



**CYFARFOD BWRDD IECHYD PRIFYSGOLN
ANEURIN BEVAN/ANEURIN BEVAN UNIVERSITY
HEALTH BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT
MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING**

DATE OF MEETING	Monday 19 th June 2023
VENUE	Microsoft Teams

PRESENT	Pippa Britton- Independent Member, Committee Chair Paul Deneen- Independent Member, Vice Chair
IN ATTENDANCE	Leanne Watkins- Chief Operating Officer Chris O'Connor- Divisional Director of Mental Health & Learning Disabilities (MHL D) Sarah Cadman- Head of Quality Improvement, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Michelle Forkings- Divisional Nurse for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities/Associate Director of Nursing Kavitha Pasunuru- Assistant Divisional Director, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Laura Howells- Principal Auditor, NWSSP
APOLOGIES	Rani Dash- Director of Corporate Governance

MHAMC 1906/1	Preliminary Matters
MHAMC 1906/1.1	Welcome and Introductions The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
MHAMC 1906/1.2	Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were noted.
MHAMC 1906/1.3	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest raised to record.
MHAMC 1906/1.4	Minutes of the previous meeting Chris O'Connor, Divisional Director of MHL D, requested changes to the following; - 'CO advised the Committee that part of the Government's overall offer to Asylum Seekers and Refugees is a mental health component which they can take up if needed' should read 'CO advised the Committee that part of the Health Boards overall pathway for Asylum Seekers and Refugees was a mental health component which they can take up if needed.'

	<p>Subject to the above amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th of March 2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>
<p>MHAMC 1906/1.5</p>	<p>Committee Action Log- June 2023</p> <p>The Committee received the action log. Pippa Britton (PB), Committee Chair, flagged that all actions listed in the minutes had not been recorded in the action log. Secretariat to update action log to reflect this in readiness for the next meeting. Action: Secretariat</p> <p>PB requested an update on action '<i>MHAMC 0812/07 Mental Health Act Compliance Report: staff uptake on training relating to Duty of Candour to be included in future reports.</i>' requesting assurance on staff uptake on training in the Mental Health division, informing compliance. Leanne Watkins (LW), Chief Operating officer assured members that staff had received the relevant information and training and were applying the Duty of Candour principles. Members were content with action being closed and removed from the log.</p> <p>Members were content with progress made in relation to completed actions and against any outstanding actions.</p>
<p>MHAMC 1906/2</p>	<p>Items for Discussion</p>
<p>MHAMC 1906/2.1</p>	<p>Mental Health Act Compliance Report- including All Wales Benchmarking Data</p> <p>Sarah Cadman (SC), Head of Quality Improvement, Mental Health and Learning Disabilities (MHLD), provided an overview of the report to the Committee, covering the use of the Mental Health Act (MHA) for Quarter 4, January to March 2023.</p> <p>The following key points were highlighted; -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a slight increase in detentions in Quarter 4, except for Blaenau Gwent and Torfaen. Nothing significant to note. • Data on the use of the MHA across the last six years was included in the report; it was noted that there was a pattern of a higher use of the MHA in July each year. Pippa Britton (PB), Committee Chair, queried what influenced the increase in the use of the MHA in July. SC could not provide specific reasons for July increases, but informed members that discussions and analysis of data took place at divisional level.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 2 was the most frequently used section in quarter 4. Members flagged that the use of Section 3 had doubled since the previous quarter. Members requested a longer data set on the use of Section 3 to be included in the next report to determine how much this has increased over the past few years. Action: Head of Quality Improvement, MHL D • Data from April 2020 indicated a slight increase in the use of Section 2. Paul Deneen (PD), Independent Member, queried if there was any evidence that indicated that Covid had impacted the use of the MHA. Chris O'Connor (CO), Divisional Director of MHL D, informed members that modelling indicated there would be an impact, but further work would be required to determine if increases were directly related to Covid. Kavitha Pasunuru (KP), Assistant Divisional Director, Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAHMS), informed members that the rise in the use of the MHA was multifactorial. • There had been a decrease in the use of Section 136. SC to discuss this with police colleagues at the next meeting of the MHA Authority Group to determine reasons. Update to come back to the next Committee meeting. Action: Head of Quality Improvement, MHL D <p>PB noted that the report data read February 2023, and requested that future reports included updated data available closer to the meeting date. Action: Head of Quality Improvement, MHL D</p> <p>The Committee RECEIVED the report for ASSURANCE.</p>
MHAMC 1906/2.2	<p>Update from the MHA Managers Group- to include an update on the Recruitment of Hospital Managers (Power of Discharge Committee)</p> <p>The Committee received a verbal update, noting that Mental Health Act Manager recruitment process had commenced in June 2023.</p> <p>Members congratulated Paul Deneen, Independent Member, who had been selected for the role of Chair of the MHA Managers Group.</p> <p>Members were assured that an update from the MHA Managers Group and finalised recruitment would come back to the next meeting.</p>
MHAMC 1906/3	Items for Information

MHAMC 1906/3.1	Committee Annual Report 2022/23 The Committee Annual Report was RECEIVED for INFORMATION .
MHAMC 1906/4	Other Matters
MHAMC 1906/4.1	Items to be Brought to the Attention of the Board and Other Committees There were no items to escalate to the Board and other Committees.
MHAMC 1906/4.2	Any Other Urgent Business There was no urgent business to note and no predicted changes to the Mental Health Act.
MHAMC 1906/4.3	Date of the next meeting is Tuesday 5th September 2023