

WELSH HEALTH SPECIALISED SERVICES COMMITTEE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – MARCH 2020

The Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee held its latest public meeting on 10 March 2020. This briefing sets out the key areas of discussion and aims to ensure everyone is kept up to date with what is happening in Welsh Health Specialised Services.

The papers for the meeting are available at:

<http://www.whssc.wales.nhs.uk/2019-20-whssc-joint-committee>

Action log & matters arising

Members noted the action log.

Chair's Report

The Chair reported that Kieron Donovan had been appointed as Chair of the Welsh Renal Clinical Network for three years commencing 1 April 2020. The Chair also reported that she would be asking Emrys Elias to become Vice Chair of the WHSSC Joint Committee with immediate effect.

Managing Director's Report

Members noted the content of the Managing Director's report and, in particular, the key recommendations set out in guidance issued by the Society of Cardiothoracic Surgeons on the management of thoracic trauma that would be reflected in both the Thoracic Surgery and Major Trauma Service Specifications that were due to go out to consultation.

Major Trauma Commissioning Assurance and Governance Arrangements

Members received a report providing a description of the proposed commissioning governance structure and interfaces with operational delivery for the South Wales Trauma Network.

Members noted the information presented within the report; and approved the proposed commissioning governance structure for the South Wales Trauma Network subject to a review at 12 months.

Value Based Commissioning Plan

Members received a report advising them of the efficiency savings achieved in 2019-20, describing the approach and process WHSSC followed to develop the value based commissioning plan 2020-23 and outlining the priority initiatives within the value based commissioning plan identified for 2020-21 and how these initiatives would provide value to patients, families and the health service.

Members discussed the possibility of expanding the Plan to look at entire pathways and agreed that seeking patient input would be important and would influence the direction of travel of the work. To that end it was noted that the WHSSC QA team was supporting the process and developing Patient Reported Outcome Measures and Patient Reported Experience Measures.

Members:

- Noted the efficiency savings achieved in 2019-20;
- Noted the efficiency savings already incorporated within the ICP 2020-23;
- Noted the approach and process WHSSC has followed to develop the value based commissioning plan 2020-23;
- Noted that at this point only provisional highly prudent values have been assigned to these schemes pending further detailed examination by the WHSSC team;
- Supported the priority value based commissioning initiatives identified for implementation in 2020-21; and
- Supported that the WHSSC team progress enabling actions including necessary contracting changes via the Finance Sub Group.

Neonatal Transport Review Recommendations

Members received a report setting out the key recommendations from the Review of the South Wales Neonatal Transport Service and seeking support for the implementation process to commission a permanent 24 hour neonatal transport service.

Members:

- Noted the Independent Review of the South Wales Neonatal Services; and
- Supported the recommendations made by Management Group at the extraordinary meeting on 27 February 2020 (Appendix 2).

Specifically, members:

- Supported the requirement for a 24/7 neonatal transport service for south and west Wales, noting that residents from the BCU Health population already have a 24/7 service;
- Supported Management Group recommendations that the future model will be commissioned from a lead provider;

- Supported the establishment of a Task and Finish Group to develop a service specification for the service and implementation process for a 24/7 model;
- Supported further work to be undertaken by the Finance Sub Group to define and clearly set out the funding of the clinical components of a 24 hours service on the principle will be that the commissioning of a 24 hour service will not de-stabilise the current neonatal intensive care units;
- Supported the request that in parallel, the Maternity and Neonatal Network undertake demand and capacity modelling of both the number of maternity beds and cots required across the region; and
- Approved delegated authority to Management Group to agree an interim solution on the basis that this will be within the resource identified within the 2020/21 Integrated Commissioning Plan (ICP).

Annual Cycle of Business

Members received a report providing them with the Draft Joint Committee Annual Business Cycle 2020-21.

Members noted and supported the content of the report, including the schedule of meetings for 2020-21.

Other reports

Members received the Integrated Performance Report for December 2019 and the Financial Performance Report for Month 10 of 2019-20.

Members also received the update reports from the following joint sub committees and advisory groups:

- Management Group; and
- All Wales Individual Patient Funding Request Panel.

