



AGENDA ITEM

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CTM BOARD

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS DURING COVID-19

Date of meeting

28 May 2020

FOI Status

Open/Public

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Not Applicable - Public Report

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Report purpose

FOR APPROVAL

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

Committee/Group/Individuals

Date

Outcome

Audit & Risk Committee

6/04/2020

APPROVED

ACRONYMS

None

1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The All Wales NHS Board Secretary Peer Group wrote formally to Welsh Government on the 18 March 2020 regarding governance matters in NHS Wales whilst responding to the Covid-19 pandemic. The purpose of the communication was to ensure a coordinated and consistent approach is delivered across NHS Wales at this time which is supported by Welsh Government.
- 1.2 Welsh Government responded to the Board Secretary Group on the 26 March 2020 and the purpose of this paper is to outline the proposed requirements set out in the correspondence and the arrangements the Health Board is establishing to ensure effective governance of Board and Committee business, whilst reducing the burden on Health Board officers whilst they are focusing on the response to Covid-19.
- 1.3 The purpose of this paper is for the Board to approve the approach proposed in relation to Corporate Governance Arrangements during Covid-19.

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

- 2.1 Appendix 1 outlines the issues addressed in the exchange of correspondence, the position of Welsh Government and the actions being taken in CTMUHB.

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

- 3.1 The approach being taken in CTMUHB is consistent with the approach being taken across NHS Wales.
- 3.2 A log of all activity being 'paused' or deferred is being maintained by the Head of Executive Business to ensure issues are not lost.

4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Quality/Safety/Patient Experience implications	Yes (Please see detail below)
	Evidence suggests there is correlation between governance behaviours in an



	organisation and the level of performance achieved at that same organisation. Therefore ensuring good governance within the UHB will support the delivery of quality care.
Related Health and Care standard(s)	Governance, Leadership and Accountability
Equality impact assessment completed	No (Include further detail below)
	All decisions taken during COVID-19 are subject to a QIA.
Legal implications / impact	Yes (Include further detail below)
	Regulatory and compliance issues will arise but the UHB is seeking support and guidance from WG and lawyers at every opportunity to safeguard the organisation and our patients.
Resource (Capital/Revenue £/Workforce) implications / Impact	There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.
Link to Main Strategic Objective	To provide strong governance and assurance
Link to Main WBFG Act Objective	Commitment to corporate social responsibility and improving health & social equity, work with our staff, partners and communities to build strong local relationships and solid foundations of the past

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Board is asked to **APPROVE** the approach outlined in appendix 1 in relation to Corporate Governance Arrangements during Covid-19.