



AGENDA ITEM

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CTM BOARD

CHAIR'S REPORT

Date of meeting

27 January 2022

FOI Status

Open/Public

If closed please indicate reason

Not Applicable - Public Report

Prepared by

Director of Corporate Governance

Presented by

Emrys Elias, Health Board Chair/
Independent Member

Approving Executive Sponsor

Director of Corporate Governance

Report purpose

FOR APPROVAL

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

Committee/Group/Individuals

Date

Outcome

N/A

NOTED

ACRONYMS

None

1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

This report aims to provide an update to the Board on relevant matters in my capacity as Chair of the Health Board. It also outlines where I have been required to affix the Common Seal of the Health Board for which endorsement is sought.

This overarching report highlights for Board Members the key areas of activity and where appropriate any associated risks, some of which are referred to within the business of the Board meeting and also highlights topical areas of interest to the Board.

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

2.1 Health Board Appointments

Independent Members

I am pleased to inform you that the Minister for Health and Social Services has agreed to appoint Councillor Geraint Hopkins as Independent Member (Local Authority) to Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board for four years. His appointment commenced with the Health Board on 6th January 2022. I would like to congratulate Geraint on his appointment to the Health Board and welcome him to his first Board Meeting.

2.2 Board Development Session – 30 November 2021

The first of three Board Development sessions was held, led by the Good Governance Institute. The session involved group discussions with Board Members as part of the GGI fact finding work in support of the development of a revised Board Assurance Framework and Strategic Development of the Board.

2.3 Board Development Session – 9 December 2021

At the Development session, the Board received the following presentations;

- “Our Financial Health – Longer Term Financial Plans & Sustainability” by Sally May, Director of Finance, CTMUHB.
- “Healthcare in the Context of a Prison Setting” by Julie Denley, Director of Primary, Community & Mental Health, CTMUHB.



- “Primary Care - Wellness Improvement Service and Delivering Better Oral Health” by Julie Denley, Director of Primary, Community & Mental Health, CTMUHB.
- “Welsh Language in Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB” by Hywel Daniel, Director for People, CTMUHB.
- “Dementia Standards” by Julie Denley, Director of Primary, Community & Mental Health, CTMUHB.

2.3 Diary Commitments/Meetings attended since the last Board Meeting.

- Local Authority Leaders/Chair/CEO Meeting
- Independent Members/Chair/CEO Meeting
- Committee Chairs Meeting
- Board Development Session
- 1:1s (Chief Executive, Vice Chair, Director of Governance, Executive Directors, Chairs of other HBs)
- Independent Member Appraisal Meetings
- Chair Peer Group Meeting
- CEO/IM Informal Briefings
- Cwm Taf Morgannwg Staff Q&A session
- Cwm Taf Morgannwg Board TI Self Assessment Meeting
- Cwm Taf Public Service Board
- Welsh NHS Confed Chairs and Vice Chairs Meeting
- Minister, NHS Chairs and CEOs Meeting
- Bridgend Council Meeting
- Visits to various services across CTMUHB
- Consultant Interview Panel
- Meet with Bridgend and RCT Council Leaders
- Chief Officers (Police) Group
- Crisis Care Concordat Meeting
- Interview Panel for Chief Operating Officer
- Meet with Internal Audit
- Stakeholder Panel for Local Authority Independent Member

Meetings / discussions with Local Politicians

- MS/MP fortnightly meetings with Chair/CEO

3 KEY RISKS/MATTERS FOR ESCALATION TO BOARD/COMMITTEE

3.1 COMMON SEAL

The Board is asked to **ratify the use of the Common Seal** applied since the last Board meeting;

- **Deed of Variation** between Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB and Bridgend County Borough Council for Adult and Older People Services.
- **Agreement between Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council, Bridgend County Borough Council and Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB** for the provision of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Care Home Accommodation Pooled Fund.

This requires endorsement by the Board as set out in the recommendations of this report.

3.2 CHAIR'S URGENT ACTION

Variation to Standing Orders During COVID-19

Health Board Members were sent an email on 5th January 2022 inviting the Board to **AUTHORISE** the proposal to vary the Health Board's Standing Orders by standing down non-essential Board and Committee meetings and support the approach for the Chief Executive to use his discretion to reduce non-essential management/business meetings with immediate effect (for January and February 2022) to be reviewed at the end of January 2022. This change to meeting arrangements is required to enable key staff to focus their attention on the Health Board's response to the current Covid-19 position.

The recommendation gained approval from myself as Chair, Paul Mears, Chief Executive as well as the following Independent Members:

- Dilys Jouvenat
- Carolyn Donoghue
- Lynda Thomas
- Jayne Sadgrove
- Mel Jehu
- Ian Wells
- James Hehir

No objections to approval were received.

4 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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| Quality/Safety/Patient Experience implications | Yes (Please see detail below) |
| | The number one focus of the Board and its business is to ensure good quality and safe patient care across all areas of its activity. |
| Related Health and Care standard(s) | Governance, Leadership and Accountability |
| | The 22 Health & Care Standards for NHS Wales are mapped into the 7 Quality Themes but within a Governance Framework. |
| Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) completed - Please note EIAs are required for <u>all</u> new, changed or withdrawn policies and services. | No (Include further detail below) |
| | If yes, please provide a hyperlink to the location of the completed EIA or who it would be available from in the box below. |
| | If no, please provide reasons why an EIA was not considered to be required in the box below. |
| Legal implications / impact | Not required |
| | Yes (Include further detail below) |
| Resource (Capital/Revenue £/Workforce) implications / Impact | Board endorsement of the Affixing of the Common Seal, is a requirement of the Board's Standing Orders. |
| | There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report. |
| Link to Strategic Goals | Improving Care |

5 RECOMMENDATION

Members of the Board are asked to:

- **NOTE** the report.
- **ENDORSE** the Affixing of the Common Seal to the above listed documents.
- **RATIFY** the approval gained via Chair's Urgent Action relating to the standing down of non-essential Board and Board Committee business meetings scheduled for January and February 2022.