

Key Principles underpinning the Bridgend Boundary Change (2018/19)

The following key principles will underpin the work of the Transition Programme and form the basis by which ABMU and Cwm Taf UHBs will hold themselves (and through the Transition Board, each other) to account for delivery of the required changes. They are set in the context of a commitment to maximise the opportunity to improve the health and wellbeing of the population served by both organisations.

1. Continuity of the quality and delivery of patient care will be central to all actions and decision-making.
2. There will be a continuous process of engagement and communication with staff and key stakeholders throughout the change programme.
3. At all times there will be an 'open-book' approach to the sharing of information.
4. Throughout the transition programme, opportunities will be actively explored for shared service arrangements that could improve quality and efficiency.
5. Both Health Boards will work together and with Welsh Government to ensure that neither population or organisation is disadvantaged by the operational or financial consequences of the changes.
6. The principles of TUPE and the all Wales Organisational Change Policy will be applied to the transfer of staff associated with the changes.
7. The **commissioning** responsibility for Health services for the Neath Port-Talbot and Swansea populations will be retained, in full, by ABMU. The continuity of any services into Neath Port Talbot Hospital from Bridgend is confirmed with service level agreements being put in place as appropriate.
8. The **commissioning** responsibility for Health services for the Bridgend population will transfer in its entirety to Cwm Taf UHB from 1st April 2019.
9. The **Provider** responsibility for all NHS services to the Bridgend population will transfer to Cwm Taf UHB from 1st April 2019 unless there is a jointly agreed legitimate reason that the provision of a particular service should remain with ABMU either in the short-term (to mitigate de-stabilisation during the transition period) or on a more substantive basis where, for example:
 - A given service is part of a specialist service that ABMU already provides to the wider population.
 - A single low volume or highly specialised service is currently provided to the Bridgend population from Swansea or Neath Port Talbot (or vice versa) and the critical mass is so small

that legitimate concerns are raised about sustainability if disaggregated.

In all such instances, the commissioning responsibilities of Cwm Taf UHB for the population would need to be discharged through an appropriate SLA.

10. The schedule of Provider functions to transfer will be agreed through the Transition Board. In the unlikely event of any dispute between the respective Health Boards, the matter will be referred to the Chief Executive – NHS Wales for advice / decision in the context of (5) above.
11. WHSSC commissioned services for the Bridgend population are out-of-scope for consideration of any changes to Provider arrangements as part of this Programme.

In addition to the above, Cwm Taf UHB commits to doing everything possible during the Transition Programme to support ABMU in delivering the actions associated with their Targeted Intervention Programme as they relate to the Bridgend locality.