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Agenda Item 7.10

HEALTH BOARD

HIGHLIGHT REPORT FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT MONITORING COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING

30/09/2021

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE REPORT

Public

**IF PRIVATE PLEASE
INDICATE REASON**

Not Applicable - Public Report

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PRESENTED BY

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**EXECUTIVE SPONSOR
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REPORT PURPOSE

FOR NOTING

ACRONYMS

MHA
SWP

Mental Health Act
South Wales Police

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This paper had been prepared to provide the Board with details of the key issues considered by the Mental Health Act (MHA) Monitoring Committee at its meeting on the 4 August 2021.
- 1.2 Key highlights from the meeting are reported in section 2.

- 1.3 The Board is requested to **NOTE** the contents of the report and actions being taken.

2. HIGHLIGHT REPORT

ALERT / ESCALATE	<p>Positive Escalation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee received a report on Prison Transfers – Activity and Compliance against the Code of Practice. Members congratulated the team with the timeliness of transfers and advised that the Committee could take confidence in that the Health Board was complying with the Act in this regard. With regard to the Strategic Update from South Wales Police (SWP), Members applauded the work of the Mental Health Liaison Officers which was having a really positive impact on the community leading to a reduction of 264 over the 2 year period for Section 136 which was significant.
ADVISE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A report on the Actions and Learning Arising from Fundamental Breaches of the Mental Health Act was received for Quarter 1 2020-21. Following discussion and the recognition of the concerns raised it was agreed that the identified learning from the breaches will be referred to either the Quality & Safety Committee or Shared Listening and Learning Forum as appropriate. Quarterly Mental Health Act (MHA) Activity Report for Adult, Older Persons and Children and Adult Mental Health Services (CAMHS) was received for Quarter 1 – April – June 2020-21. The Committee noted that there had been an increase in Section 136 in the Bridgend area and elsewhere within the police force with substantial increases within Cardiff. Members were advised that there was no reason identified for this increase other than the easing of Covid-19 restrictions. The Committee were advised that should the increase continue in the Bridgend area actions similar to those being undertaken in response to the Cardiff increase will be initiated.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Risks relating to the MHA for Quarter 1 were received and it was noted that there had been four fundamental breaches of the Act during the period.
ASSURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee approved the Committee Annual Self-Assessment Review and Improvement Plan. The follow up and action plan in relation to the Section 136 Audit was noted by the Committee. Members were Advised that four out of the five actions had been completed and agreed to receive a final update at the end of the year. The Committee received a MHA Operational Group update report. The Committee agreed that a wider discussion on the St. John Ambulance pilot and costs associated to it should be held at the next meeting. The Committee agreed that a Deep dive be undertaken with regard to community treatment orders and the use of Section 54. A progress report would be received at the next meeting on the recruitment process for Section 12 doctors and an update on Community Treatment Orders would also be received.
INFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Strategic Update from South Wales Police (SWP) provided members with the offer to attend the Alternative Place of Safety – The Sanctuary, Swansea.
APPENDICES	Not Applicable.