



## **CORE BRIEF TO MANAGEMENT GROUP MEMBERS**

### **MEETING HELD ON 28 MARCH 2024**

This briefing sets out the key areas of discussion and decision. It aims to ensure the Management Group (MG) members have a common core brief to disseminate within their organisation.

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting noting that, following on from the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings continued to be held via MS Teams.

#### **2. Action Log**

Members received an update on progress against the action log and **noted** the updates.

#### **3. Managing Director's Report**

Members received the Managing Director's Report and noted the updates on:

- **WHC/2024/005 - Welsh Health Circular - Private Obesity Surgery and the Welsh NHS** - In February 2024, Welsh Government published the Welsh Health Circular (WHC). Currently, reliable estimates of the number of patients who are likely to request a follow-up are not available, however we know that approximately one third of surgical procedures carried out in the Welsh Institute of Metabolic and Obesity Surgery (WIMOS) for patients in South Wales are emergency band removal procedures for patients who have previously undergone treatment in the private sector. Therefore, it was possible that this could have a significant impact on NHS pre-operative and post-operative service capacity,
- **Gender Identity Development Services (GIDS)** - An update on developments in Gender Identity Development Services (GIDS) in NHS England (NHSE), including the approach to the prescribing of Puberty Suppressing Hormones was provided,
- **South Wales Major Trauma Network Gateway Review** - On 7 March 2024, the Stage Gate Assessment of the South Wales Trauma Network was reported to the SRO for the programme. A green assessment rating was given which is a significant achievement which should not be underestimated for such a young network. The report will be shared at the SWTN Governance Group scheduled in March 2024 for information, with a view to developing an action plan to address the recommendations in readiness for the SWTN Clinical & Operational Board (COB) in April 2024,
- **Cardiac interventions in Wales: A comparison of benefits**

**between NHS Wales' specialties - Published Article (PLOS ONE)** - WHSSC in collaboration with the cardiac network and the Secure Anonymised Information Linkage (SAIL) databank in Swansea undertook a study aimed at assessing if specialised healthcare service interventions in Wales was benefitting the population equitably in work commissioned by the WHSSC. The study utilised anonymised individual-level, population-scale, routinely collected electronic health record (EHR) data held in the Secure Anonymised Information Linkage (SAIL) Databank to identify patients resident in Wales receiving specialist cardiac interventions. The findings of the study were published on PLOS ONE in February 2024; and

- **NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee Implementation** - Further to the report presented to the Joint Committee on 30 January 2024 concerning the business continuity risks for specialised services commissioning associated with the establishment of the new NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) on 1 April 2024, members received a verbal update and noted the recent appointment of an interim Tier 1 Chief Commissioner was a positive step forward, however concern remained regarding the Mental Health portfolio of the new JCC concerning the Integrated Commissioning Plan (ICP) and quality issues which will be factored into the risk register.

Members **noted** the report.

#### **4. Funding Release for the Care Pathway for Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness Service (Neurorehabilitation) for South Wales, West Wales and South Powys (Phase 2)**

Members received a report requesting support for the release of funding to implement the ICP scheme 2022/23 for the development of a Care Pathway for Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness Service (Phase 2) for South Wales, West Wales and South Powys.

Members (1) **Noted** the report, (2) **Approved** the release of funding for £285k for 23/24 funding for phase 2 of the Care Pathway for Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness Service (Neurorehabilitation) for South Wales, West Wales and South Powys Scheme submitted to the Integrated Commissioning Plan (ICP) Prioritisation process for 2022-2023 to mitigate the emerging risks associated with the Prolonged Disorders of Consciousness service; and (3) **Noted** that there is a provision of £285,000 FYE included in the WHSSC ICP for 2023/24.

#### **5. Performance and Activity Report – January 2024**

Members received a report providing a summary of the performance of WHSSC commissioned services. Further detail by resident Health Board was provided in an accompanying Power BI Dashboard report.

Members **noted** the report.

## 6. Financial Performance Report Month 11 - 2023-2024

Members received a report setting out the financial position for WHSSC for the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 2023-2024. The financial position was reported against the 2023-2024 baselines following approval of the 2023-2026 WHSSC Integrated Commissioning Plan by the Joint Committee in February 2023.

Members noted the year to date financial position reported at Month 11 for WHSSC (excluding EASC) is a (£4.9m) underspend against the ICP financial plan, the forecast year- end position is an underspend of (£6.7m).

Members **noted** the current financial position and the forecast year-end position.

## 7. Forward Work Plan

Members **noted** the forward work plan and **noted** that a transitional plan had been developed for the new NHS Wales JCC to ensure that there were nominated people in the Chair, Lay Member, Tier 1 and Tier 2 posts to enable the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) to transact business when it goes live on 1 April 2024. For Quarter 1 to ensure business continuity and to support the transition the existing sub-Committees will operate during Q1 .This will allow for a robust review of the function and membership of all forums during Q1, to inform the new Sub-Committee arrangements which will be taken forward from Q2 onwards.

