

Agenda Item

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Joint Commissioning Committee
Renal Deep Dive

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	Not Applicable
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Pwrpas yr Adroddiad / Report Purpose	For Approval Choose an item.
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Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt/consideration at Committee/Group)		
Committee / Group / Individuals	Date	Outcome
Joint Commissioning Committee Strategy Workshop	18/08/2026	Approved
Senior Leadership Team (SLT)	16/09/2026	Noted

Acronyms / Glossary of Terms	
CKD	Chronic Kidney Disease
WKN	Welsh Kidney Network

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) prevalence in Wales has increased by 33% over the last 12 years. Kidney disease will continue to place growing pressure on services across Wales across the whole pathway.

Significant variation exists in contracts, activity reporting, commissioning arrangements, funding arrangements and service delivery. The Deep Dive has identified opportunities to improve consistency, transparency, value for money and patient outcomes.

The Deep Dive highlights opportunities to improve patient outcomes, strengthen commissioning levers and secure better value for money across Wales. Recommendations largely focus on pathway optimisation, governance, commissioning controls and data quality.

Prevention, transplantation, home dialysis and medicines optimisation offer the greatest opportunities to improve patient outcomes and reduce cost, whilst reducing future demand.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The members of the Joint Commissioning Committee are asked to:

- **Approve** the Deep Dive findings to improve patient outcomes across commissioned services;
- **Support** the delivery of the WKN's strategic priorities:
- Use commissioning levers to:
 - Increase access to transplantation and delivery of the Transplant First approach.
 - Expand home dialysis services and delivery of agreed home therapy trajectories in support of the 30% home therapies ambition by 2029.
- Prioritise prevention and early intervention programmes aimed at slowing progression of chronic kidney disease.
- Continued development of national service specifications, commissioning policies and clinical standards.
- Improvement of data quality, reporting consistency and commissioning intelligence across Wales.
- **Approve** the recommended work programme to strengthen commissioning assurance, financial transparency, standardisation and long-term sustainability:
 - Standard commissioning arrangements.
 - Annual open-book financial reviews.
 - Minimum datasets and reporting standards.
 - Introduction of formal change control.
- **Agree** to continue this work to provide a better understanding and develop recommendations for non-commissioned activity and historic funding

arrangements for wider nephrology inpatient, outpatient and day-case activity to enable a full pathway approach to commissioning kidney services.

3. ASSESSMENT

Objectives / Strategy	
Dolen i Amcan (au) Strategol CBC / Link to JCC Strategic Objectives(s)	Maximise Value
	If more than one applies, please list below: Ensure Quality Reduce Duplication Improve Equity and Population Health
Dolen i Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol – Nodau Llesiant / Link to Wellbeing of Future Generations Act – Wellbeing Goals 150623-guide-to-the-fg-act-en.pdf (futuregenerations.wales)	A Healthier Wales
	If more than one applies, please list below: A more equal Wales
Dolen i Hwyluswyr Ansawdd <i>(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) / Link to Enablers of Quality</i> (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Whole-systems Perspective
	If more than one applies, please list below:
Dolen i Feysydd Ansawdd <i>(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) / Link to Domains of Quality</i> (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Equitable
	If more than one applies, please list below: Effective Efficient Person Centred Timely Safe
Effaith Amgylcheddol/ Cynaliadwyedd (5R) / Environmental /Sustainability Impact (5Rs)	No - Not Applicable
	If more than one applies, please list below:

Impact Assessment

Ansawdd <i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Ansawdd? /</i> Quality <i>Have you undertaken a Quality Impact Assessment Screening?</i>	Yes: ☐	No: ☒
	Outcome:	If no, please include rationale below: A separate Quality Impact Assessment was not undertaken, as a comprehensive assessment and review with detailed recommendations have been completed during the Deep Dive review. This assessment considered the potential implications for quality, safety, patient experience, and outcomes, and did not identify any material quality impacts requiring further formal QIA
Cydraddoldeb <i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb? /</i> Equality <i>Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment Screening?</i>	Yes: ☐	No: ☒
	Outcome:	If no, please include rationale below: Equality Impact Assessment screening was not undertaken as a comprehensive deep-dive review had already been completed, incorporating consideration of equality, diversity, and inclusion impacts. No material equality concerns were identified that would trigger the need for a separate formal assessment
Cyfreithiol / Legal	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.	

Enw da / Reputational	There is no direct impact on the reputation of the Joint Committee as a result of the activity outlined in this report.
Effaith Adnoddau <i>(Pobl / Ariannol) /</i> Resource Impact <i>(People / Financial)</i>	There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.