



CORE BRIEF TO MANAGEMENT GROUP MEMBERS

MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 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. 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. Action Log

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

3. Managing Director's Report

Members received a paper providing an update on removal of the south Wales Soft Tissue Sarcoma Service from escalation of, which was noted.

4. Project Initiation Document: Mental Health Strategy

Members received a paper that sought to initiate the development of a 'Specialist Mental Health Strategy' for the population of Wales.

Members noted the initiation of this work and commented as required.

5. Provision of Microprocessor Controlled Prosthetic Knees for Civilians

Members received a paper that informed them of the funding provided by Welsh Government for microprocessor controlled prosthetic knees for civilians and request approval for implementing the commissioning of this new prosthetic activity.

Members (1) noted the funding provided by Welsh Government for the establishment of a microprocessor controlled prosthetic knee service for the civilian population; and (2) approved the proposed commissioning arrangements for this additional prosthetic activity.

6. Funding Release for the Prosthetics Service - SBUHB

Members received a paper that sought approval for the release of funding for the prosthetics service provided by SBUHB to mitigate the workforce risks highlighted in the 2021-24 ICP.

Members (1) approved the request for the release of funding, which is fully provided for in the ICP 2021-22 for the prosthetic service, SBUHB, to mitigate the workforce risks to support equity of access, sustainability and quality of service provision.

7. Pulmonary Hypertension – Potential to develop an improved service for Wales

Members received a paper that provided a summary of the findings of the review and sought support to take forward the recommendations to improve pulmonary hypertension services across Wales.

Members (1) noted the information in the report; and (2) supported the WHSS team in taking forward the work required to determine what a local service could look like, to include:

- Revitalising the Clinical Working Group to support the ongoing work to develop the satellite model of care;
- Reviewing the findings/outcomes from the pilot being undertaken at SBUHB to provide further evidence of success of a satellite clinic;
- Undertaking further financial scrutiny; and
- Determining if this new model of care should be considered for prioritisation through the 2022-25 ICP, or if this could be achieved through repatriation of services.

8. Paediatric Inherited Metabolic Disease

Members received a paper that sought support for the proposed new arrangements for the south and west Wales' paediatric inherited metabolic disease population, following notification by CVUHB that they are unable to continue to deliver the service after the 31 March 2021.

Members (1) noted the cessation of the existing service; (2) supported the funding for the new integrated service between University Hospital Bristol and CVUHB; and (3) supported the increase in consultant provision at CVUHB until September 2021 to support the transition between the current and new model.

9. Activity Report for Month 11 2020-21 COVID-19 Period

Members received a paper that highlighted 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.

Members noted the information presented within the report.

10. 2020-21 Month 12 Finance Report

Members received a paper the purpose of which was to provide the final outturn for the financial year. The financial position at was an under spend of £12.03m after making prudent provisions.

The under spend relates mainly to months 1-12 underspend on the pass through elements of NHS Wales provider SLA's, NHS England anticipated underperformance against agreed block contracts where provider activity is forecast at >20% below agreed baseline and Q1 – Q4 2020-21 development slippage.

