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Report Title	Clinical Senate Council Report			
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Freedom of Information	Open			
Purpose of the Report	Provide an update from the Clinical Senate Council (CSC) following its meeting on 25 th February.			
Key Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The principal duties as set out in the CSC's terms of reference are to enable clinical variation and adherence to standards to be monitored with the same vigour as operational performance. In addition, it provides clinicians with the space in which to have a voice during important decisions concerning strategy, finance and operation and to embed values-based healthcare into everyday life A Clinical Senate Forum (CSF), with a wider clinical membership, will be established over the next few months to support the CSC in achieving its aims. It was agreed that the CSC was best placed to agree the Clinical Services Plan implementation priorities. The CSC's terms of reference have been amended to include an explanation of how the CSC will input into the Clinical Services Plan 			
Specific Action Required (please ✓ one only)	Information	Discussion	Assurance	Approval
	✓			
Recommendations	Members are asked to note the contents of the report.			

REPORT OF THE CLINICAL SENATE COUNCIL

1. INTRODUCTION

This report provides an update from the Clinical Senate Council following its meeting on 25th February.

2. BACKGROUND

The Clinical Senate Council (CSC) is a newly established group that aims to be the authoritative voice for clinical input at Health Board level. The CSC is chaired by the Chief Executive Officer. The Executive Medical Director is the Vice-Chair. Membership is drawn from senior clinical leaders across the Health Board representing nursing, medicine (including dental and primary care), pharmacy and therapies & health science.

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Its purpose is to:

- to vocalise expertise and guide the executives in decision-making;
- to provide effective clinical leadership across the breadth of the health board's structures and functions; and
- to lead the reduction of unwarranted clinical variation and embed value-based healthcare by the endorsement of clinical pathways, systems and networks, as well as programmes of work.

To date the CSC has met twice in December 2018 and February 2019.

The intention is to set up a Clinical Senate Forum (CSF) with a wider clinical membership to further support the CSC in achieving its aims.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The draft CSC terms of reference were discussed at the meeting on 25th February. It was agreed that they be amended to:

- Include the Service Directors
- Add provision for proxies or deputies to attend
- Include a paragraph that explains the purpose of the Clinical Senate Council
- Clarify the quorum

- Clarify where the CSC and CSF will report to taking into consideration the importance of the groups in providing a strong clinical voice. The CEO suggested that this should be a group that she chairs.
- Include an explanation of how the CSC will input into the Clinical Services Plan

The terms of reference of the Clinical Senate Forum will be developed over the next few months.

4. CLINICAL SERVICES PLAN

The Clinical Services Plan (CSP) was discussed. The Morriston Unit Medical Director expressed concern that Cardiovascular services did not have a separate section within the document given that it has as much impact on our population's health as cancer, which does have its own section.

It was agreed that the CSC was best placed to agree the CSP implementation priorities.

5. RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to:

- **NOTE** the report.

Governance and Assurance											
Link to corporate objectives <i>(please ✓)</i>	Promoting and enabling healthier communities		Delivering excellent patient outcomes, experience and access		Demonstrating value and sustainability		Securing a fully engaged skilled workforce		Embedding effective governance and partnerships		
			✓						✓		
Link to Health and Care Standards <i>(please ✓)</i>	Staying Healthy	Safe Care	Effective Care	Dignified Care	Timely Care	Individual Care	Staff and Resources				
		✓	✓								
Quality, Safety and Patient Experience											
Financial Implications											
None											
Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)											
None											
Staffing Implications											
None											
Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)											
None											
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Appendices		None									