



CTM BOARD

HIGHLIGHT REPORT FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT MONITORING COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING	30/03/2023
PUBLIC OR PRIVATE REPORT	Public
IF PRIVATE PLEASE INDICATE REASON	Not Applicable - Public Report
PREPARED BY	Kathrine Davies, Corporate Governance Manager
PRESENTED BY	Jayne Sadgrove, Vice Chair & Chair of the Mental Health Act Monitoring Committee
EXECUTIVE SPONSOR APPROVED	Gethin Hughes, Chief Operating Officer
REPORT PURPOSE	FOR NOTING

ACRONYMS

MHA	Mental Health Act
SWP	South Wales Police
AMHP	Advanced Mental Health Practitioner

1. INTRODUCTION

- 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 8th March 2023.
- 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. PURPOSE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT MONITORING COMMITTEE

2.1 The purpose of the Committee is to advise and assure the Board that the arrangements to monitor and review the way functions under the Mental Health Act are exercised on its behalf are operating appropriately and effectively and in accordance with legislation.

3. HIGHLIGHT REPORT

ALERT / ESCALATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee were advised of the Review of Discharge Arrangements from Adult Inpatient Mental Health Units within CTMUHB – Healthcare Inspectorate Wales have completed their review which included on site patient case study reviews of patients admitted to the Princess of Wales Hospital Mental Health Unit and the Royal Glamorgan Hospital Mental Health Unit. The Health Board is awaiting publication of the final report due in March 2023, which is understood, will include a number of recommendations relating to discharge planning.
ADVISE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee received a MHA Operational Group update report. The Committee noted the following key matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Cwm Taf Morgannwg Emergency Duty Team - Waiting times for AMHPs out of hours could be longer than expected. The Regional AMHP Group is to monitor this waiting activity. Waiting times for Section 12 Approved Doctors Waiting times for Section 12 Doctors to complete a Mental Health Assessment may be longer during the day due to medical staff engaged in other scheduled duties. The monthly Police Liaison Group will closely monitor waiting times for patients requiring a Section 136 Mental Health Act Assessment and report their findings back to the Committee in due course.

- **Review of General Hospital Place of Safety Arrangements** - Concern had previously been raised about the suitability of the Prince Charles Hospital Place of Safety which is located within the Emergency Department. A more appropriate facility had been temporarily allocated for use as the 'Place of Safety, prior to the development of a more permanent solution on the site. The allocation of this alternative room was welcomed by the Committee.
- **Fundamental Errors and Breaches of the Mental Health Act** - A range of actions are being taken to reduce the above errors. The Operational Group also closely monitors performance in comparison with other Health Boards. The information in the Quarter all-Wales Benchmarking return has shown the Health Board to compare favourably with other areas.
- **Quarterly Mental Health Act Activity Report for Adult, Older Persons and Children and Adult Mental Health Services (CAMHS)/Breaches and Errors Report** was **received** for Quarter 3. The Committee **noted** that there had been a decrease in detentions within Adult services, however, Older Persons remained unchanged, whilst the CAMHS service had seen an increase in detentions between Q2 and Q3 of the current year. There were 2 fundamentally defective errors and 18 minor errors on section papers, all of the latter being rectified within the fourteen day limit.
- The Committee received a verbal **Strategic Update from South Wales Police**. The Committee **noted** the following key items:
 - **Section 136** – The Committee were pleased to note that discharges had decreased with 735 occurrences compared with 1,190 in the previous year amounting to a 40% reduction.
 - **Section 135** – The Committee were advised that these were averaging month on month ranging from 10 to 20%, which was proportionally right.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 111 – The Committee noted the progress being made on the Police Triage System migrating into 111. - Right Care Right Time – The Committee were advised on the initiative undertaken by Humberside Police Force that was currently being considered by South Wales Police for implementation in the future. • The Committee received a verbal Strategic Update from Local Authority Partners. The Committee noted the following key items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern was raised about the lack of Section 12 Doctors between the hours of 9.00 am – 5.00 pm and particularly within the Merthyr areas. - Section 140 Policy – The Committee discussed the requirement for this Policy to be implemented.
ASSURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report on the Risks relating to the Mental Health Act (MHA) for Quarter 3 October – December 2022 was received.
INFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee received and approved the Committee Annual Cycle of Business for 2023-24.
APPENDICES	Not Applicable.