



AGENDA ITEM

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POPULATION HEALTH & PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE

Update on the Level 2/3 Adult Weight Management Service

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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

ACRONYMS

HWWW Healthy Weight Healthy Wales

WG Welsh Government

SBUHB Swansea Bay University Healthy Board

CTMUHB	Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Healthy Board
CVUHB	Cardiff and Vale University Healthy Board

1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Cwm Taf Morgannwg has the highest rates of obesity in both children and adults in Wales.
- 1.2 In 2019 Welsh Government launched the 10 year Healthy Weights Health Wales strategy to address overweight and obesity in our populations and to improve healthy weights and wellbeing. In 2020/21 additional funding was made available from Welsh Government to health boards to expedite the development of children, young people and adult weight management services.
- 1.3 A Weight Management Pathway Proposal was developed and presented to the Management Board in July 2021, requesting additional top up funding to support the creation of an Adult Level 2/3 Integrated Weight Management Service for Cwm Taf Morgannwg. This proposal was Peer Reviewed at an all Wales meeting by neighbouring health boards (SBUHB and CVUHB) in July 2021 with positive feedback for the evidenced based approach taken.
- 1.4 Funding was granted by the Management Board to develop the weight management service specifications as outlined in the paper. (**Appendix 1**). (NB: The embedded appendices attached in Appendix 1 are available on request).

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

- 2.1 Administrative and principal clinical psychologist roles have recently been recruited in to and are awaiting start dates.
- 2.2 Issues surrounding some areas of recruitment have delayed the commencement of the service and a number of roles are currently being held due to the current funding prioritisation process delays. This includes the priority role of professional manager.

- 2.3 Though a site for the Level 3 MDT has been identified (Dewi Sant), only 1 day per week is available and adjustments - including capital purchases - will be required to enable the safe support and care for bariatric patients who will be referred in Level 3 of the service.
- 2.4 Delays in recruitment of key weight management roles (such as senior dietitians and physiotherapists) will impact upon the design and commencement of the delivery of the service as CTMUHB does not have staff with clinical weight management skills currently in post.

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

- 3.1 The ongoing uncertainty regarding funding for the service has impacted upon recruiting in to key roles therefore delaying delivery of a weight management service for our population
- 3.2 If funding is limited to the pot made available by Welsh Government, significant downward revision of the throughput of patients to the service will be necessary. In addition, dietetic colleagues have noted that an integrated Level 2/3 pathway may not be able to be delivered without the necessary staff recruited to deliver such a service.
- 3.3 There is a known shortage of therapies staff across Wales (and the United Kingdom). Each health board area in Wales is recruiting to weight management services, further delay will reduce the ability of CTMUHB to recruit in to necessary roles.
- 3.4 Clarity is needed regarding funding as soon as possible so that planning of the service can continue at pace.
- 3.5 CTMUHB is an outlier in Wales by having no children and young people or adult weight management services.

4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Quality/Safety/Patient Experience implications	Yes (Please see detail below)
	Patients will be unable to access necessary weight management support. The therapies directorate alone have over 700 patients waiting for triage to various



	levels of weight management (levels 1,2,3,4).
Related Health and Care standard(s)	Governance, Leadership and Accountability
	If more than one Healthcare Standard applies please list below:
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.
	Planning team are assisting with completing an EIA for when the service commences.
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)
	As discussed above. £370k has been made available by WG with additional monies (£385k) required from the health board to develop an integrated weight management service
Link to Strategic Goals	Creating Health

5. RECOMMENDATION

5.1 The Committee are asked to **NOTE** that further delays to the commencement of a service, with the associated impact upon the health and wellbeing of our population.