

Board Bulletin

A summary of items discussed at the public meeting of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

Items discussed at the Public Board meeting on 24th November 2021

- Chair Ann Lloyd opened the meeting and began by congratulating Glyn Jones on becoming Interim Chief Executive of the Health Board, following Judith Paget's appointment as NHS Wales Chief Executive and Director General for Health and Social Services.
- The Community Health Council (CHC) gave a report on their visit to GUH in August, at which they spoke to patients and staff to gather their experiences. Concerns were raised about overcrowding and waiting times, but the CHC recognised that there are whole system pressures on the NHS. They will continue to speak to the public about their experiences on a weekly basis and will feed back to the Health Board.
- The Board received an update on the Health Board's Winter Plan. The plan sets out how we will deliver services alongside our partners over the coming winter months. The plan has been shared with Welsh Government and is complimented by the Health Board's Winter Communications and Engagement Plan.
- Representatives from the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) attended the Board meeting and reminded members about the important role WHSSC play in planning, securing and monitoring the quality of a range of specialised services to patients in Wales. It was agreed that further work with Board members will take place.
- The Board received a report on Critical Care in the Health Board and heard a patient story detailing the care the Health Board's Critical Care team gave to a gentleman with Guillain Barre Syndrome, who received intensive care and then a range of rehabilitation services to aid his recovery before he returned home from hospital.
- The Board noted the progress of regional work to develop acute oncology services across the South East Wales region and supported investment in acute oncology services for the Health Board as a priority area.
- The Board received a Finance Report and heard that the Health Board is forecasting a break even position this financial year, taking into account Covid-19 stability funding from Welsh Government. To address the underlying financial deficit, the Health Board will need to focus on doing things differently in order to reduce spending while achieving better outcomes for patients.

