



<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>
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<b>CTM BOARD</b>
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<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT</b>
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<b>Date of meeting</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
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<b>Report purpose</b>	FOR NOTING
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<b>Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt/consideration at Committee/group)</b>		
<b>Committee/Group/Individuals</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
(Insert Name)	(DD/MM/YYYY)	Choose an item.

**1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND**

**1.1** The purpose of this report is to keep the Board up to date with key issues affecting the Organisation. A number of issues raised within this report feature more prominently within reports of the Executive Directors as part of the Board's business.

**1.2** This overarching report highlights for Board Members the key areas of activity of the Chief Executive, some of which is further referenced in the detailed reports that follow, and also highlights topical areas of interest to the Board.

## **2. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THIS MEETING (ASSESSMENT)**

### **2.1 SAS Doctor & Dentists achievements showcase conference**

At the end of May I had the fortunate opportunity to join the SAS Doctor and Dentist's conference held at Keir Hardie Academic Centre in Merthyr Tydfil. This forum allowed for myself and other Executive colleagues to learn about the great achievements within this vital staff cohort as well as challenges of being an SAS doctor within CTM. It was a privilege to attend this session and I am looking to address some of the issues highlighted during and after this session to ensure the good work of this staff group is developed further and considered key to our future CTM 2030 plans.

### **2.3 Covid increase at our hospitals**

Unfortunately after many weeks of declining covid rates, over the last month the Health Board has seen a steep rise in covid patients within our hospitals. This has been witnessed most notably within the Royal Glamorgan Hospital, where multiple wards have managed covid patients. It is perhaps not surprising that this increase is being felt due to a large number of summer activities resuming such as concerts and festivals, bringing large numbers of people together.

As a result of the rising covid activity, we have taken the decision to once again mandate the wearing of face masks at our hospital sites to help stop any further nosocomial spread. We will continue to monitor the situation very closely and will react accordingly if cases within hospitals continue to rise.

### **2.4 Operational pressures**

Despite it now being the summer period, where historically there is reduced level of urgent and emergency activity, the pressures experienced both in primary and secondary care services continues to be very high. This pressure has been experienced most significantly at our three Emergency Departments that have had to manage a great deal of ambulance and 'walk in' patients. The teams continue to do a fantastic job in ensuring patient safety whilst working as efficiently as possible, however the demand and lack of bed capacity is making their jobs extremely difficult.

As we look towards the winter period, where demand rises considerably, we are ensuring our services are set up to be able to manage the coming demand. This plan is being delivered through the nationally sponsored '6 goals of urgent and emergency care

programme’ which highlights opportunities to prevent admission, signpost patients to alternative services as well as maximise discharge from our acute hospital sites.

We are working with our Local Authority colleagues at all levels to ensure that those patients who do not need to be in our hospitals, because they are medically fit, can be discharged either to their own home or into a care home facility. Being able to encourage this will create much needed capacity for those patients who are waiting to be admitted from the Emergency Department or Medical Assessment Unit, which in turn will allow ambulances to safely handover patients and be able to react to the need in the community.

## **2.5 Launch of CRADLE within CTM**

It gives me great pleasure to share that Prince Charles Hospital is the first hospital in Wales to launch a partnership with the pregnancy loss charity CRADLE. CRADLE focuses on supporting anyone affected by pregnancy loss or termination of pregnancy and will provide CTM hospitals with CRADLE comfort bags for women admitted to hospital for unexpected or overnight stays during or following pregnancy loss or pregnancy termination. CRADLE will also provide free resources and guidance to healthcare professionals across our health board and will work alongside the specialist bereavement support that we have in place across our Maternity Services.

This service comes as part of the partnership CRADLE already has with our construction contractor, Tilbury Douglas who are carrying out ongoing improvement works at Prince Charles Hospital.

## **3 KEY RISKS/MATTERS FOR ESCALATION TO BOARD/COMMITTEE**

- 3.3** The Board should note the changing context and environment for commissioning and delivering healthcare and wellbeing services, in the context of balancing the need to continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well minimising harm from non-COVID-19 activity, and providing essential and routine services to our communities. This balance will bring a new set of issues to manage and risks to consider.

## **4 IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

<b>Quality/Safety/Patient Experience implications</b>	Yes (Please see detail below)
	Governance, Leadership and Accountability



<b>Related Health and Care standard(s)</b>	It is anticipated that all elements of quality, safety and patient safety will be impacted positively by the implementation of the "Continuous Improvement in response to TI Programme".
<b>Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) completed - Please note EIAs are required for <u>all</u> new, changed or withdrawn policies and services.</b>	No (Include further detail below)  If yes, please provide a hyperlink to the location of the completed EIA or who it would be available from in the box below.  If no, please provide reasons why an EIA was not considered to be required in the box below.
<b>Legal implications / impact</b>	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
<b>Resource (Capital/Revenue £/Workforce) implications / Impact</b>	There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.
<b>Link to Strategic Goals</b>	Creating Health

## 5 RECOMMENDATION

5.3 The CTM Board is asked to:

- **Note** the report.