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| Meeting Date | 14 July 2022 | Agenda Item | 7.2 (i) |
| Report Title | Lymphoedema Wales Clinical Network Annual Report | | |
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| Freedom of Information | Open | | |
| Purpose of the Report | <p>The Draft Annual Report 2021/22 of the Lymphoedema Wales Clinical Network (LW) is attached for perusal and is a requirement of SBUHB as the host of this service.</p> <p>This report confirms that Lymphoedema Wales Clinical Network are complying with the governance obligations to SBUHB as the hosts of this service.</p> <p>There are no actions required as the service is compliant with regards to staffing, risk and finance management and the clinical programmes of work are delivering. A National Strategy and a National Programme Board exists and any issues are raised accordingly.</p> | | |
| Key Issues | The Annual Report highlights the key accomplishments of the network and work programme for 2022/23. | | |
| Specific Action Required <i>(please choose one only)</i> | Information | Discussion | Assurance |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recommendations | <p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note/the LW Annual Report | | |

Annual report LW

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 desirability 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.

| Governance and Assurance | | |
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| Link to Enabling Objectives (please choose) | Supporting better health and wellbeing by actively promoting and empowering people to live well in resilient communities | |
| | Partnerships for Improving Health and Wellbeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Co-Production and Health Literacy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Digitally Enabled Health and Wellbeing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Deliver better care through excellent health and care services achieving the outcomes that matter most to people | |
| | Best Value Outcomes and High Quality Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Partnerships for Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Excellent Staff | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Digitally Enabled Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Outstanding Research, Innovation, Education and Learning | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Health and Care Standards | | |
| (please choose) | Staying Healthy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Safe Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Effective Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Dignified Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Timely Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Individual Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | Staff and Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Quality, Safety and Patient Experience | | |
| The LW report presents evidence that highlights the operation and management of a quality, safe and effective network and Value-Based service that ensures that patients view are captured via PROMs and PREMs. One of the aims of the LNW is to reduce waste, harm and variation. | | |
| Financial Implications | | |
| All expenditure is budgeted and received from external sources. Hosting the national team does not increase financial pressures. Any underspend at year end is absorbed back into SBUHB. | | |
| Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment) | | |
| A MoU is in place which supports the hosting of LW National Team. | | |
| Staffing Implications | | |
| N/A | | |
| Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015) | | |
| N/A | | |
| Report History | The Annual Report has been approved by LW Strategy Board in June 2022. | |
| Appendices | Annual Report 2021/22 | |