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1. INTRODUCTION

Lymphoedema Wales is the collective of the seven Health Board Lymphoedema Services and the National Lymphoedema Team. It is this National Team that is hosted by SBUHB on behalf of NHS Wales. An agreed Memorandum of Understanding is in place with all Health Boards. The governance structure requires that the LW National Team deliver an Annual Report to the Audit Committee for noting and assurance.

2. BACKGROUND

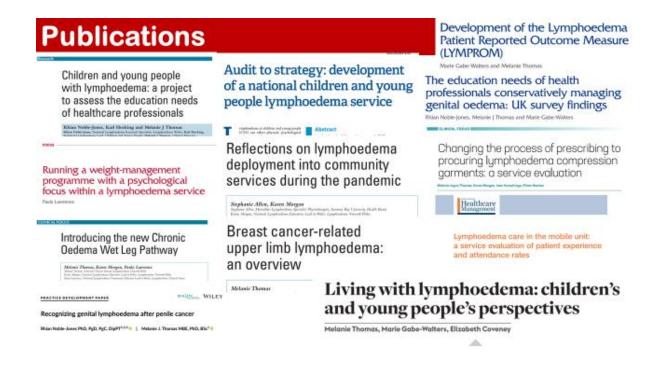
The Annual Report is presented in its entirety however the executive summary is as follows.

Lymphoedema Services across all Health Boards remained operational throughout 2021/22 and prioritised those patients with the greatest needs. Attended activity for 21-22 was 36,887 contacts which is more than the 36,187 from last year. The total activity including unable to attends and did not attends was over 41,000. The numbers of new referrals this year increased from 4,571 to 6,318 with the incidence raising from 1.7 per 1,000 to 2.2. The numbers of people also living with lymphoedema also increased from 19,519 to 19,883 giving a prevalence of 6.67 per 1,000 people. Discharges in 21-22 dropped from 6,010 to 4,412. This reduction may be explained by more complex patients remaining on the caseload who are unable to be discharged.

Positively, Patient Reported Outcome and Experience Measures LYMPROM© and LYMPREM© have been embedded digitally in three of the Health Boards. This information has provided more information about what patients really value and highlights the impact lymphoedema has on everyday lives as well as the mental health struggles. Anxiety, depression, body image, fear and reduced desirably have been commonly reported which highlights a gap in current treatment options.

Accolades have continued in 2021/22 with the National Team winning the British Journal of Nursing, Chronic Oedema Nurse of the Year, The Cellulitis Improvement Team winning the Welsh Government Value-Based Healthcare Award in the UK Advanced Healthcare Awards. The development of LYMPROM also won the Welsh AHP Awards. Dr Melanie Thomas and Dr Rhian Noble Jones also were awarded the Best Oral and Best Poster Presentations in the British Lymphology Conference.

LW have published over 15 papers as highlighted below in peer reviewed journals and as well as launching an International Genital Oedema Supplement. The programmes of work have continued to deliver benefits for patients and financial. Further posts have been recruited to the Cellulitis Improvement Programme from six of the seven Health Boards in Wales to expedite the work into Primary Care Clusters.



3. GOVERNANCE AND RISK ISSUES

This report confirms that Lymphoedema Wales Clinical Network (LW) are complying with the governance obligations to SBUHB as the host of the service. There are no actions required as the service is compliant with regards to staffing, risk and finance management and clinical programmes of work.

All Mandatory training for the team are complete as are their Personal Development Plans. Network risks are managed via the LW Strategy and Programme Boards and escalated to Welsh Government NHS Wales Executive Board.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications with regards to hosting the LW National Team. All funding is received via Welsh Government and the NHS Wales Health Collaborative. The budget at the end of year is zero. Any underspend is released back to SBUHB as hosts of the network.

5. RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation is to note the contents of the LW Annual Report.

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