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Message from Judith Paget, Chief Executive

Helo pawb / Hello all, welcome to this week's edition of the newsletter. As we end week two of the new financial year, we are currently closing down our accounts and end of year reporting for 2020/21 and making sure all our plans and budgetary arrangements for the new financial year are in place.

There is a welcome focus across our health system on the restart and recovery of those services that were suspended during the last wave of the pandemic, but we have also seen a surge in non-COVID emergency demand in the last few weeks across primary, community and our hospital services. Thank you for coping so well with the increased demand, I know how busy it has been for everyone.

This week's Newsletter provides updates on our Annual Plan and highlights some of the good work and service improvements from around the Health Board – I hope you will find this informative.

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Please take care and stay safe.

Judith

The Health Board's Draft Annual Plan

Our Draft Annual Plan sets out our aims and priority areas, provides some specific areas of focus for action, and describes how we want to work as a Health Board.

Approved at last month's meeting of the Board, this plan helps to provide clarity on areas of focus and describes the tools and enablers to delivery.

The plan is now with Welsh Government for their comments.

The plan will help Health Board staff to understand what we are trying to achieve. We also hope in reading the plan you will spot opportunities for your area of work, make connections with the wider organisation, and understand how we want to support you to deliver and develop.

Our staff have achieved incredible feats in the last 12 months. In particular, opening a new hospital in the middle of a pandemic is an outstanding achievement. We hope that this plan helps you to understand what comes next and how we move forward from the pandemic.

To find out more, you can read our draft plan on [the Intranet](#).



Tredegar Health and Wellbeing Centre

These exciting new images show how the new Tredegar Health and Wellbeing Centre could look once it opens to the public in Spring 2023.



Artist's impression of the new Centre

The Welsh Government approved the full business case for the new development last month and construction of the new facility is planned to start imminently. The Centre is being built on the former Tredegar Hospital site.

The Health & Wellbeing Centre will house two existing GP Practices working independently; Tredegar Health Centre and Glan-yr-Afon Surgery. The centre will bring a range of services for patients together in one place,

including General Medical Services, Community Pharmacy and Community Dentistry, Community Services, Social Care and Third Sector Partners. This development is a fundamental element of the clinical futures model within the Blaenau Gwent Borough, helping the Health Board deliver a wide range of services closer to home for the local community.

We are working closely with local residents, as well as ensuring that the legacy of the former Tredegar Hospital is represented in the new building.



Newport East Health and Wellbeing Centre

Another new development – Newport East Health and Wellbeing Centre Development in Ringland – will be at the heart of the community and will form part of a healthy and vibrant Neighbourhood Hub.

The development is being supported through Welsh Government Pipeline funding and intends to support integrated working between the Health Board and Newport City Council to deliver a range of health and wellbeing services to the population in Newport East. The Centre will physically link to the newly refurbished Newport City Council Hub and is within a short walk of the Ringland regeneration area and existing playing fields.

An outline business case for the development is currently with Welsh Government and if approved it is anticipated that the centre will open to the public in 2024.

Last Chance to Have Your Say on Vascular Services

The Health Board – alongside Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board and Powys Teaching Health Board – has been running a public engagement exercise for the proposed establishment of a Vascular Services Network for South East Wales and the opportunity to give comments ends on Friday (16th April 2021).

Together with our neighbouring Health Boards, we are proposing a number of changes to vascular services in our region that will make them sustainable for the future and most importantly lead to improved patient care and outcomes.

More information and details on how to give feedback can be found on the dedicated website: <https://abuhb.nhs.wales/sewalesvascular/>

COVID NEWS

The incidence of COVID across the Health Board's area has fallen to levels not seen since last September.

We have vaccinated over 300,000 people, with 100,000 also receiving their 2nd dose. We have vaccinated 90% or more of those over 50 years old, and we have visited 96 out of 97 Care Homes for staff and resident vaccinations.



Restarting Our Services

We continue to review the restarting of services every week and have seen considerable progress across a wide range of services, including:

- ~ Orthopaedics has restarted at the Royal Gwent Hospital, with 19 cases completed last week and positive feedback received about the service.
- ~ The first spinal orthopaedic list was undertaken last week at St Woolos, with 8 patients receiving treatment. The plan will be to treat 16 patients every other week.
- ~ We have recently agreed "Developing Excellence in Day Surgery" work starting at Nevill Hall Hospital.
- ~ A second Audiology Locum has started and will focus on clearing the backlog to under 14 weeks by the end of June 2021.
- ~ We have had a challenging few weeks at The Grange University Hospital, but have managed to progress the planned elective work.
- ~ We continue to exploring the safest Green pathway for restarting services at Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr. This is likely to be a combination of planned trauma, general surgery and breast.

Did you know that the Health Board website updates local people with the latest information? You can see how each service is progressing here:

<https://abuhb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/restarting-services1/restarting-services/>



Thank You to the Community Health Council (CHC)

Our thanks go to local people and Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council (CHC), who asked the public to donate essentials for hospital inpatients and staff.

The donations drive has now ended and packages have been delivered to wards around the Health Board area.

Thank you to all involved for their generosity and kindness!

New Child Health Website Launched

A new child health website, Healthier Together, has been launched to provide helpful, comprehensive information for families and professionals.

An initiative originally developed by Wessex and fully supported by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH), the resource has now been rolled out across UK Health Boards. The website provides information on Child Health and Maternity, including Primary and Secondary Care Services and advice to the public, but is also a useful tool for Health Professionals.

You can access the website at abbhealthiertogether.cymru.nhs.uk



Angela thanked for life-saving actions

Chief Executive of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Judith Paget, presented Orthopaedic Health Care Support Worker, Angela Painter, with flowers and a message of gratitude for her heroic actions while off-duty.



In February, Angela went shopping for her father on her day off and witnessed a collapsed man being resuscitated on the side of the road. Without thinking of her own situation, she went over and asked if she could be of help. Her request was accepted immediately and both she and the other bystander worked on the gentleman until the paramedics arrived at the scene. She continued to assist the paramedics and reassured the patient's family as he was taken via ambulance to University Hospital of Wales. The gentleman's family managed to get in touch with Angela to let her know that the gentleman had been discharged home following bypass surgery.

If you know of any remarkable actions that staff members have taken to care for patients, please send us an email at abhb.enquiries@wales.nhs.uk – we would love to feature them in this newsletter!

If you have any ideas for this fortnightly newsletter, please send an e-mail
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