

AGENDA ITEM

2.2.2

PLANNING, PERFORMANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

SPINAL NETWORK OPERATIONAL DELIVERY NETWORK

Date of meeting

28/02/2023

FOI Status

Open/Public

If closed please indicate reason

Not Applicable - Public Report

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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

WHSSC Management Group

25/07/2022

SUPPORTED

ACRONYMS

WHSSC

Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee

ODN

Operational Delivery Network

MoU

Memorandum of understanding

1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Welsh Health Specialist Services Committee (WHSSC) as commissioner of specialised services developed a service specification for the delivery of a Spinal Operational Delivery Network

on behalf of organisations in South Wales, West Wales and (South) Powys. WHSSC conducted a consultation on the proposed service development between 8th March 2022 and 19th April 2022. The service specification has been approved as the basis on which WHSSC will commission the ODN for the population of South Wales, West Wales and South Powys.

- 1.2 Swansea Bay University Health Board has been designated as the host health board to establish and manage the Operational Delivery Network (ODN) for South Wales, West Wales and South Powys.
- 1.3 The primary purpose of the ODN is to provide the management function for the network, to maintain and coordinate patient flow across the spinal pathway, lead the development, and coordinate implementation and delivery of standards and pathways, and promote and support cross-organisational and clinical multi-professional collaboration.
- 1.4 The hosting agreement takes the form of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) and will be signed by SBUHB as host of the ODN and all health boards within the Spinal Services Operational Delivery Network. This will include SBUHB as a provider of adult spinal surgery. The MoU is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.5 Following the approval of the ODN business case by the WHSSC Management Group, a programme has been established to support the launch of the ODN on 1st April 2023.

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

- 2.1 Following the completion of the consultation and approval of the business case for the ODN at WHSSC Management Group, the service specification and MoU have been issued to Swansea Bay University Health Board as provider for the ODN.
- 2.2 In addition to approval of the MoU by Swansea Bay University Health Board, each health board will need to approve the MoU through their own organisational processes before 1st April 2023.
- 2.3 The MoU makes reference to a series of policies, as listed below.
 - Clinical Governance Policy
 - Data sharing agreement



- 2.4 The process for these policies is development by the interim network team, submission to the Implementation Board for approval, then onwards to each member Health Board. Each health board is expected to adopt each policy/agreement through their own processes at or before go-live of the ODN.
- 2.5 Recent review of the MoU identified changes to be made to clarify the reporting arrangements for the ODN to confirm that this will be via WHSSC as the commissioner. A revised copy of the MoU will be provided with these requisite changes in due course.

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

- 3.1 The funding for the ODN is committed via the WHSSC commissioning process and the business case for the ODN has received approval via the WHSSC Management Group.
- 3.2 The ODN will be launched on 1st April 2023.
- 3.3 Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board will need to confirm its approval of the MoU and associated policies for the ODN prior to 1st April 2023.

4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Quality/Safety/Patient Experience implications	Yes (Please see detail below)
	The ODN provides a management and coordination function to ensure the smooth operation of the patient pathway.
Related Health and Care standard(s)	Safe Care
	Timely Care
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)
	All relevant assessments have been completed by WHSSC.



Legal implications / impact	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
Resource (Capital/Revenue £/Workforce) implications / Impact	There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.
	Funding for the ODN is committed within the WHSSC financial resources.
Link to Strategic Goals	Improving Care

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The committee is asked to **NOTE** the report and the memorandum of understanding.