



AGENDA ITEM

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PLANNING, PERFORMANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

WINTER PLANS 2021 – 2022

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Report purpose	FOR NOTING

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

Committee/Group/Individuals	Date	Outcome
Gold Meeting	24 November 2021	ENDORSED FOR APPROVAL

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1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

1.1 Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB Winter Plan

The UHB has, as in previous years, produced a winter plan which describes the context in which the Health Board has been working, sets out the priorities for the coming winter period and outlines plans for the priorities to be achieved.

This year the document looks at the plans for supporting the organisation through what is likely to be a number of difficult months, ensuring system resilience and forward planning, lists the schemes and practices that have already received firm approval. For completeness there is also mention of the plans that the UHB has moving forward, and colleagues should note that it has been developed to cover the areas described in the Welsh Government Health and Social Care Winter Plan.

The Plan reflects an evolving process – and changes in circumstances will be reflected in decisions made as the winter months progress.

1.2 Cwm Taf Morgannwg Regional Partnership Board

The CTM Regional Winter Plan sets out the Region’s response to the Welsh Government Health and Social Care Winter Plan 2021 to 2022.

The Plan has been developed with input from the regional statutory and voluntary sector partners and builds to demonstrate an integrated approach that is deliverable and addresses the challenges associated with both the COVID pandemic and usual winter pressures across the region.

Through the winter, there will be a continued focus on maintaining the resilience of the health and social care sector to support people’s wellbeing in keeping with the principles of integration, prevention, collaboration and co-production.

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

2.1 CTM UHB

There is significant detail within both Plans, however, Committee members are asked to note the following:

- Both Plans have been written with the WG Health and Social Care Winter Plan 2021 to 2022 and cover the issues raised in that document;
- The context in which all partner organisations have been working is important – in particular the huge challenges posed by Covid 19 – the plans may need to evolve to respond to changes as the winter months go on;

- The schemes outlined in the UHB plan are all funded – largely from UHB financial sources. This is a change from previous years where the resource has been direct from WG. If other financial resources become available, there are plans and schemes that can be put into action quickly, though the appointment of additional staff can be problematic,
- Maintaining acute flow remains a significant focus for the UHB – however the work needed by partners to assist with discharge of patients from acute and community sites remains of vital importance.

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

For both organisations, working in partnership, the risks are similar as follows:

- The unpredictable way in which the Covid 19 virus is developing – which has the potential to impact upon all plans made throughout all organisations;
- The ability of staff who have already undergone a very difficult period, to maintain their health and wellbeing. All possible measures are being taken to ensure that they are supported but these are very challenging and unprecedented times for all staff and partners across health and social care;
- There are specific risks to patients who have often waited a long time for their care as a consequence of covid 19. Plans are both underway and in the process of being developed to address these issues, however, there is a significant backlog of patients which does represent a risk;
- That the problems sometimes faced with recruitment and retention will continue – colleagues are doing all that is possible to make vacancies as attractive as possible.

For the UHB, the plans outlined in the Winter Plan will be monitored as part of every-day management processes and then formally in Performance Review meetings monthly with the Chief Operating Officer. Any issues with delivery will be addressed as they occur.



4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Quality/Safety/Patient Experience implications	There are no specific quality and safety implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
Related Health and Care standard(s)	Safe Care All the Standards apply to some extent – these are overarching reports covering all UHB activities.
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) This is not a policy and so an Equality Impact Assessment is not required.
Legal implications / impact	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
Resource (Capital/Revenue £/Workforce) implications / Impact	Yes (Include further detail below) Capital funding may be available via WG for some schemes. This has all been communicated to relevant colleagues and plans are in place.
Link to Strategic Goals	Sustaining Our Future

5. RECOMMENDATION

Members of the PPF Committee are asked to **NOTE** the content of both Winter Plans.