



**AGENDA ITEM**

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**CTM BOARD**

**CHILDREN'S RIGHTS CHARTER**

<b>Date of meeting</b>	31/03/2022
<b>FOI Status</b>	Open/Public
<b>If closed please indicate reason</b>	Not Applicable - Public Report
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<b>Approving Executive Sponsor</b>	Executive Director of Strategy and Transformation
<b>Report purpose</b>	FOR APPROVAL

**Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt/consideration at Committee/group)**

<b>Committee/Group/Individuals</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Bridgend Youth Council	07/01/2022	SUPPORTED
Equality and Inclusion Group, Linc Cynon	15/02/2022	SUPPORTED
Growing Well Strategy Group	07/10/2022	SUPPORTED
Heads of Therapies	15/2/2022	SUPPORTED
Paediatric Clinical Directors	TBC	NOTED

**ACRONYMS**

CTMUHB	Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board
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## **1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 A presentation to the former and current Vice Chair was given on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021, outlining the background to Children's Rights, the achievements to date, progress by other Health Boards and a request for their support at the highest level of the organisation. Approval was given, leading to work being undertaken to develop the Children's Rights Charter. This is a pledge to service users that children's rights will be embedded across services within the Health Board.
- 1.2 The charter is based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Welsh Government's Participation Standards and the involvement from young people at a workshop in 2019.

## **2. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THIS MEETING (ASSESSMENT)**

- 2.1 The first draft of the Charter has been developed and amended following presentation at the Growing Well Strategy Group on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and feedback from the Equality and Inclusion Youth Forum in Cynon Linc, Aberdare on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Additional feedback has been sought from Paediatric Nurses and Clinical Directors.
- 2.2 Based on the feedback received, a final version has been produced and is with the communications team for professional-style formatting and publication. Furthermore, a number of versions are in development to promote accessibility, including different language options and easy-read variations.
- 2.3 To engage children and young people in the various components of the Children's Rights Charter, local community groups will be encouraged to think about what it means to them and to develop art work for use in the final publication, e.g. by designing a Children's Rights logo.
- 2.4 An F2 medical student is developing elements of the charter into a practical framework to enable services and healthcare professionals to identify actions and improve on personal practice in order to meet the pledges set out in the Charter. Services and individuals who are able to demonstrate that they have embedded Children's Rights into working practices will be celebrated as advocates of Children's Rights.
- 2.5 A launch event (either virtual or in-person) will be planned in the summer 2022 to raise further awareness of the Charter.
- 2.6 A copy of the Children's Rights Charter for CTMUHB can be found in Appendix A of this paper.
- 2.7 A Charter is an important basic principle for all health boards to have on which to base their service developments including the new Wales Government transition guidance and CTMUHB admissions policy for 16 and 17 year olds. The implementation will: improve the care of Children

and Young People in CTMUHB; help their health and wellbeing; help address health inequalities within the region; increase participation; and help CTMUHB become an anchor organisation who embraces the views of those it cares for.

### 3. KEY RISKS/MATTERS FOR ESCALATION TO BOARD/COMMITTEE

- 3.1 Without a Children's Rights charter in place CTMUHB will remain an outlier in Wales with all health boards now having these in place or under development.
- 3.2 In addition, as a public body, we have a statutory obligation to contribute to the realisation of Children's Rights, therefore there is a potential risk that the Health Board may be in breach of this obligation if we do not demonstrate our commitment and progress in this area.

### 4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

<b>Quality/Safety/Patient Experience implications</b>	Yes (Please see detail below)  Development of the CR Charter and embedding these rights across all services is intended improve patient experience and service quality for children and young people.
<b>Related Health and Care</b> Individual Care <b>standard(s)</b>	Individual Care
	Effective Care
	Dignified Care
<b>Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) completed - Please note EIAs are required for <u>all</u> new, changed or withdrawn policies and services.</b>	No (Include further detail below)  An EIA was not considered to be a requirement as the development of a CR Charter is a quality improvement that does not discriminate against any minority groups. The Charter is a simple pledge to children and young people which aims to complement existing services. Implementation of the charter does not impact negatively on any service users and does not change the service delivery model. The CR Charter seeks to encourage professionals and services to embed the Rights of a Child into their day-to-day working using simple considerations and subtle actions.
<b>Legal implications / impact</b>	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.



<b>Resource (Capital/Revenue £/Workforce) implications / Impact</b>	There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.
<b>Link to Strategic Goals</b>	Improving Care

## 5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Board are asked to **note** the actions taken in developing the Children's Rights Charter for Cwm Taf Morgannwg and to **approve** the Charter.