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		Agenda Item	2.1 (i)
Freedom of Information Status		Open	
Reporting Committee	Performance and Finance Committee		
Author	Georgia, Corporate Governance Officer		
Chaired by	Reena Owen, Independent Member		
Lead Executive Director (s)	Darren Griffiths, Director of Finance and Performance		
Date of last meeting	25 April 2023		
Matters to Draw to the Attention of the Board (particularly areas relating to risk or quality)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Financial Month 12 Position</b> <i>Key Matters Raised by Members for Board Attention:</i> Members congratulated all involved on reaching a balanced position and recognised it was a health board wide achievement to be proud of. Performance against the revenue resource limit was £0.401m under, performance against the capital resource limit was £0.39k under and performance against public sector pay policy was slightly under the 95% target at 94.69%. The first stage of financial review meetings with the service groups were underway. The Morriston service group position remained a concern, and it was agreed a substantial update would be received at the May 2023 committee.</li><li><b>Month 12 Performance Report</b> <i>Key Matters Raised by Members for Board Attention:</i> Members queried the ministerial targets in relation to 52-weeks cancer waits and a good degree of confidence was received in relation to achieving the 52-week target in all specialities however, there was a slight uncertainty as to orthopaedics achieving the target which had been relayed to Welsh Government. It was highlighted that the 104-week target would be a very challenging target to achieve, and the deteriorating picture was seen throughout health boards in Wales. The Chief Operating Officer highlighted that the health board had submitted a very realistic trajectory to Welsh Government for the backlog removal which had received approval. Members noted that the specialities of gynaecology and lower GI cancers hadn't seen recovery in performance. Assurance was received that additional capacity work had been approved for lower GI services and outsourcing for gynaecology services had been discussed, with Cardiff and Vale health board being asked to assist with capacity.</li><li><b>Unscheduled Care</b> <i>Key Matters Raised by Members for Board Attention:</i> Members acknowledged the continued pressured position the health board was facing particularly at the front door and queried whether the position could be linked to the major trauma centre, further work was being done to establish the causes particularly linked to the major trauma centre through the vascular steering group and through communications linked to primary care and the access to GPs. Members noted the change to covid-19 protocols and were assured the hybrid approach in place at SBUHB, was a common approach across the majority of the health boards in Wales.</li></ul>			
Other Areas of Discussion			

- **Submission of the Financial Plan to Welsh Government**

Members received a *verbal* update following the submission of the financial plan to Welsh Government. Members highlighted that it was clear Welsh Government acknowledged the economic context but were testing the health board to go back on its inflationary assumptions, cost control measures and saving plan delivery. It was noted meeting was scheduled to take place on 2nd May 2023 to present against the context of the letter and the content of the plan.

- **Orthopaedics**

A *verbal* update on orthopaedics was received. Members noted the scale of work underway to address the Audit Wales report, with a view to bring a formal report to the June 2023 Performance and Finance Committee once the management response had been considered by the Audit Committee in May 2023.

### Decisions Made for Approval by the Board

No decisions were made requiring board approval.

### Updates Received from Sub-Groups

There were no updates from sub-groups received.

### Matters Referred to Other Committees

There were no matters referred to other committees.

<b>Date of next meeting</b>	23 May 2023
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		Agenda Item	2.2 (1)
Freedom of Information Status		Open	
Reporting Committee	Performance and Finance Committee		
Author	Claire Mulcahy, Corporate Governance Manager		
Chaired by	Reena Owen, Independent Member		
Lead Executive Director (s)	Darren Griffiths, Director of Finance and Performance		
Date of last meeting	28 March 2023		
Matters to Draw to the Attention of the Board (particularly areas relating to risk or quality)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Month 11 Financial Position</b> <i>Key Matters Raised by Members for Board Attention:</i> There was an underspend of just of over £1.7m reported for month 11, taking the year to date position to an overspend of £2.36m. There was an ongoing forecast to delivery breakeven by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Concerns remained for the Morriston Service Group run-rate and assurance was given that a close-eye remained on the position, grip and control had increased and the financial improvement plan was being taken forward. Primary Care Prescribing costs continued to increase. A revision to the annual accounts timescales was noted with the audit of accounts beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and completed by 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023.</li><li><b>Month 11 Performance Report</b> <i>Key Matters Raised by Members for Board Attention:</i> The health board remained under the outlined trajectory for Single Cancer Pathway but there been a slight improvement to 50% in December 2022. The number of the clinically optimized patients in the system remained in high. Patient waiting times in speech and language therapy and dietetics had increased and performance was being monitored closely within the service delivery group. The lack of improvement in ophthalmology performance was highlighted by members. It was informed that work was underway on a regional/joint approach with Hywel Dda Health Board to reduce numbers for cataract procedures.</li><li><b>Cancer Performance</b> <i>Key Matters Raised by Members for Board Attention:</i> There had been a reduction in the patient tracking list of 15% overall for all tumour sites and backlog had reduced by over 200 patients in March 2023. The biggest improvement had been seen in Breast and Colorectal. Waits for endoscopy had decreased to 19% from a previous 41% reported due to the significant investment provided. Gynaecology was an area of concern and increased surgical capacity had been sourced with Hywel Dda Health Board. There had been increased capacity at the front end of the urology pathway to achieve decision to treat and also joint work on robotic surgery with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.</li></ul>			
Members noted the scale of work underway to improve the position but sought further assurance as there had been no sustained performance improvement in the Single Cancer Pathway. Factors such as recruitment and retention of specialist clinical staff, and the health			

board adopting innovations such as robotic surgery to attract staff were highlight to members. Members were keen to see a comparison of the health board against others in Wales in terms of performance.

### Other Areas of Discussion

- **Achievement against the Quality Assurance and Improvement Framework (QAIF)**

Members noted the achievement against and 2021/22 QAIF and the associated payment to GP contractors for the provision of quality care. Currently, participation in this framework is voluntary due to previous national negotiations but the clinical indicators within the QAIF would be transferred into core contract and mandated for all practices going forward.

- **Board Effectiveness Action Plan**

A total of six actions were assigned to the committee, of which two were overdue. Members were assured work was in train for both. A review of the national Service Line Agreements was underway and the final budgets and response would be completed by quarter 1.

### Decisions Made for Approval by the Board

No decisions were made requiring board approval.

### Updates Received from Sub-Groups

There were no updates from sub-groups received.

### Matters Referred to Other Committees

There were no matters referred to other committees.

**Date of next meeting**

25 April 2023