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BOARD BRIEFING
From meeting held at
10:00 on Thursday 28 May 2020

		Action
A)	STANDARD BUSINESS	
	<p>The meeting was held as a full Board meeting with papers published on the CTMUHB website. Questions were sought from Board members and attendees in advance with responses shared on iBabs prior to the meeting. The questions and answers will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.</p> <p>Due to the continuing restrictions in respect of public gatherings, non-essential travel and social distancing guidance the meeting was conducted virtually via 'Teams' and therefore was not held 'in public', this however to allow the Health Board to conduct the required business efficiently and effectively.</p>	Noted
B)	CONSENT AGENDA	
	<p>Queries raised by Board members prior to the meeting were noted formally and will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The Chair sought confirmation from colleagues that all questions asked prior to the meeting had been addressed to the full satisfaction of the Board.</p> <p>There were no requests to transfer items from the Consent agenda to the Main agenda and all items were therefore actioned in line with the recommendations outlined in each respective cover report.</p>	Noted or Approved
C)	MAIN AGENDA	
4.1	Covid-19 Update	Noted for Assurance
	<p>The Director of Public Health provided an up-to-date verbal position to the report contained within the papers highlighting;</p>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The intensity of the situation with 2 local authorities in our patch (RCT & Merthyr) having the highest cumulative infection rates in Wales, whilst recognising there has been a slowing over time; • The focus now on track and trace going live on 1st June; • That our good partnership working with local authorities and robust communication is essential in effectively managing the infection rates and work is continuing on ensuring targeted engagement with our communities. <p>The Board noted a formal sincere thanks to all staff involved in the work being undertaken across the UHB.</p>	
5.1	<p>South Wales Programme – Progressing Outstanding Recommendations</p> <p>The Medical Director guided the Board through the paper highlighting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'pause' of the programme following the previous Board discussion in March; • A significant improvement in medical rostering and shift fill in the RGH Emergency Department following the appointment of a full-time consultant as Clinical Lead; • Modest success in recruitment of consultant medical staff with further interviews planned; • Proposal to re-start the programme with a view to bring a firm recommendation on future service development to the Board meeting in June 2020; • Continue to further consolidate and build on the current recruitment drive. <p>The Chief Executive updated on the various engagement meetings with staff and partners over the past week noting the cautious, modest success in recruitment and the stability of the team in the Emergency Department by the reduction of single-shift locum doctors.</p> <p>The Board noted the dramatic reduction in minor injury attendances at the ED over recent weeks and months and</p>	Approved



	illustrates the importance of working with local authority partners and communities in ensuring appropriate and effective utilisation of the ED to support any sustainable solution.	
5.2	<p>Covid-19: Disruption to Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Act 2016</p> <p>The Nurse Director presented the report highlighting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The significant and unprecedented challenges impacting on delivery of services resulting from Covid-19; • The All Wales approach to respond taken to the Chief Nursing Officer for Wales request to determine when to undertake the bi-annual calculation of nurse staffing levels on adult acute medical and surgical wards; • Health Boards are expected to persist in maintaining nurse staffing levels, acknowledging this would prove exceptionally difficult in the current situation; • Nurse Directors in Wales have collectively agreed to postpone presenting their annual reports on compliance with the Act (originally due in May 2020) to September 2020; • The additional and deployed workforce in place to help mitigate the impact of Covid-19 on the nurse staffing levels. <p>The Board noted the significant dedication and work shown by the nursing and support staff who have adapted to challenging working arrangements and the Board extended their sincere thanks.</p>	Approved
6.1	<p>Resetting CTMUHB Operational Framework</p> <p>The Director of Planning and Performance presented the report to the Board noting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The UHB is no longer operating in 'major incident mode' in response to Covid-19; • The Framework describes how the UHB intends to operate in the environment where the NHS will be 	Approved



	<p>working with management of Covid-19 for the foreseeable future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The necessity to ensure the UHB is best placed to deliver essential and routine services alongside the challenges of peaks and troughs in Covid-19 demand;• The framework will develop and iterate over the coming months to ensure the UHB continues to have an agile response;• Welsh Government have provided a positive response to the draft Framework submitted noting that they will issue an iteration of Qtr1 Framework for Qtr2 which will incorporate winter pressures. <p>The Board discussed the fact that people in the community are not seeking support for some health and wellbeing needs and that many services are not working to previous capacity meaning that there is a risk of greater preventable harms being left untreated.</p> <p>The Board noted that the governance framework for seeking assurance and scrutiny is being worked through and will be addressed in a Board development session.</p>	
6.2	<p>Covid-19 Financial Impact and its Management</p> <p>The Board noted the paper presented by the Director of Finance that had been previously scrutinised by the Planning, Performance and Finance Committee on 19th May 2020. The Director of Finance also highlighted the risk now included on the risk register going forward in relation to funding.</p> <p>Members discussed the use of private hospitals and adaptations being made on our health care sites in support of reintroduction of routine, elective services. Discussion also took place on the importance of ensuring decisions are made to balance quality, activity and resources, all of which will require a new way of working and risk appetite of the Board.</p>	Approved



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6.3	Prince Charles Hospital Capital Programme – Rhymney Block The Board approved the recommendation to progress capital works on the Rhymney Block in Prince Charles Hospital.	Approved
7.	All items under section 7 of the agenda were noted for information.	Noted