

Joint Commissioning Committee

Highlight Report from the Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC)

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Committee / Group / Individuals	Date	Outcome
Health Boards	March 2025	Noted

1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

This report had been prepared to provide Health Board (HB) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Members of the Joint Committee with a summary of the key issues considered by the Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) at its public meeting on 21 January 2025.

Key highlights from the meeting are reported in Section 3.

2. PURPOSE

The Purpose and Role of the Joint Committee is set out in Paragraphs 2.18 and 2.20 of the JCC [Standing Orders](#).

3. HIGHLIGHT REPORT

(Links to reports highlighted [January 2025 - NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee](#))

Status	Update
Alert / Escalate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Ambulance Services: Ongoing concerns about performance and capacity. A risk review was discussed at the JCC Strategy session in December 2024; and • Ambulance Staff Re-banding: The Welsh Ambulance Services University NHS Trust (WAST) proceeded with the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) re-banding proposal on the basis the in-year costs will be absorbed by WAST for 2024/25. The JCC noted that this will remain a provider issue, rather than a JCC issue going into 2025/26. Skill mix changes will be required to mitigate future financial impacts.
Advise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Commissioner Recruitment: The recent recruitment process undertaken failed to secure the appointment of a permanent Chief Commissioner. Stacey Taylor continues to cover the role on an interim basis. • An update was received from the Interim Chief Commissioner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quarter 3 Progress & Future Priorities: Work is ongoing under transition to establish 'routine business' for the JCC. Priorities include delivering the 2024/25 plan, finalising the organisational structure, and preparing the 2025-28 Integrated Medium Term Plan (IMTP), ○ Key achievements were highlighted; and ○ Next developments include the Directory of Services and the JCC Commissioning Framework. • Members received reports from each of the three Commissioning Directors; • Update from the Director of Commissioning for Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Vulnerable Groups. Members noted:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Issues with mental health service facilities under NHS England (NHSE) contracts, particularly environmental concerns, ○ A review of Traumatic Stress Wales (TSW) services is underway; the JCC hosts this service which is funded by the Welsh Government, ○ An internal audit assessment on the Quality Aspects of the National Frameworks which received a 'Reasonable Assurance' assessment rating; and ○ A fire at a low-secure unit commissioned by the JCC led to patient transfers to medium-secure facilities. <p>Further discussions would take place related to the future strategy of the Mental Health portfolio at a future JCC Strategy Session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from the Director of Commissioning for Ambulance and 111 provided updates on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pressures on emergency ambulance services, ○ The ongoing judicial review of the JCC decision to develop the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Services (EMRTS), ○ Ongoing work by WAST responding to the recommendations of the Manchester Arena Inquiry, ○ Recommendation 4 - the bespoke road based service. Due to financial and operational implications and performance disparities across Wales, further discussions are needed, and these will continue through the Collaborative Commissioning Leadership Group (CCLG), ○ Welsh Government has established a group to consider revised performance metrics in relation to emergency ambulances and the outputs will be presented to the Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Care in the near future, ○ The draft long-term vision for Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services (NEPTS) 'The Future Vision' would be finalised by March 2025; and ○ Key risks to the ambulance service in Wales. • The update from the Director of Commissioning for Specialised Services included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concerns over delays in plastic surgery with the target of no patients waiting longer than 104 weeks,

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Capacity gaps in outreach plastic surgery services in north Wales (now in escalation), ○ Obesity surgery waiting times; and ○ Neonatal and Paediatric Intensive Care services remain at an escalated risk level.
Assure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Governance & Risk Management: ● Updated financial delegated limits approved for the Interim Chief Commissioner, ● Concerns raised over funding for new medicines for very rare diseases, with JCC proposed as the preferred planning body (National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE), ● National approach to Continuing Healthcare (CHC) commissioning endorsed with workstreams planned, ● Risk register received, with further work needed to assess risk appetite, ● Assurance reports presented on governance, including the approval of the sub-committee terms of reference, finance and audit matters relating to WHSSC.
Inform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Patient Story: A patient attended the meeting to reflect on personal experience and highlight the benefits of a microprocessor knee in improving mobility and quality of life. ● Strategic Planning (IMTP 2025-28): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NHS Wales Planning guidance highlights a 1.77% budget uplift with a 2% efficiency savings target, ○ Highlighted the importance of collaboration and prioritisation of resources, ○ Key priorities include urgent care and planned care recovery, ○ Early estimates suggest JCC will require between 5.5%-6.4% financial growth requirement, ○ The substantial cost drivers such as inflationary pressures, increased demand and NICE technology approvals were highlighted, ○ A further strategy workshop would be arranged to support the ongoing work to develop the JCC IMTP. ● The Committee received the following assurance reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CTMUHB Audit and Risk Committee Assurance Report ▪ Legacy WHSSC Management Group Briefings for November and December 2024

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) Panel Chairs report ▪ Welsh Kidney Network (WKN) Chairs report.
Appendices	None

Note that an “in committee” meeting was also held. A formal update will be given to the next public JCC meeting on 18 March 2025 under the Corporate Governance report.

4. ASSESSMENT

Objectives / Strategy	
Dolen i Amcan (au) Strategol CBC Link to JCC Strategic Objectives(s)	Maximise Value
	Ensure Quality Reduce Duplication Improve Equality and Population Health Facilitate Integration
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)) /</i> Link to Enablers of Quality (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Data to Knowledge
	If more than one applies please list below: Learning, improvement and research Whole systems perspective Leadership
Dolen i Feysydd Ansawdd <i>(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) /</i>	Efficient All of the domains of quality apply
	If more than one applies please list below: Effective; equitable; person centred; timely and safe

Link to Domains of Quality <i>(Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))</i>	
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: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome:	If no, please include rationale below: This is a summary of the latest meeting of the JCC
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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome for Equality (delete as appropriate): POSITIVE/NEUTRAL/NEGATIVE Outcome for Welsh Language (delete as appropriate): POSITIVE/NEUTRAL/NEGATIVE	If no, please include rationale below: This is a summary of the latest meeting of the JCC
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>	Yes (Include further detail below)	
	The performance of the services will be used to develop the IMTP and identify the areas where resources may be required.	

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:

- **Note** the highlights outlined in Section 3 of this report.