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ANEURIN BEVAN/ANEURIN BEVAN UNIVERSITY
HEALTH BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MENTAL HEALTH MONITORING
ACT COMMITTEE**

DATE OF MEETING	Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 14:00 pm
VENUE	Microsoft Teams

PRESENT	Pippa Britton, Independent Member/Committee Chair Paul Deneen, Independent Member
IN ATTENDANCE	Chris O'Connor, Divisional Director for Mental Health, and Learning Disabilities Sandra Mason, Assistant Director Primary Care, Community and Mental Health Sarah Cadman, Head of Quality & Improvement Michelle Forkings, Divisional Nurse for Mental Health, and Learning Disabilities/Associate Director of Nursing Rhian Gard, Internal Audit Michelle Jones, Head of Board Business Bryony Codd, Head of Corporate Governance Fern Cook, Meeting Secretariat
APOLOGIES	Helen Dodoo, General Manager for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Rani Dash, Director of Corporate Governance Leanne Watkins, Chief Operating Officer Kavitha Pasunuru, Assistant Divisional director

MHAMC/06/12/0.1	PRELIMINARY MATTERS
MHAMC/06/12/1.1	Welcome and Introductions The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
MHAMC/06/12/1.2	Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were noted.
MHAMC/06/12/1.3	Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest.
MHAMC/06/12/1.4	Draft Minutes of the Last Meeting The Draft minutes for the Mental Health Monitoring Act Committee of 5 th September 2023 were noted as an accurate record of the meeting.

MHAMC/06/12/1.5	<p>Committee Action Log</p> <p>The Committee received the action log. Members were content with progress made and noted the outstanding action MHMAC/05/09/3.1 had now been completed.</p>
MHAMC/05/09/2.	<p>ITEMS FOR APPROVAL/RATIFICATION/DECISION</p>
MHAMC/06/12/2.1	<p>Mental Health Act Managers Policy</p> <p>Bryony Codd (BC), Head of Corporate Governance, provided the Committee with an overview of the changes made to the updated Mental Health Act Managers Policy.</p> <p>BC made Members aware there was a section in the policy for 2 associated members from the Power of Discharge Committee to attend the Mental Health Act Monitoring Committee on a regular basis, noting this had not happened previously.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that going forward to fulfil the requirement of having representation from the Power of Discharge Sub Committee (PODSC), that Paul Deneen (PD) Independent Member who attends the PODC, would provide regular updates that would include the provision of the minutes from this committee. It was agreed that PD would liaise with the Head of Corporate Governance to ensure that the policy is amended to reflect the agreed way forward. Action: Paul Deneen Independent Member, Bryony Codd, Head of Corporate Governance.</p> <p>Bryony Codd, (BC) Head of Corporate Governance, raised the question of who would be responsible for the Mental Health Act Managers Policy going forward. The committee noted that in the majority of cases such policies sit within the respective Directorate. The Committee agreed that BC would look at the scheme of delegation and would provide an update to the next Committee meeting that was scheduled for February. .Action: Bryony Codd, Head of Corporate Governance.</p> <p><i>The Committee received the Mental Health Act Managers Policy and requested for the policy to be brought to the next Committee to determine where the responsibility for the policy would rest and to receive the update on the policy wording prior to agreeing the policy. Action Bryony Codd, Head of Corporate Governance</i></p>
MHAMC/06/12/0.3	<p>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</p>
MHAMC/06/12/3.1	<p>Review of Committee Programme of Business</p>

Michelle Jones, (MJ), Head of Board Business, provided the Committee with an overview of the programme of business. In response to a question MJ assured members that moving forwards the synergy between committees as part of this activity would be further considered and noted that the focus of each committee activity is determined by the terms of reference

The Committee considered the Programme of Business and were content with the plans for February's Meeting

MHAMC/06/12/3.2

Mental Health Act Compliance Report

Sarah Cadman, (SC), Head of Quality & Improvement provided an overview of the Mental Health Act Compliance Report for Quarter 2.

The following key points were highlighted: -

- There had been an increase in compulsory detentions across the Health Board with Newport with the highest number this quarter.
- Section 4 there had been a reduction in detentions.
- Learning Disabilities there were no detentions reported.
- Increase in people detained in general hospital with majority of the detentions come under section 2.
- Under 18's 3 detentions with 2 under section 2 and 1 under section 3. Pippa Britton (PB), Chair, questioned whether under 18's detentions were short stays due to the Health Board not having many beds available. SC advised majority would be admitted to a paediatric bed or a tier 4 facility where they would be held 72hours to manage a crisis.
- Section 5 there had been 8 detentions which was slightly higher based on previous years.
- Section 4 was reported to have been used more in 2023 than previous years and this quarter there had been 4 uses of detention which were then converted to section 2. Pippa Britton (PB), Chair queried if there was an expectation that section 4 might be used more often in the future. Chris O'Connor (CO), Divisional Director for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities, advised that it would be reasonable to use section 4 to urgently manage the safety of a patient. The Committee asked to continue to have an explanation of the cases in which section 4 was used to provide assurance that it's been used appropriately.

Action: Sarah Cadman, Head of Quality & Improvement

- Section 2 there were 9 detentions out of 122 expired and 32 regraded to a section 3.
- There is ongoing work to try to decrease the number of detentions under 2 that had lapsed, and monthly updates were in place to raise any issues with the clinical directors.
- There had been 1 unlawful detention due to the section paperwork not being received by the Mental Health Act administration department in a timely manner.
- Mental Health Act Managers hearings - there had been 14 cancellations before getting to the hearing date.
- Mental Health review tribunal hearing had decreased this quarter with having 34 applications.

The Committee requested that moving forward the report should capture the performance of the current quarter alongside the annual figures for each section to enable better comparison and to secure greater assurance. **Action: Sarah Cadman, Head of Quality & Improvement**

The Mental Health Act Monitoring Committee received the report for assurance.

MHAMC/06/12/3.3

Power of Discharge Sub Committee (PODSC) Update

Paul Deneen, (PD), Independent Member provided an update from the two meetings held and the meeting noted: -

- Regular meetings of the PODSC had arranged to align with the Mental Health Act Monitoring Committee.
- An All Wales Managers meeting was due to be held in March 2024.
- 8 new members were to be appointed to the PODSC.
- The meeting had an effective structure and process in place and PD described that these were working well.

The Committee noted the update.

Committee Self-Assessment

Michelle Jones (MJ), Head of Board Business, provided an overview of the self-assessment process for this Committee. The Committee agreed to completed the

	<p>self-assessment and a date for completion of Friday 12th January 2024 was agreed.</p> <p><i>The Committee considered and approved the Self-Assessment form for completion.</i></p>
MHMAC/05/09/4.	ITEMS FOR INFORMATION
MHMAC/05/09/4.1	No items for information.
MHMAC/05/09/5.	OTHER MATTERS
MHMAC/05/09/5.1	<p>Items to be Brought to the Attention of the Board and Other Committees</p> <p>An item to be placed on the FWP for the People & Culture Committee assessing violence towards staff within the Mental Health Division and the appropriate support that is in place Action: FWP for People and Culture Committee and action log t be updated to include this item</p>
MHMAC/05/09/5.2	<p>Any Other Urgent Business</p> <p>There was none.</p>
MHMAC/05/09/	<p>Date of the Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 21st February 2023.</p>