

Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

#### Healthcare Professionals Forum (HPF)

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 via Microsoft Teams

| Present:<br>Gareth Evans | GE | Acting Executive Director of Therapies and Health Science and |
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| Galetti Evalis           | GE | Executive Lead of HPF   |
| Jane Wild                | JW |   |
|                          |    | Healthcare Science Representative (Chair)                     |
| Mandy Jones              | MJ | Nursing Representative (Vice Chair)                           |
| lan Douglas              | ID | Dental Representative   |
| Fiona Giraud             | FG | Midwifery and Women's Services Representative                 |
| Manon Haf                | MH | Optometry Representative                                      |
| Dr Tim Davies            | TD | Primary and Community Care Medical Representative             |
| Dr Chris Thorpe          | СТ | Specialist and Tertiary Care Medical Representative           |
| In Attendance:           |    |   |
| Conrad Wareham           | CW | Interim Deputy Medical Director                               |
| Colin Fitzpatrick        | CF | Interim Deputy Medical Director                               |
| Sally Baxter             | SB | Assistant Director - Health Strategy                          |
| Rona Newton              | RN | PA to Executive Director of Therapies and Health Science      |
|                          |    | – for minutes   |
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It was noted that the meeting was being recorded in Teams for administrative purposes only.

#### H22/12 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

**H22/12.1** The Chair opened the meeting, Jane Wild's first meeting as the new Chair and welcomed those present. The Chair extended a special welcome to new member, Dr Tim Davies who joins the HPF as the Primary and Community Care Medical representative. The HPF members made their introductions for the benefit of the guest presenters and the new member.

#### H22/12.2 Apologies received:

Adrian Thomas, Executive Director of Therapies and Healthcare Sciences Susan Murphy, Pharmacy and Medicines Management Representative John Speed, Community Pharmacy Representative Dr Faye Graver, Mental Health Medical Representative Simon Evans-Evans, Interim Director of Governance (Guest)

**H22.12.3** The Chair noted the vacant position of the HPF Therapy Services representative due to Gareth Evans's new role at HPF as Executive Lead in Adrian Thomas's absence. It was decided that steps would be taken to fill the vacancy before the next meeting if possible.

Action: GE to open expressions of interest for the role of Therapy Services **GE/RN** Representative at the HPF.

#### H22/13 Declarations of Interest

H22/13.1 No declarations of interest were made.

## H22/14 Draft minutes of the meeting held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – for approval.

**H22/14.1**. The Forum members accepted the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 as an accurate record of the meeting.

#### H22/15 Matters arising and summary action log

H22/15.1 Updates were provided for incorporation into the summary action log.

**H22/15.2** The question was raised as to the feasibility of 'shadowing' opportunities for members for succession planning purposes. The Exec Lead, Gareth Evans advised that this would be possible, given that the meetings are held in public, therefore the work of the Forum can be observed by anyone. This can be accommodated going forward with advance notice to the Chair and Secretariat.

**H22/16 Clinical Services Strategy Update -** "Developing the Clinical Strategy for North Wales" presentation by Colin Fitzpatrick (CF), Interim Deputy Medical Director, Conrad Wareham (CW), Interim Deputy Medical Director and Sally Baxter (SB), Assistant Director - Health Strategy.

The Chair welcomed Colin Fitzpatrick and Sally Baxter to present "Developing the Clinical Strategy for North Wales". The presentation slides shared with the Forum members prior to the meeting introduced by CF is in the stage of engagement with various stakeholders including the HPF. The presentation outlined the clinical strategy prioritisation framework, identifying key drivers nationally and locally, the progress to date and the proposed clinical strategy guiding principles, design features and the alignment to existing enabling strategies. The final slide identified next steps and projected timescales, with submission to the Health Board for formal approval at the end of July 2022.

An interesting and engaging discussion and queries regarding the strategy ensued. Conrad Wareham joined the discussion and apologised for joining later than planned due to unforeseen circumstances

The Chair thanked Colin Fitzpatrick, Sally Baxter and Conrad Wareham very much for joining the Forum to discuss the Clinical Services Strategy. The Executive Lead also gave thanks and requested if the Forum could be utilised going forward on an ongoing basis for views, opinion and advice particularly as the strategy moves into more operational plans.

Action: a request to circulate with the members of the Forum the Terms of Reference SB/JW for the Clinical Senate, and the Draft Clinical Services Strategy.

[Colin Fitzpatrick, Sally Baxter and Conrad Wareham left the meeting]

**H22/17 Introduction to Regional Treatment Centres -** Alyson Constantine (AC), Programme Director, Regional Treatment Centres Programme

Presentation and discussion slides regarding the Regional Treatment Centres were shared with the Forum members prior to the meeting. Unfortunatley, it was noted that the presenter was unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances.

Apologies were made to the members of the Forum, and the Chair suggested that the agenda item was rescheduled for a later meeting.

H22/18 Targeted Intervention Improvement Framework (TIIF) update - Apologies received from Simon Evans-Evans (SEE), Interim Director of Governance.

A number of documents were shared with the Forum members prior to the meeting. The Chair noted that unfortunately Simon Evans-Evans has since left BCUHB and his replacement is yet to take up the post. The Chair suggested that given the level of information shared in the documents, it would be best that the Forum members focus on the contribution of the HPF representatives at the Targeted Intervention Evidence and Outcomes groups. As one of the representatives, Sue Murphy, had given apologies for today's meeting, Fiona Giraud was asked to offer some feedback from the Evidence group meetings.

It was reported that the process for presenting the evidence was improving, however there continues to be a huge amount of evidence to seek assurance on. It was suggested that the representation of HPF at the groups should continue, and that HPF will continue to receive the bi-annual progress update once SEE's replacement is in post.

#### H22/19 Chair's and member's summary reports

The Chair noted that she attended her first Health Board meeting, on 26 May 2022; the Board Workshop and Board to Board/Community Health Council meetings on 21 April 2022; and the Board Development on the 29 March 2022. The Chair has also met with the BCUHB Chairman, Mark Polin, and the Chair of the Stakeholder Reference Group, who is also an Associate member of the Health Board. The Chair met with the Executive Lead of HPF and the Interim Deputy Board Secretary on 6 June 2022 to dicuss governance of the Forum.

The Chair wished to highlight the opportunities that the Forum has to advise the Health Board, and the importance of increasing the awareness and recognition of the role of the HPF as an advisory group. In that regard, early engagement of the Forum with others in every stage of the development process will be of more value going forward. There is also the potential through a development workshop which would be designed to help support the HPF members to improve the HPF impact, reach and effectiveness.

#### H22/19.1 HPF Member Report\_Dentistry

Members received the Dentistry representative written summary for information from Ian Douglas and noted the following:

#### Good News to Share:

The Dental Academy is progressing

## Key Issues for attention of HPF:

The restructure within the LHB is causing some issues and distracting management from more important matters. At a time when the LHB really needs to be focussed on damage limitation to services.

Contracts are being handed back to the LHB and there is little prospect of these being allocated elsewhere.

The lack of an Orthodontic Consultant in the West is causing major issues and creating a postcode lottery in North Wales for young people.

Recruitment and retention issues continue to cause problems across North Wales.

## H22/19.2 HPF Member Report\_Nursing

Members received the Vice Chair and Nursing representative written summary for information from Mandy Jones and noted the following:

## Good News to Share:

## International Midwives Day and International Nurses Day 2022

Successful event which enabled us to thank our teams who continue to go above and beyond to deliver care to patients every single day. Nurses' Day was a chance to recognise and say thank you.

## RCOG Work Force Report - Gynae Voices Case Study

The publication of the above report recognises our local contribution to the content as detailed below;

Please see the link to the recent RCOG Workforce Report 2022: https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/careers-training/workplace-workforce-issues/workforce-report-2022/

The Women's Directorate contributed to the case study presented by Debbie Shaffer (User Rep on our Service Board and several other clinical forums) on Page 63 - entitled 'FTWW and the Betsi Cadwaladr UHB Gynae Voices forum featured case-study'

And

Page 109 onwards also features the FTWW's report on

'Understanding Women's Perspectives' on rural / remote obstetric and gynaecological care.

#### Key Issues for attention of HPF: HIW Report YGC

Report following an inspection at Glan Clwyd Hospital's Emergency Department (ED) by Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW) was published on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. It is the first of two reports from HIW, with the second due to be published in August. They undertook an announced remote quality check between March 8-10 and due to further concerns made a subsequent visit in May. Their second visit has prompted HIW to announce ED

| as a Service Requiring Significant Improvement.  |  |
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| The HIW report can be found here:  |  |
| HIW designates Ysbyty Glan Clwyd Emergency Department, Betsi Cadwaladr   |  |
| University Health Board as a Service Requiring Significant Improvement   Healthcare<br>Inspectorate Wales  |  |
| Inspeciorate wates   |  |
| CNO conference held detailing key priorities of nursing:   |  |
| Link to conference   |  |
| https://cno.thinkorchard.com/  |  |
| CNO Priorities<br>Slide.pptx   |  |
| Call for nominations – launch of the RCN Wales Nurse of the Year Awards<br>202205CNO Wales<br>Excellence Awards Ter  |  |
| H22/19.3 HPF Member Report_Pharmacy and Medicines Management   |  |
| Members received the Pharmacy and Medicines Management representative written summary for information from Susan Murphy and noted the following:   |  |
| Member area update   |  |
| • Louise Howard Baker, Assistant Director for Pharmacy and Medicines Management<br>(east) retired on the 31 March 2022. Sue Robinson has been appointed to this role<br>and will commence work on 1 July 2022. Sue has been working in the central area<br>of BCU as one of our cancer leads for the last two years.                           |  |
| • William Duffield, Assistant Director for Pharmacy and Medicines Management (central) has retired on the 31 March 2022. Lois Lloyd has been appointed and will commence her role on the 1 September 2022. Lois has been working for Welsh Government for the last two years and has led the supply element of the COVID vaccination campaign. |  |
| Congratulations to them both.  |  |
| Good News to Share:  |  |
| Gareth Hutchinson has won the Association of Pharmacy Technicians UK 'Primary<br>Care Pharmacy Technician of the Year' Award. He is based in the West BCUHB<br>Primary Care Pharmacy and Medicines Management Team. This award recognises an<br>outstanding pharmacy technician who has shown a significant contribution to                    |  |

pharmacy services and patients in a primary care setting over the past 24 months. Gareth's submission for the award detailed his work advancing the role of a pharmacy technician in a BCUHB managed practice. During pandemic he supported the practice with asthma reviews (50) and anticoagulant reviews (200).

The MM03 Independent/Supplementary prescribing protocol has now been approved and is live on BetsiNet. The task/finish group to lead on the implementation of the revised process, led by the Director of Nursing Secondary Care has now met to review baseline assessment of compliance with the policy and to plan a launch week. This is scheduled for the week of 18<sup>th</sup> July and the Group are working with the communications teams to plan the event.

Insulin safety week is a national campaign to raise awareness to reduce insulin errors among healthcare professionals. The medicines management nurses, supported by the pharmacy medication safety team led the week long BCU campaign. It involved virtual daily sessions via teams, promotional stands in the canteen, all supported by an active social media campaign. Interactive sessions such as quizzes and use of the national promotional campaign materials were used to promote engagement amongst staff. Summary 'how to' resources were developed to ensure quick easy access to information. These were shared with all clinical areas and hard copies were available on campaign stands. The campaign emphasised the 6 rights of insulin and the promoted the newly approved variable insulin infusion regime chart. The team received very positive feedback across all 3 sites, and will endeavour to look at alternative ways to engage those staff working remotely for future events. The aim is to reduce down the number of insulin administration errors and harm to patients.

## Key Issues for attention of HPF:

None

## H22/19.4 HPF Member Report\_Primary and Community Care

Members received the Primary and Community Care representative written summary for information from Dr Tim Davies and noted the following:

#### Key Issues for attention of HPF:

The main GP issues continue to be workforce shortage (poor recruitment and retention), excess demand for access, limited capacity from a diminishing/sick workforce, limited timely referral options and more reviews to try and do more whilst waiting, many patients coming back from ED who have not been seen and many afraid to call ambulances or attend ED and similarly refusing admission when we deem it necessary.

There have been more patients in hospital beds recently than at any stage during the covid pandemic, complicating the recovery and prolonging ED waits, which all puts more pressure on Primary Care. Primary care currently have huge numbers of staff absences with the latest wave of covid. Fortunately, as of last week this seems to be easing across N Wales. GMS/Independent contractors do not get any funding towards staff sickness so have been hit hard by this, energy bill hikes and the stopping of all contractual covid relaxation measures by WG meaning all GP services should now be

back to normal to get their normal funding

Sustainability concerns remain across the patch but are particularly acute in Colwyn Bay and the Conwy Valley areas. The Rebuild General Practice Campaign by BMA aims to get long-term government buy in to ensure the profession is built up and enough Doctors trained to try and reverse this in the future, but for now the LMC is trying to minimise slippage of work from Secondary Care and get support for the extra work coming our way with the huge secondary care backlogs post covid.

The ongoing Covid vaccination is mostly now being done by the MVCs, with practices picking up to at least 20% more than pre pandemic, leading many to despair, and some to retire or reduce their hours.

Having just been to the UKLMC Conference it is good to reflect that the current Welsh contract and relationship with GPCW and WG is far better and more supportive of GMS than in England – so the grass is not always greener.

The LMC met on a monthly basis throughout the last year and every 2 weeks with Primary Care Managers and Medical Directors, this more frequent timetable was useful in the quickly changing pandemic situation we found ourselves in. We reverted to monthly/bi-monthly meetings in Spring 2022 as the pace of change has slowed and Covid precautions relaxed.

We continue to press for a Secondary Care Dashboard to enable ease of information about what is and is not currently actively happening in the hospital outpatient settings. Some 10% of our consultations are about waiting times/deteriorating needs and no specialist appointment timescale. Phelobotomy has also been shifted vastly more to primary care since covid, some surgeries still do their own but most in East use community bases, provision has improved over the past few months, and most have added in house too.

Outside of the immediate Covid response the LMC has been involved in the Pharmacy Needs Assessment process, the tendering process for various GMS contracts, and various discussions regarding pathways being developed nationally and locally.

Welsh LMC conference in March was the first face to face one for three years and went very well. I am currently Deputy Chair on Welsh conference. Recurrent themes were of ballooning demand, capacity, recruitment and retention. The next conference is in March 2023 in Llandudno.

The North Wales Medical School are keeping us updated with their progress/expansion and it is encouraging to see this gearing up - we just need to make sure GPs can cope/make room to have the medical students as this should bolster GP recruitment in the future. In September 2021 the medical student intake doubled to forty, and is going to incrementally increase year on year.

## H22/19.5 HPF Member Summary Report - Midwifery and Women's Services

Members received the Midwifery & Women's services representative written summary for information from Fiona Giraud and noted the following:

#### Good News to Share:

#### 1) Maternity and Neonatal Safety Support Programme

The Maternity and Neonatal Safety Support programme was launched on 24/01/22. Executive sponsors from each health board will provide representation at a National Programme Board which will agree key issues to be addressed and recommendations required for phase 2 of the Programme with associated funding required.

Emma Scott has joined the CNO team, for a year from HIW as the Maternity Service User Support Manager and will be progressing work on User Engagement in maternity and neonatal services as well as developing a programme to address racism in Maternity and Neonatal Care.

This work will be reported through the Anti-Racist Wales action plan.

## 2) Birth Rate Plus – Assessing the Staffing Implications of Implementing Maternity Care in Wales - A 5 year vision for the Future 2019 - 2024 (Discovery Stage Report)

As an update to the briefing provided to the Forum in March 2022, I can confirm that the WG commissioned project team is working with Health Board Service and Professional Leads and progressing the field work required to inform the final report. The final report was initially scheduled for submission end of March but due to the vast amount of data and professional consideration required to inform the concluding recommendations the deadline has been extended.

#### 3) Midwifery Streamlining

I am pleased to confirm that 30 newly qualified midwifery graduates will be joining the Health Board in September/October 2022.

#### 4) International Day of the Midwife (5<sup>th</sup> May)

The International Day of the Midwife was celebrated locally across the 3 Sites and in our Communities. The CNO for Wales also announced the latest winners of her new excellence awards. Recipients of the Chief Nursing Officer's Excellence

Award (attachment 1) included the BCUHB Snowdrop Bereavement Team. Lucy Dobbins, Sarah Griffith and Jan Garrod are a specialist team of Midwives who provide invaluable bereavement support to parents and families experiencing pregnancy or baby loss in North Wales. CNO paid tribute to the winners saying: *It's important that the Midwifery profession is recognised for the vital role it plays in people's lives. The awards are a reflection of how much I value the dedication of the award winners and I want to congratulate and thank them all for their efforts.*"

#### 5) Chief Midwifery Officer for Wales

CNO also announced an International Day of the Midwife that Karen Jewell is now to be recognised as the Chief Midwifery Officer (CMO) for Wales. This role strengthens WG's commitments to the profession and has been very well received by the Midwifery Profession in Wales.

#### Key Issues for attention of HPF:

#### Ockenden Report

<u>Ockenden Report – Findings, Conclusions and Essential Action from the Independent</u> <u>Review of Maternity Services at the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust</u>

This Independent Review of Maternity Services commenced in the Summer of 2017, as per the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt's request and grew considerably. The Review included the maternity care of 1,486 families, the majority of which where patients at the Trust between 2000 and 2019. In total 12 maternal deaths, 498 stillbirth cases and the maternity care in individual hypoxic encephalopathy (HIEs) in the newborn and neonatal death cases were examined.

The review considered all aspects of maternity care at the Trust and identified the following themes;

- Patterns of repeated poor care
- Poor Investigation Procedures
- Failure to learn from events and improve quality of care.
- Failure in Clinical and Workforce Governance and Leadership (from Ward to Board)
- Unsafe staffing levels.

And Ultimately:

• Failure to listen to Women, their families or to staff.

This Independent Review concluded in the publication of the above, second and final report on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022, which made a significant number of recommendations for improvement of care across each of the maternity disciplines.

In total more than 60 Local Action for Learning were identified specifically for the Trust in light of the care received by the families featured in the review.

However, it is recognised that many issues highlighted in the report are not unique to the Trust as has been highlighted in other local and national reports into Maternity Services in recent years. This is why the review team identified 15 areas as Immediate and Essential Actions, which should be considered by all maternity providers in the UK. Some of these include; the need for significant investment in the maternity workforce and multidisciplinary training, suspension of the Midwifery Continuity of Carer model until, or unless, safe staffing is evidenced, strengthening accountability for improvements in care, timely implementation of change in practice and improved investigations involving families. This would translate into significant investment, which has been identified in England (£200-£350m) but not in Wales to date.

On receipt of the Report in Wales a National Maternity Stakeholder & Leads meeting

was scheduled and held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022, hosted by Welsh Government and facilitated by the Maternity and Neonatal Network, to consider the learning and actions required on an All Wales perspective. The following actions were confirmed;

- Development of a Maternity & Neonatal Safety Support Programme with the introduction of local and national Maternity & Neonatal Champions and Executive Sponsors. This Safety Support Programme will be hosted by Improvement Cymru.
- An SBAR will be presented to Nurse Executive colleagues to propose a plan to review the existing National Ockenden Assurance Document (produced following the first report in 2020 and Immediate Actions recommended) and look at how the recommendations from the <u>CTMUHB thematic review of stillbirths</u>, the <u>CTMUHB Neonatal Deep Dive</u> and the finding of the second <u>Ockenden Report (2022) are captured</u>. This document will be used to provide assurance within Health Boards and to WG at the Annual Performance Boards. It is proposed that these Maternity & Neonatal Performance Boards will be led by NHS Executives in the future.
- WG will host a <u>Safety Summit in Q2/3</u> to ensure national learning from the CTM intervention and wider reports including Ockenden. This will ensure stakeholder engagement for the Maternity and Neonatal Safety Support Programme.
- Recommendations and key actions from the summit will be integrated into the Network Work Plan and the Safety Support Programme to ensure that the learning and improvement required are prioritised and reflect the National needs for Services.
- WG has appointed Emma Scott to lead on the National Engagement and Patient Experience Strategy as part of the Safety Programme Strategy and is actively engaging with Health Boards as part of her Introduction Programme.
- HEIW has been commissioned to review the future multidisciplinary workforce requirements for Services in Wales to reflect; WG's commissioned Birth Rate Plus National Methodology Review and the published RCOG Workforce Tool Kit. They will also lead on Commissioning levels and specific Leadership programme developments for Maternity Services.
- Sarah Spencer has been seconded to WG to support an ongoing and overarching governance, assurance and improvement maternity plan, to reflect the DU work, again to ensure that wider learning related to other UK and national maternity reviews and the CTM intervention work is captured.

In conclusion of the meeting WG will be issuing a letter to all Health Boards outlining the above actions, next steps and expectations at a Service Level.

I also attach a seven minute briefing (attachment 2), with acknowledgement to Powys & Hywel Dda colleagues, which was shared at the national meeting and cascaded widely within maternity services in BCUHB.

Attachment 1 – CNO Wales Excellence Awards



#### Attachment 2 – Ockenden 7 minute Briefing



## H22/19.6 HPF Member Report\_Optometry

Members received the Optometry representative written summary for information from Manon Haf and noted the following:

#### Good News to Share:

- Jackie Forsythe has been appointed as Eye Care Network Manager.
- Roger Haslett (Central) has been appointed Pan- BCU clinical lead.
- Optometric Advisor post has been advertised with interview date arranged for early June. So hopefully there will finally be an Optometric Advisor in place by August 2022 once employment checks etc. completed, after being without an Optometric Advisor for 12 months.
- Optometry Wales are in negotiation stage of Contract Reform, with financial negotiations stating in June/July.
- We understand that there is a pilot on EPR on-going in Maelor, but unaware of any pilots where optometry practices are referring to secondary care
- Cataract Outsourcing Numerous patients are being seen at Spa Media Birkenhead, Widnes, Newton le Willow and Newcastle under Lyme. There are some on-going communication issues re second eyes, patients being discharged, and reporting back. Jackie Forsythe and Nikki Foulkes have been informed of concerns and are in discussions with Spa Medica.

#### Key Issues for Attention of HPF:

- No Eye Care Collaborative Group meetings have taken place since February 2022 due to other on-going site pressures. There is a meeting scheduled for 10/6/2022 but no confirmation as yet.
- IP qualified optometrists (who have qualified after OA resigned in August 2021) still don't have access to WP10 prescription pads hopefully this will be resolved as soon as OA in position.

- Still concerns re lack of placements for Optometrists doing Higher Qualifications. This position should improve once OA in place to co-ordinate with Clinical Lead.
- Children's Eye Care in BCUHB Janet Green has presented a report highlighting concerns regarding Children's Eye Care in BCUHB. There are inconsistencies throughout BCUHB regarding School Screening, there is only one part time Paediatric Ophthalmologist in BCUHB and the report suggests that there is a need for an EHEW pathway to be developed for children's cycloplegic refractions working in conjunction with orthoptics. (OA to take forwards)

## H22/07.7 HPF Member Summary Report - Healthcare Science (HCS)

Members received the Healthcare Science representative written summary for information from Jane Wild and noted the following:

#### Good news to share:

#### Welsh Clinical Leadership Fellowship

This opportunity has recently been extended to Healthcare Science and the fellowship for 22/23 has been awarded to Christopher Earing, Clinical Scientist/Chief Respiratory Physiologist in BCUHB.

#### Healthcare Science Innovation Fellowship

Samuel Davies, Vascular Scientist in BCUHB has been successfully chosen for the Healthcare Science Innovation Fellowship. We understand that Sam is the first in Wales to join this Fellowship programme.

## Key Issues for Attention of HPF:

#### Healthcare Science in NHS Wales Looking Forward Framework

Implementation of this framework continues and a number of national stakeholder workshops are running in May to discuss how to take the programme forward. These include workshops on:

- Research & Innovation
- Quality & Safety
- Service Redesign & Transformation

BCUHB representatives will be contributing to those discussions and an opportunity exists for further discussions at BCUHB to build on the conversation and actions that are taking place nationally. Plans to develop a BCUHB HCS network and event are under consideration.

H22/07.8 HPF Member Summary Report - Specialist & Tertiary Care

Members received the Specialist & Tertiary Care representative verbal summary for

information from Dr Chris Thorpe and noted the following:

- Highlighted the importance of creating a seamless and simplified digital healthcare system across BCUHB going forward, with input from clinicians in the design stages.
- The ability to release capacity for management to properly engage with those delivering the service would be welcomed.
- There are serious ongoing concerns regarding the number of beds within the hospitals and availability, which has also been reported recently in the press.
- There are still areas where more staff are needed, and in some hospitals, the issue is affecting the ability to deliver the services effectively.

#### H22/20 Items to be received for information:

H22/20.1.1 Minutes of the Quality, Safety and Experience Committee held on 11th January 2022

The minutes were received and noted.

## H22/20.1.2 Minutes of the Quality, Safety and Experience Committee held on 1st March 2022

The minutes were received and noted.

# H22/20.2 Minutes of the National Joint Professionals Advisory Committee meeting held on 11th March 2022

The minutes were received and noted.

# H22/20.3 Minutes of the People, Partnerships, Population Health Committee meeting held on 10th February 2022

The minutes were received and noted.

#### H22/21 Summary of information to be included in Chair's report to the Board

- The Forum discussed the role of current members as representatives on the TI Outcomes and Evidence groups and support the continuation of this HPF representation going forward.
- The HPF welcomed the opportunity to comment on the Clinical Strategy and supporting documents. Forum members discussed the importance of the timely progress and implementation of the enabling strategies that support the Clinical Strategy, specifically the People and Digital Strategies. The Forum are keen to continue to be utilised going forward on an ongoing basis for views, opinion and advice particularly as the strategy moves into more operational plans.

It was noted from the Midwifery representative members' report that there has been significant success recently with recruitment. There are potential lessons to be shared related to coordinated workforce planning and commissioning and the training provision and opportunities being offered to new recruits.

H22/22 Date of next meeting noted as: Friday, 2nd September 2022 to be held 9.30-12.30 via Microsoft Teams

HPF future meeting dates:

Friday 2nd December 2022 Friday 3rd March 2023