



**1. Welcome, introduction and apologies.**

Members were welcomed and apologies noted.

**2. Notes and actions of last meeting**

The notes and actions of the last meeting were agreed.

**3. Primary and community care**



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The health board gave an update on the 'Designed to Smile' programme. A small number of schools, approx. 20% had declined to participate in the programme. Work continues with the community dental service on supporting whole families.

6% of the patients seeking urgent care via 111 are children and young people.

In relation to community pharmacy, the number of pharmacists qualifying as independent prescribers continues to increase and the health board is increasing the number of pharmacies where this is delivered. The health board had successfully bid through the SPPC fund for an 8b pharmacist post to act as the DPP mentor.

56-day prescribing is included within the health boards prescribing management initiative and discussed at cluster collaborative meetings. Feedback from GPs was it could only be done safely if they reviewed patients' treatments before extending the prescription length of time. Community pharmacies continue to report high levels of medication shortages within the system.

In terms of the Strategic Programme for Primary Care (SPPC), the health board was developing a primary and community services strategy and would be looking at holding public engagement events at cluster level by the end of August 2024. A series of videos around accessing primary care services would be available. A communications plan was in place.

On workforce and organisational development, all of the SPPC fund has been allocated to implementing the HEIW primary care workforce strategy. Through the SPPC a business case for an urgent care practitioner role in Pembrokeshire with a focus on palliative care in the first instance was being developed.

The health board were part of the pathfinder with DHCW around the managed practice dashboard development that would enable the health board to review the live data feeds being submitted. A 'Health Hub' pilot is being established to monitor height, weight, and BP in the six managed practises.

A recent cardiology project piloted in two clusters would now be rolled out across the whole of Carmarthenshire.

**Action: The health board agreed to provide the primary care dental team an update on the number of schools not participating in the 'Designed to Smile' programme.**

**Action: The health board agreed to forward the series of videos accessing primary care services to the Deputy Director of Primary Care and Mental Health team at the Welsh Government.**

**Action: The health board agreed to submit the business case in relation to Cross Hands surgery to the Deputy Director of Primary Care and Mental Health team at the Welsh Government.**

#### **4. Ophthalmology**



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The health board provided an update on the performance against the ophthalmology R1 target which had dropped considerably. Steps taken to improve performance included the appointment of three SAS doctors and the roll out of WGOS 4 at the end of August 2024.

Assurances were provided against the 52-week target with an expected 40% reduction by the end of September 2024 as patients are moved onto the one stop cataract pathway, and zero OP breaches by March 2025. There will be no 104-week RTT patients waiting at the end of December 2024. This would be achieved through additional outsourcing for cataracts and the introduction of one stop cataract pre assessment clinics commencing on 15 July 2024.

Follow-ups continue to increase; a number of steps had been implemented to improve performance including the introduction of WGOS, commencing in August 2024 to reduce R2 / R3 demand. The health board is increasing independent prescribing services and is working closer with eye-care emergency care services in secondary care to prevent patients entering the

Dialogue was held between the health board and the optometrists around the numbers that they can expect to see and manage in a timely way. As part of the contract implementation, work with the clinical leads on waiting list guidance and PIFU pathways for optometrists was being had to ensure safe management of patient care. Assurances were required from the health board around the workforce plan to cater for the increase of R1 and follow-ups moved out into primary care by September 2024. R1 was now below 40%, the target was 95%.

On regional working, a status report would be discussed at a Regional Programme Board. The health board continues to work closely with Swansea Bay UHB on regional glaucoma services.

The health board's ophthalmology paediatric services continued to be supported by Swansea Bay consultants and orthoptists.

## 5. Critical Care



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An update was provided on the critical care provision across each of the hospitals including the role of post anaesthetic care units and enhanced care in the service as well as the current / proposed level of care required at each hospital site. Work continues on the development of the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine documents which is the enhanced care for the guidance of service delivery.

Following an MDT task and finish group, in September 2021 the health board was awarded funds from the Welsh Government and the Critical Care Network to establish 1 x 6 bedded Post Anaesthetics Care Units (PACU) for surgical patients or 2 x 3 bedded PACU. MDT discussions on the clinical services plan facilitated by the Executive leads were ongoing who will need to consider the four options ranging from centralising all Critical Care into Glangwili, with satellite hospitals as Level 2 / Enhanced Care locations with facilities to stabilise and transfer all Level 3 or high-risk Level 2; to a minimal change to current provision but with a formal titles of Rural ICU being given to Witybush and Bronglais and confirming current PPH care pathway as permanent.

## 6. Any other business

No other business was discussed.

## 7. Date of next meeting

8 August 2024, 13:00

## Action log

Action	Responsible	Update
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Health team at the Welsh Government.		
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## Attendance

<b>List of attendees and noted apologies</b>		
<b>NHS Executive</b>	<b>Welsh Government</b>	<b>HDUHB</b>
Dave Semmens	Jeremy Griffith (Chair)	Mandi Chesterman
Andy Long	Olivia Shorrocks	Frances Howells
Stephen James	Caroline Lewis	Sally Hodson
Brett Denning	Martyn Rees	Victoria Coppack
Eiddig Morgan	Gaynor Evans (Secretariat)	Andrew Carruthers
Sue Morgan (ABUHB)	David O'Sullivan	Janice Cole-Williams
Gareth Lee	Andrew Pryse	Louise O'Connor
Alan Lawrie (ABUHB)	Anthony Davies	Cathie Steele
	Paul Casey	Jill Paterson
	Rebecca Luffman	Stephanie Hire
		Sharon Cooke
		Rhian Bond
		Lee Davies
		Angela Lodwick
		Diane Knight
		Bethan Lewis
		Mary Owens
<b>Apologies</b>		
James Davis		James Severs
		Mark Henwood
		Sharon Daniel
		Liz Carroll
		Keith Jones