



## **POWYS TEACHING HEALTH BOARD**

### **SUMMARY OF MEETING OF PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**

Board and Committee Meetings of Powys Teaching Health Board are meetings held in public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. However, the COVID-19 Public Health emergency and the associated instruction to Stay at Home has meant that Board resolved to hold the Board and Committee meetings virtually and in private with a summary of the proceedings made available within ten days of the meeting.

#### **Present:**

Mark Taylor	Independent Member (Chair)
Mel Davies	Independent Member
Ian Phillips	Independent Member
Tony Thomas	Independent Member

#### **In Attendance:**

Carol Shillabeer	Chief Executive
Pete Hopgood	Director of Finance and IT
Hayley Thomas	Director of Planning and Performance
Julie Rowles	Director of Workforce and Organisational Development
Jamie Marchant	Executive Director of Primary, Community and Mental Health Service
Claire Madson	Director of Therapies and Health Sciences
Alison Davies	Director of Nursing and Midwifery
Jayne Lawrence	Assistant Director of Primary Care Services

#### **Observers:**

David Collington	Community Health Council
Rebecca Collier	Health Inspectorate Wales
Elaine Matthews	Audit Wales

**Apologies for absence:**

Rani Mallison

Board Secretary

**Committee Support:**

Liz Patterson

Corporate Governance Manager

**PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW**

The Board had been provided with a confirmed number of patients in August 2020 that had been waiting longer than 52 weeks. An updated figure was provided to Committee of 73, the error being due to reporting issues that have been identified and are being resolved. The Welsh Government are reviewing national reporting arrangements and it is intended that focus be given to prioritise cases according to clinical needs.

**FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MONTH 05, 2020-21**

The Director of Finance and IT advised that confirmation had been received from the Welsh Government that £15.5 million would be made available to cover Covid-19 direct and indirect costs. The Director of Finance and IT confirmed that the Quarter 3/4 Plan could operate within the confirmed funding. However, future demand could result in additional cost pressure and a potential deficit position. Surge capacity would only be provided if and when required.

**FRAMEWORK FOR DELIVERY AND PERFORMANCE OF THE HEALTH BOARD EFFICIENCY AND SAVING PROGRAMME**

The Director of Finance and IT presented the framework aimed at supporting pathways with resources focussed on patient outcomes. The position on spend and savings is reported to this Committee. The Chief Executive advised that the Interim Medical Director was to work closely across different teams to maximise the ability to deliver across pathways which would result in improved outcomes.

**INFORMATION GOVERNANCE PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The arrangements for Information Governance were improving however, there was a way to go before becoming fully compliant. It was acknowledged that the pandemic may have impacted this. Some Freedom of Information requests are extremely complex and therefore can take a considerable amount of time and co-ordination to process.

## **PRIMARY CARE SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Due to the large area of Powys it was understood that different GP practices had been affected differently by the pandemic. From October 2020 there was an expectation from Welsh Government that full service provision would be available. All practices would be able to meet this deadline apart from Ystradgynlais who have indicated they are no longer able to provide sexual health services; an alternative service had been put place. The organisation had worked closely with GPs to amend practice standards within the pandemic environment. There were a variety of support packages which were available to practices in respect of recovery plans.

## **DENTAL SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT**

All services were open and offering triage and were bringing people in as necessary, except for two practices who were unable to offer Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs). Urgent cases from these practices were being seen by neighbouring practices.

## **ESTATES UPDATE**

The newly developed system now facilitates an understanding of the workload and the skill sets that are required within the service. It had been acknowledged that the starting position was low and the development of an environment that people are attracted to work and be treated in was important. This would be a long journey and would take a considerable amount of funding, in order to match the desired model of care.

## **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

Independent Member Tony Thomas was appointed as Vice-Chair for the interim period until the new Independent Members had been appointed when the position would be reviewed.

No other urgent business was raised.