



CORE BRIEF TO SPECIALISED SERVICES MANAGEMENT GROUP MEMBERS

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 9 AUGUST 2024

This briefing sets out the key areas of discussion and decision. It aims to ensure the Specialised Services 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 the apologies.

2. Plastic Surgery South Wales – Revised Ministerial Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

Members received an updated report and presentation outlining the additional information in relation to achieving the Welsh Government KPIs in 2024/2025 for the plastic surgery service for South Wales provided by SBUHB. Members noted that the report had been presented to the JCC on 16 July 2024 and the JCC approved Option 2 whilst the financial framework to meet the target is further considered but requested urgent further due diligence by the JCC Specialised Services Management Group.

Following the MG on 25 July 2024 additional financial detail was included, as requested, on the breakdown of the costings for the extra activity required to meet the KPIs. The recommendation in the report was for MG to provide assurance that reasonable due diligence had been undertaken in particular in relation to the contracting framework, the costs and efficiency of the service.

MG noted the responses to the queries raised at the July 2024 MG meeting which included the following;

- Confirmation that handling of other areas of over performance will be dealt with through the financial plan reports/risk management approach agreed in the ICP,
- Due to the way the ICP was agreed there was not an opportunity to manage this within the SBUHB contract – additional information regarding the contract position, case mix and historical under/over performance had been provided,
- Clarification and agreement from the provider around the marginal rates i.e. additional activity has been costed at marginal rate. Risk of premium cost solutions will be borne by the provider.

Further discussion and scrutiny took place. Members also noted that

further work would be required in terms of balancing the financial JCC plan and members noted that if further opportunities did arise following the summer recess the JCC will work with HBs to consider how additional central resource could be deployed.

There was agreement that MG members were assured that reasonable due diligence had been undertaken by the Specialised Services Commissioning Team and the MG in relation to the contracting framework, the costs and efficiency of the service.

Members (1)**noted** the information presented within the report, (2)**noted** the decision at JCC proceed with Option 2 whilst the financial framework to meet the target is further considered (3)**agreed** that reasonable due diligence had been undertaken by the Specialised Services Commissioning Team and the MG in relation to the contracting framework, the costs and efficiency of the service.

3. Any Other Business (AOB)

There was no other business to discuss.