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Purpose and Summary of Document:

This paper asks for Health Board to note the process agreed to deliver on making a recommendation for a preferred location of a major trauma centre to cover the region of south Wales, west Wales and south Powys.

The Board/Committee are asked to

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1 Introduction

This paper is to provide an overview of the proposed process to identify a preferred location for the major trauma centre (MTC) for south Wales, west Wales and south Powys.

2 Background

An independent panel of specialists from across trauma and rehabilitation services in the UK has been commissioned to review the information available and will make a recommendation on the preferred location for a MTC in the region.

3 Assessment

3.1 The Independent Panel

The Independent panel comprises representatives from across major trauma services in the UK. Panel members were invited on the basis of their national and international reputations as experts in trauma care and the development of trauma systems. All have been involved in the development of regional major trauma systems. The Panel will be chaired by Professor Chris Moran, the National Clinical Director for Trauma to the NHS in England and Professor of Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery at Nottingham University Hospital and will include experts in key specialities that are essential for managing patients with severe multiple injuries as well as rehabilitation.

3.2 Expectations of the Candidate MTCs

The candidate MTCs are Morriston Hospital, Swansea and University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. This was confirmed as part of a non financial option appraisal which took place in June 2015 and involved clinicians from across the region. The outcome of the options appraisal was approved by the Collaborative Board in August 2015.

Formal invitations have been sent to the candidate Health Boards, outlining the expectations of the panel in terms of the information provided prior to and on the day.

Each candidate MTC is invited to bring a small team of representatives, including their trauma and rehabilitation lead, to present to the Panel and answer any questions or issues which may arise. The candidate MTCs will be expected to talk about their current services and how they will address the provision of specialist services, including:

- Neurosurgery
- Plastics
- Interventional radiology
- Paediatrics
- Cardiothoracics
- Maxillo-facial

- Critical care capacity
- Rehabilitation

They will also be expected to address their proposals for the service on day one, medium term and longer term and make reference to how relatives and carers will be supported. Each Candidate MTC will also be required to present their TARN data and discuss their response to the major trauma self assessment document.

The major trauma self assessment document is a set of quality indicators developed from the National Service Specification for Major Trauma (NHS England D15/S/a 2013) and the NHS clinical advisory group report on Major Trauma Workforce (CFWI March 2011). They support the NHS England Quality Surveillance programme for major trauma services in England enabling quality improvement both in terms of clinical and patient outcomes. The indicators cover the whole organisation of adult and children's major trauma services including sections for Major Trauma networks, pre-hospital care via ambulance services, Adult Major Trauma centres, Children's Major Trauma centres and Major Trauma units. It is expected that the candidate centres have this information available. They have been advised that no evidence is required to support their answers at this stage, but they should be prepared to discuss their answers during the Panel and may be required to provide supporting evidence at a later stage.

3.3 Structure of the day

Alongside the presentations from the Candidate Health Boards, Public Health Wales will be invited to present on the public health context in which the work is being taken forward and EMERTS/WAST are invited to present on activity levels, current experience when presenting at accident and emergency at either of the candidate sites and the anticipated challenges should either site be identified as the MTC. Members of the forum will be given the opportunity to question the candidate sites on aspects of their presentation in order to facilitate openness and transparency.

3.4 Stakeholder representations

It is proposed that the forum comprises representatives from across the health service in the region alongside other key stakeholders and will include representation from the following:

- Clinical representative from Aneurin Bevan, Cwm Taf, Hywel Dda and Powys Health Boards
- Public Health Wales
- Representation from Health Board Chairs
- Community Health Councils
- EMRTS and WAST
- WHSSC
- EASC

Welsh Government will also be offered the opportunity to have an observer at the event.

3.5 Engagement and consultation

The aim of the Independent Panel process is to assist the Health Boards to identify a preferred option for the development of a Major Trauma Centre for south Wales which will then be the subject of full public consultation.

Alongside the process to identify a preferred option will be a period of wide stakeholder engagement which will focus on raising awareness and understanding of the need for the development of a MTC and the benefits to patients. An engagement document is being developed which will support the process and which will be distributed through established networks within the Health Boards and CHCs.

The engagement process and supporting document will articulate the public benefits, including health outcomes, irrespective of where the MTC is located. Prior to any decisions being made about implementation, a full public consultation exercise will be undertaken by each of the constituent health boards, together with their local Community Health Council in line with Welsh Government guidance.

3.6 Next Steps

Following the Independent Panel event, the independent experts will further review all the evidence provided and presented on the day. Professor Moran as Chair of the Panel will then present a report back to the NHS Wales Collaborative Leadership Group making a recommendation on the preferred location of the MTC for the region.

The recommendation will be then presented to the Health Boards whose populations are affected by the development of the MTC for decision to proceed to public consultation. The Health Boards involved will be:

- Abertawe Bro Morgannwg UHB
- Aneurin Bevan UHB
- Cardiff and Vale UHB
- Cwm Taf UHB
- Hywel Dda UHB
- Powys tLHB

Betsi Cadwalader UHB is not included on the basis that North Wales patients have major trauma services provided from within the neighbouring English Regions.

Each Health Board will be required to consider and agree the recommendation through their individual governance arrangements and make the decision to proceed to public consultation in their Board meeting in public.

On the assumption that agreement is reached by each of the constituent Health Boards to consult on the preferred option arising from the independent panel

process, a full consultation exercise will commence. This is anticipated to take place over the Summer months.

The outcome of the public consultation process will be brought together through the Collaborative Leadership Forum and then reported back through constituent Health Boards through their public meetings for decision. This is likely to be late summer / early autumn 2017.

It should be noted that the decisions to both consult on a preferred option and to ultimately make a decision on the establishment of a Major Trauma Centre to serve the population of south Wales, west Wales and south Powys are reserved for Boards through their individual governance arrangements.

4 Recommendation

The Board is asked to:

- **Note** the arrangements for the Independent panel to consider the evidence regarding the establishment of the proposed Major Trauma Centre
- **Note** the process to bring forward a recommendation of a preferred option for public consultation