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## News from the Board

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) held its most recent Board meeting in public on Wednesday, 23 September 2020. The meeting was held virtually through on-line meeting software and was live streamed via the Health Board's channel on YouTube. This briefing sets out the main areas of discussion and decisions. The full report is published on the Health Boards website and can be found [here](#).

## Grange University Hospital (GUH) - November Early Opening

With only a matter of weeks to go before the early opening of The Grange University Hospital (GUH), there has been great progress and teams are now implementing detailed operational commissioning plans to ensure the safe opening of the GUH.

The Health Board has commissioned Welsh Ambulance Services Trust to provide an additional inter-site patient transport service recognising that this service will be crucial for inter-site patient movements and flow around our hospitals. The Health Board continues to plan and work through the sequence of moves to enable a safe transfer of services to the GUH.

The Health Board continues to work with partners on public transport options for both November opening and March 2021.

Discussions are also ongoing with Powys Health Board regarding its commissioning intentions for Powys residents when the GUH opens.

## Gwent Local Resilience Forum - Covid-19 Prevention and Response Plan

The Board approved the Gwent Covid-19 Prevention and Response Plan which has been developed and approved by the organisations comprising the Gwent Local Resilience Forum (LRF) and via the Gwent Strategic Coordinating Group (SCG) ahead of submission to Public Health Wales in August 2020.

Covid-19 has been an unprecedented challenge for the Health Board and its partners. Nevertheless, the Health Board successfully managed to respond to the myriad of challenges during the pandemic, notably the peak in infections at the end of March and early April. Whilst the burden of infection has reduced from this peak, significant challenges remain.

The Gwent Prevention and Response Plan will be taken forward by the Planning and Response sub group of the SCG. This will broaden engagement and ensure that all partners are fully involved in producing the Plan for the Autumn and Winter period.

### **Patient story**

The Board heard the experience of one of our patients Becky James, who described her journey through different clinical approaches to her and her mental health needs. Becky was supported at the session by Kate Williams, Ian Thomas and Michelle Hawkins from the Mental Health & Learning Disabilities Division.

Becky described how the different approach taken by the Health Board, meant that she has been able to come back from a placement to Wales and has spent less time in hospital care. Becky felt that the team had got to know her better and not just her mental health needs. They were all involved in decision making around her care plan and she felt empowered to make suggestions and changes. Becky told the meeting that her team were compassionate and caring. Kate Williams – Consultant Psychologist stated that this gives a first hand account of the positive impact on patients and transformation of the service has resulted in a very different approach to delivering care for people.

### **Mental Health Transformation**

Over the last three years a number of changes and service improvements have been made in Mental Health services which has included the redesign of older adult services and learning disabilities residential services. The Health Board is now focussing on the transformation of adult mental health services, and aims to:

- Increase and improve the services that are provided in our communities to support mental well-being
- Improve the mental health support available in primary care
- Transform crisis services
- Improve the range of service and support provided locally to better
- Support people with complex needs



The Board approved the extensive stakeholder engagement plan and resource and looked forward to seeing the outcome of this exercise ahead of the formal consultation process commencing.

### **Nevill Hall Hospital (NHH) Satellite Radiotherapy Unit**

An Outline Business Case (OBC) to support the construction of a new Satellite Radiotherapy Unit on the Nevill Hall Hospital site was approved.

The Board were pleased that NHH had been chosen as the site and recognised the importance for patients to have a radiotherapy site closer to home and avoiding travel to Cardiff.

Following Board approval, the project team will now develop the full business case which will be submitted to Welsh Government in January 2021, with main construction planned for November 2021 and completion August 2023.

### **Medi-Park Strategic Outline Case and Llanfrechfa Grange Campus Masterplan**

The Grange University Hospital is seen as a key catalyst for change in the area and the Hospital forms part of the Llanfrechfa Grange Strategic Action Area (SAA) in the Local Development Plan. Since the adoption of the Local Development Plan, discussions have been taking place between Torfaen County Borough Council and the Health Board about the potential to create a "Medi-Park".

In 2018 a Strategic Steering Board was formed comprising senior Council Officers, the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB), Welsh Government (WG) and the regional universities to consider the case for a "Medi-Park" adjacent to the Grange University Hospital.

The Board commissioned a Strategic Outline Case (SOC) and this was accompanied by a detailed Masterplan to consider how to make best use of the land usage at the remaining Llanfrechfa Grange.

The next stage of the process an Outline Business Case (OBC), will test the potential options which will be considered by the Board.

### **Newport East Health and Well Being Centre Outline Business Case**

An Outline Business Case (OBC) to support the construction of a new Health and Well-being Centre in Newport East was approved. The planned facility will include a range of clinical services provided by the Health Board, General Practitioner, Community Dental and General Dental Practice services together with Social Care and Third Sector provision.

The development is a key component of the Newport Public Service Board focus on strong resilient communities and a place based approach in Ringland, as a key priority area and will replace service provided in Ringland Health Centre, Park Surgery, Alway Clinic and some services in Clytha Clinic.

There has been engagement with local stakeholders and events have been held in the Neighbourhood hub in conjunction with Newport City Council. Newport City Council has also formally expressed their support to deliver the integrated model of care.

It is anticipated that this facility could be completed by late summer 2023.

### **Tredegar Health and Well Being Centre – Full Business Case**

A Full Business Case (FBC) to support the construction of a new Health and Well Being Centre in Tredegar was approved. The FBC confirms the case for change and the preferred option to develop Health and Well-being services in Tredegar that will provide high quality and effective primary, community, social care and well-being services for the local residents on the site of Tredegar General Hospital. Regarded as the birthplace of the NHS this development in Tredegar should also have a wider positive impact.

The planned facility will include a range of clinical services provided by the Health Board, General Practitioner, Community Pharmacist and General Dental Practice services together with social care and Third Sector provision and will replace Tredegar Health Centre, Glan-Yr-Afon Surgery and the existing Tredegar Hospital will be largely demolished.

The completion of the new Health and Wellbeing Centre is anticipated in August 2022.

### **Gwent Healthy Travel Charter**

The Board approved the Gwent Healthy Travel Charter which was developed by a wide range of Public Service Boards and public sector organisations throughout the region.

The main principles of the Healthy Travel Charter will see improvements such as:

- Utilisation of common assets
- Different ways of working
- Active travel
- Planning of facilities/locations
- Reduced air pollution/decarbonising
- Targeted messaging

Subsequently the Charter was signed off by G10 for an official launch in October to coincide with Global Climate Change Week (19th – 25th).

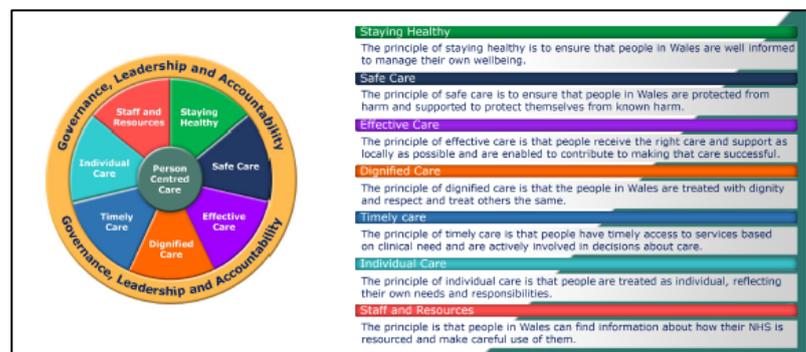
It is acknowledged that each of the organisations signed up to the Health Travel Charter will be starting from a different place. All members will contribute to the overall achievement of the targets in the Charter and have signed up to a range of commitments.



## Annual Quality Statement 2019-20

All NHS Organisations in Wales are required to publish an Annual Quality Statement (AQS) as part of their annual reporting process. The AQS provide a transparent account of Health Board performance in 2019/20 in relation to delivering services that address local need in the context of quality and safety.

The AQS is developed around the priorities identified in the 2019/20- 2021/22 Integrated Medium Term Plan and includes key performance metrics as well as examples of exceptional practice undertaken to drive improvements around quality and patient safety.



## Finance Report – July (Month 04) 2020/21

The Health Board produced a Covid-19 financial plan during April 2020, based on best assumptions and information available at that time. During June, the operational plan for quarter 2 (2020/21) was developed and financial planning assumptions were updated to take account of the full financial year, based on available service and workforce information. These plans have been submitted to Welsh Government and are the basis for the month 4 financial reporting and forecasting.

The Board were informed that the Health Board is awaiting further details from Welsh Government regarding the allocation of the additional £800m funding secured for the NHS in Wales during this year. Forecast cost related to COVID-19 is £68.7m with £20.3m of COVID funding being provided to the Health Board by Welsh Government.

## Integrated Performance Report

In line with other Health Boards and Trust across the UK, COVID-19 has impacted on the Health Board's services resulting in the need to suspend elective services and undertake major reconfiguration of wards and departments to create COVID-19 and non COVID-19 pathways.

Although performance reporting to Welsh Government and publication of Health Board performance reports had been suspended until the end of September 2020, the Board received a detailed update on performance across all the key indicators and measures noting the impact of COVID-19 on services and activity.

**Committee and Advisory Group Assurance Reports**

The Committee assurance reports received by the Board from the Planning and Strategic Change Committee, Audit Committee, Charitable Funds Committee and Quality and Patient Safety Committee.

Representatives from the Health Board also attend a number of external Joint Committees and Groups including Emergency Ambulance Services Committee, Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee and Shared Services Partnership Committee.

The Board took the opportunity to thank all staff for their dedication and care during this challenging period.