

**TABLE OF ACTIONS FROM
FINANCE COMMITTEE (FC) MEETING
HELD ON 29th JUNE 2021**

MINUTE REFERENCE	ACTION	LEAD	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
FC(21)108	Finance Report and Financial Forecast To share information relating to Primary Care services recovery with Mrs Hardisty.	HT	23.08.21	Action complete; attached at Appendix 1
FC(21)109	Savings Plan 2021/22 To present details of WG County funding allocations with Members at the next Committee meeting on 23 rd August 2021.	HT	23.08.21	Forward planned on the Sustainable Resources Committee (SRC) agenda for the Committee meeting to be held on 23 rd August 2021.
FC(21)114	New Oracle System To present further detail of the risks relating to the upgrade of the current Oracle EBS platform at the next meeting of the Committee on 23 rd August 2021.	JT	23.08.21	An update for the August 2021 Committee meeting will not be available as the testing for the upgraded system will only be reconvened at the end of August 2021. Action to be forward planned for the Committee meeting to be held on 28 th October 2021.
FC(21)115	Policies for Approval To highlight any changes to written financial procedure documents in track changes	JT	23.08.21	Action complete: noted.

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Mrs Judith Hardisty queried whether the elective care recovery figures within the Draft Interim Financial Plan include recovery of delays in Primary Care treatments. Mr Thomas explained that Primary Care recovery is included within the Urgent Primary Care element of the plan, and agreed to share relevant information with Mrs Hardisty. Mr Steve Moore added that it is hoped that additional WG funding for recovery of Primary Care services will be made available, and that the need for additional recovery funding for services other than Planned Care had recently been raised with WG.

Response

Over the past eighteen months the impact of the global pandemic have led to financial spends varying significantly from historic trends. Whilst this has been largely neutralised through Welsh Government support to the NHS, the notes below answer the question of additional funding at this point and outline the potential service impacts and consequences arising from the pandemic period.

Funding

To date Welsh Government has implemented measures to support primary care against the financial impact that they would otherwise have suffered as a result of the pandemic. They also issued additional funds to support the implementation of the Covid vaccination programme in primary care.

Recent bids from the Health Board to Welsh Government, including Virtual Urgent Primary Care Centre (VUPCC) and 111 Contact First, are at various stages of consideration. Noting that whilst these would undoubtedly strengthen primary care, we understand they are focused upon easing secondary care pressures rather than addressing primary care recovery in its own right.

At present Welsh Government has not issued any specific resources aimed at recovery in Primary Care. The resources available to primary care budgets are based on existing recurrent resources that the Health Board receives from Welsh Government.

Potential Service Impacts

- GMS: Enhanced services have been undertaken at reduced levels since the onset of the pandemic with activity levels generally reduced. These treatments tend to be relatively minor in nature with the major impact being on the management of chronic conditions which may impact future treatments if patient health deteriorates.
- Prescribing: Medicine prices surged early in the pandemic and have not yet fallen back to pre-pandemic levels, this may result in a legacy cost in future years. More positively the volume of medicines prescribed is relatively stable after the initial spike at the start of the pandemic.
- Dental: Dental activity is at 1/3 of its pre pandemic levels with routine check ups and treatment all but suspended and current projections from the Dental Directorate in WG are that activity levels are unlikely to recover during 2021/22. Treatment income could significantly under-shoot target (estimates of £1.4m against a £3.4m target) but this deficit is covered by Welsh Government Covid funding.
- As a result of reduced activity levels the Orthodontic Waiting lists have increased further in Hywel Dda.