

WELSH HEALTH SPECIALISED SERVICES COMMITTEE JOINT COMMITTEE – JANUARY 2017

Welsh Health Specialised Services held its latest public meeting on 17 January 2017. This briefing sets out the key areas of discussion and aims to ensure everyone is kept up to date with what's happening in Welsh Health Specialised Services.

The papers for the meeting are available [here](#).

WHSSC Integrated Commissioning Plan (ICP) 2017-20

Members received a presentation on the key themes for the 2017-20 ICP, noting that the 2017-18 year had been developed from the second year of the previous three year 2016-19 ICP. It reflected a balance between affordability and addressing the three key risks of access, delivery and sustainability. It also included a proposal to increase staffing within the Quality and Planning Directorates. A financial reconciliation of the 2017-20 ICP to the 2016-19 ICP year two assumptions was presented, showing that £5.3m of red schemes were catered for within the £23m provision indicated in the 2016-17 ICP base plan. The truncated timescale for production of the Plan was noted, which had only enabled the WHSSC team to work with the Local Health Boards (LHBs) through the Management Group with no further stakeholder consultation to date, although it was proposed that this would follow, as would a review of red and amber schemes by a clinical prioritisation advisory group, discussions with Welsh Government and the exploration of opportunities to align existing LHB co-production work with the ICP.

Members:

- Received assurance regarding the development process which underpins the 2017-20 ICP
- Supported the development of a proposal to increase the staffing within the Quality and Planning Directorates
- Supported the further work required to complete a final version of the plan for Joint Committee approval and submission to Welsh Government in March 2017:
 - Review timescale for developing and agreeing WHSSC ICP
 - Establish a Clinical Prioritisation Advisory Group to review Red and Amber schemes

- Explore opportunities for aligning existing Health Board coproduction work with ICP
- Undertake stakeholder engagement
- Discussion with Welsh Government regarding retained funding, WG priorities, and critical tariff assumptions
- Noted the constraints which have prevented completion of the ICP in line with Welsh Government timescale

The WHSSC team will be working with LHB Directors of Finance to ensure that the assumptions in the 2017-20 ICP are reflected in the LHB Integrated Medium Term Plans.

Action Log

Members noted the action log. Members received an update on:

- JC018 Gender Identity Services – action closed.

Chair's Report

Members noted the Chairs report.

Acting Managing Director's Report

Members noted the Acting Managing Director's report and in particular:

- Neuroendocrine Tumours (NET)
An update was received on the action taken since funding had been approved to implement the initial development of a NET service for south Wales
- Left Ventricular Assist Devices (LVADs)
The Management Group had approved the English Commissioning Policy and Service Specification for LVADs as an interim position

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

Members received an update on the NICU medical workforce position, which included progress on the BAPIO supported recruitment process, the current risk log, a description of the employment models that had been considered by the Workforce Task and Finish Group, and draft contingency and escalation plans for south Wales.

Members

- Received assurance that the predicted workforce for March 2017 will deliver a sustainable model across the three Neonatal Intensive Care units in South Wales
- Supported maintaining the neonatal network leadership of the Task and Finish Group through a temporary governance arrangement between Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee and the NHS Wales Collaborative
- Noted that a comprehensive workforce model with supporting governance arrangements will be presented to the March Joint Committee

- Noted the draft escalation and continuity plan for completion by the March Joint Committee

Neurosciences Commissioning Plan

Members received a report on the proposed process for developing the Neuro-radiology element of the Neurosciences Commissioning Plan and an update on the development of the five year Commissioning Plan for Neurosciences.

Members suggested other sources that could be considered for expert external advice and support to the Neuro-radiology element of the Plan.

Members:

- Supported the proposal to commission expert external advice and support to the Neuro-radiology element of the Plan via the Royal College of Radiology's service review process or alternative sources
- Noted the update on the five year Commissioning Plan for Specialised Neurosciences

Risk Sharing Review: Update

Members received a report providing an update on progress of the Risk Sharing Review and the validation previously requested. Members were assured that all of the concerns of LHBs had been taken through the Finance Working Group and were fully reflected in the paper.

It was recommended for the purposes of financial planning that (1) 2011-12 is used as the base year, and (2) LHBs consider providing for a third of the pooling adjustment (as previously advised), as whilst there are some areas for validation, this is coherent with the direction of travel LHBs are experiencing.

Members:

- Received assurance that there are robust processes in place to ensure delivery of the Risk Sharing Review
- Noted the information presented within the report
- Approved the recommendations within the report

The WHSSC team would resolve the remaining technical details and implementation options with the Finance Working Group for implementation by LHB Directors of Finance to conclude the task.

Delivery of the Integrated Commissioning Plan 2016-17

Members received a report providing an update on the delivery of the Integrated Commissioning Plan for Specialised Services 2016-17 at the end of November 2016, including the:

- Funding Release Schedule
- Progress against the Work Plan

- Risk Management Summary

Members:

- Noted the progress made in the delivery of the 2016/17 ICP;
- Noted the funding release proforma schedule;
- Noted the risk management summary.

Performance Dashboard

Members received the performance management report for October 2016.

Members noted the performance and the actions being undertaken to address areas of non-compliance.

It was noted that winter pressures were now impacting the delivery of services from tertiary providers.

Finance Report

Members received the finance report for Month 8.

Medical Leadership

Members noted a report informing the Joint Committee of the planned model of medical leadership within WHSSC.

Joint Sub Committees and Advisory Groups

Members noted the update reports from the following joint sub committees and advisory groups:

- Quality and Patient Safety Committee
- All Wales Individual Patient Funding Request Panel
- Welsh Renal Clinical Network
- Management Group
- Wales Neonatal Network
- All Wales Gender Dysphoria Partnership Board