commissioning Plan by the Joint Committee in January 2020.

The financial position at Month 6 is a year to date underspend of £10,107k and a forecast year end under spend of £9,764k.

Members were advised that discussions were ongoing with English providers in relation to a possible change to block contracts for M7-M12 that may allow some recovery on underperforming contracts.

Members noted the information presented in the paper.

## **8. Thoracic Surgery Strategic Outline Business Case**

Members noted that SBUHB had circulated its Strategic Outline Business Case to affected health boards seeking their support and that this would be going to their Board meeting at the end of November. It was agreed to bring it to Management Group in November or December and that it would go to Joint Committee in January 2020.

## **9. Risk Share 2021-22**

Members were advised that work was under way to understand the impact on the risk sharing mechanism for 2021-22.

## **10. All Wales IPFR Panel – Terms of Reference**

Members were advised that a proposal to revise the All Wales (WHSSC) IPFR Panel Terms of Reference was out for consultation with health board IPFR panels.

