



Agenda Item
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Planning, Performance and Finance Sub-Committee

**Mental Health, Learning Disabilities & Vulnerable Groups
Action Updates**

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1. SITUATION / BACKGROUND

The following provides a brief update for information on the matters arising in the last meeting.

2. UPDATES TO NOTE

2.1 Improvement Trajectory for Repatriation Plan

2.1.1 Current position

Specialist Mental Health services are commissioned by the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (NWJCC) via four Health Board Providers, primarily on block contracts, unchanged in many years. The current model does not meet the requirements for some patients, with a growing reliance on independent sector inpatient beds for more challenging cases, cared for out of area. Occupancy levels are consistently running low in NHS commissioned beds.

Inpatient Unit	Number of beds commissioned. (block contract)	% occupancy April 26	% average occupancy since Jan 25
Caswell Medium secure (SBU)	61	61% (37/61)	66%
<i>To note – 14 bed unit out of use in this period</i>			
Ty Llewelyn Medium secure (BSU)	25	80% (20/25)	78%
NWAS CAMHS GAU (BCU)	12	44% (5/12)	50%
Ty Llidiard CAMHS GAU (CTM)	15	92% (14/15)	71%

To increase and maximise bed occupancy in NHS commissioned beds, and to reduce out of area placements, an action was agreed at the last meeting to develop an Improvement Trajectory Plan for admission and repatriation with providers of medium secure and specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) inpatient services. There are currently 38 Welsh patients currently being cared for in independent sector Medium Secure Units (MSU), and a small number of CAMHS patients cared for in independent sector beds.

An Admissions & Repatriation trajectory is already in place with Caswell Clinic where occupancy levels are being routinely monitored and reported, with one new admission and one repatriation completed in April.

Embedding this across all services is proposed to form part of the Strategic review of MSU and CAMHS. The scope for this review will be presented to Joint Committee in May 2026 for consideration.

An Overview of Applicable Commissioned Services is provided in **Appendix 1**.

2.2 Update on Continuing Health Care

A National Continuing Healthcare (CHC) Improvement Programme is in place, led by the Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sponsor. A key risk and issue the programme seeks to address is the lack of national guidance or approaches to effective CHC commissioning.

Within scope of the programme and priority actions is to develop national CHC Commissioning guidance (in line with the National Commissioning framework for Care and Support). To do so, specialist input to develop National Commissioning guidance for CHC and support implementation is required. There is a potential role for the JCC to support this, in a similar way to work undertaken in support of national guidance for commissioning the Hospice sector or Voluntary Sector commissioning.

The potential remit for the JCC requires further exploration, identifying resourcing requirements and a clear scope as this programme develops.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The members of the Performance, Planning & Finance Sub-Committee are asked to:

- **Note** the updates provided.

Strategic and Regulatory Assessment

Objectives / Strategy	
Dolen i Amcan (au) Strategol CBC / Link to JCC Strategic Objectives(s)	Not Applicable
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))	Data to Knowledge
	If more than one applies please list below: Whole systems perspective Leadership Learning, improvement and research
Dolen i Feysydd Ansawdd <i>(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) / Link to Domains of Quality</i> (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Effective
	If more than one applies please list below: Efficient Equitable Patient 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: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome:	If no, please include rationale below: Reporting on quality matters from last JCC meeting.
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 type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome:	If no, please include rationale below: Reporting on performance matters and the impact on the wider health system. Quality and safety matters also considered.
Cyfreithiol / Legal	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.	
Enw da / Reputational	Yes (Include further detail below)	
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.	

Acronyms / Glossary of Terms	
BCUHB	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CHC	Continuing Healthcare
MHLDVG	Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Vulnerable Groups
MSU	Medium Secure Units
NWAS	North Wales Adolescent Service
NWJCC	NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee
PTHB	Powys Teaching Health Board
SBUHB	Swansea Bay University Health Board
TUPE	Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment)