

WELSH HEALTH SPECIALISED SERVICES COMMITTEE (WHSSC) JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING BRIEFING – 8 FEBRUARY 2022

The Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee held its latest public meeting on the 8 February 2022. This briefing sets out the key areas of consideration and aims to ensure everyone is kept up to date with what is happening within the Welsh Health Specialised Services.

The papers for the meeting can be accessed at:

<https://whssc.nhs.wales/joint-committee/committee-meetings-and-papers/2021-2022-meeting-papers/>

1. Integrated Commissioning Plan (ICP) 2022-2025

Members received the WHSSC Integrated Commissioning Plan (ICP) 2022-2025 for approval prior to being submitted to Welsh Government.

Members discussed the financial elements of the ICP 2022-2025 and thanked colleagues in the specialist commissioning teams for their hard work in developing the plan in readiness for HBs to finalise their own Integrated Medium Term Plans (IMTP's).

Members were unanimous in approving the ICP and requested that minor updates be made to strengthen the document, to include WHSSC's commitment to the legislative framework on Welsh Language; and to be more explicit on how WHSSC are sufficiently representing the uncertainty presented by the COVID-19 pandemic as the operating context for the forthcoming year.

Members (1) **Noted** the discussions at Management Group on 20 January 2022 and their support on a revised risk profile; (2) **Noted** that the actions supported by Management Group reduced the total uplift required for non-recurrent funding for the 2022-2023 ICP to 4.97%, down by 1.6% (£11.4m) from the previous iteration of the ICP presented in December; (3) **Noted** that Management Group were supportive of the plan for approval by Joint Committee; (4) **Approved** the Integrated Commissioning Plan 2022-2025; **noting** the Joint Committee's request to strengthen the reference to supporting the Welsh language; and to be more explicit on how WHSSC are sufficiently representing the uncertainty presented by the COVID-19 pandemic as the operating context for the forthcoming year; (5) **Approved** the plan as the basis of information to be included in Health Board IMTPs; and (6) **Approved** the plan for submission to Welsh Government in response to the requirements set out in the Welsh Government Planning Guidance.



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