



CORE BRIEF TO MANAGEMENT GROUP MEMBERS

MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2021

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. Shaping the Future Hospitals

Members received a presentation from CVUHB on the strategy for development of the health board over the next ten years, including re-development of the University Hospital of Wales, Heath site.

2. 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.

3. Action Log

Members noted that there were no actions due on the action log.

4. Tertiary Hepatology – Collective Commissioning Scheme

Members received a paper that proposed a process for the collective commissioning of tertiary hepatology in CVUHB and, in particular, the scrutiny of the business case for investment to address service gaps and capacity shortfall in the service provided for the population of south west, mid and south east Wales by CVUHB.

Members (1) noted the information in this report regarding the collective commissioning of tertiary hepatology for south west, mid and south east Wales; and (2) supported the proposed approach for a sub-group of Management Group to assist the Cancer & Blood commissioning team in scrutiny of the tertiary hepatology business case.

5. Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Service Review - Phase 2

Members received a paper that described phase 2 of the second service review for the AAC service.

Members (1) received assurance that there are robust processes in place to ensure that the objectives for phase 2 have been addressed; and (2) noted the information presented within the report.

6. Funding Release Request for Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness Service for South Wales and South Powys

Members received a paper that sought approval for the release of funding to implement the Integrated Commissioning Plan (ICP) 2020-21 scheme for the development of a care pathway for a specialist prolonged disorders of consciousness (PDOC) service - Phase 1 - for south Wales and south Powys.

Members were advised that Phase 1 would include elements of outreach and training but more of this would be included in the Phase 2 scheme, when the requirements were better understood.

Members (1) approved the request for the release of funding, which is fully provided for in the ICP 2020-21 for the development of a care pathway for the PDOC - Phase 1 - service in south Wales and south Powys; and (2) noted that this is phase 1 of the development of the PDOC service and that a phase 2 scheme will be submitted to the WHSSC Clinical Impact Assessment Group Prioritisation Process 2021 for consideration for the ICP 2022-23.

7. WHSSC Commissioning Intentions

Members received a presentation on WHSSC commissioning intentions, part of the Integrated Commissioning Plan process.

8. Joint Committee Equity Workshop

Members received the presentation delivered to the Joint Committee workshop on 11 May 2021, together with an overview of the output from the workshop.

Members noted the information provided.

9. Report from CIAG Workshop

Members received a paper that shared the outcome of the CIAG reflections workshop held on 12 April 2021.

Members noted the information provided in the paper.

10. Activity Report for Month 12 2020-21

Members received papers that highlighted the scale of the decrease in activity levels during the 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.

The Month 12 report been restructured from previous format to deal with specialties/areas on an all-Wales basis and would be developed further based on feedback received.

Members noted the information presented in the report.

11. WHSSC Policy Group Report

Members received a paper the purpose of which was to update them on the work of the WHSSC Policy Group during the latest quarter (February 2021 – May 2021).

Members noted the information presented within the report

12. 2021-22 Month 1 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 1 is a year to date under spend of £325k and a forecast year end under spend of £3,025k.

The majority of this under spend relates to the English SLA forecast under spend which reflects the difference between the plan baseline and the agreed blocks for Q1 & Q2. There is a small partial offset with the over spend in Mental Health at month 1 that includes high CAMHS OOA activity and an exceptional high cost medium secure patient with the forecast to plan.

13. PET Programme Business Case (PBC)

Members were advised that the Chief Executives Group of the NHS Wales Health Collaborative had supported the PET PBC at its meeting on 18 May 2021 and that letters of support would now be required to accompany submission of the PBC to Welsh Government for the capital elements.

