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Report Title	To agree an extension to the transitional care home beds scheme		
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Freedom of Information	Open		
Purpose of the Report	The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the Transitional Beds Scheme and seek approval for the extension of the scheme to the end of November 2022.		
Key Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal to extend the transitional care home beds scheme to 30th November 2022. 		
Specific Action Required <i>(please choose one only)</i>	Information	Discussion	Assurance
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Recommendations	<p>Members are asked to:</p> <p>APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION(S)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the continuation of the scheme up until 30th November 2022 within the financial allocation of £2m providing 58 beds fully occupied. 		

Extension to the transitional care home beds scheme

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the Transitional Beds Scheme and seek approval for the extension of the scheme to the end of November 2022 as part of the Health Board's Annual Plan.

2. BACKGROUND

As a consequence of ongoing pressures in Unscheduled Care and across community settings in October 2021 the Regional Partnership agreed to commission up to 100 care home beds which would be known as "transitional beds" to expedite timely, safe and post discharge support for individuals deemed clinically optimised to leave hospital on completion of treatment.

This would offer an interim solution for individuals who are deemed clinically optimised and no longer require a hospital bed, but still require care services until their onward destination or package of care becomes available. The intention is that patients should stay in a transitional bed for no longer than 6 weeks.

The scheme went live on 15th November 2021 and the summary activity data is provided below:

Total transfers from hospital to a transitional bed – 124

Total number of patients in a transitional bed as at 1.5.22 – 42

Number of hospital bed days saved- 5805

Total discharges from transitional beds – 71

Total number of deaths in a transitional bed – 11

It should be noted that all available beds have been filled for the duration of the scheme. Availability has been affected by staffing, infection outbreaks and operational issues within the homes. Unavailable beds have not been charged for.

As a consequence of continuing pressures across Unscheduled care and community services it is proposed that the scheme should be extended until the end of November 2022 as part of the Health Board's Annual Plan.

3. GOVERNANCE AND RISK ISSUES

The day to day operation of the scheme and oversight of patients allocated to a transitional bed sits within the Primary Care & Community Services Service Group as part of the Home First Programme and a small staffing resource has been allocated to oversee the scheme, identifying appropriate patients and managing patient flow.

The scheme provides additional capacity for clinically optimised patients to transfer out of hospital and therefore positively impacts on the Health Board's unscheduled care provision.

There are currently 25 patients in transitional beds who have had an LOS >6 weeks. These patients are being prioritised by the Local Authorities for home care or permanent care home bed.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs of the transitional beds scheme from November 15th 2021 to 31st March 2022 are shown below. The scheme was funded from RPB winter monies up until 31st March 2022 but funding is not available from this source beyond that date.

Care Home	Cost £
Swn-y-Mor	139,475.00
The Gnoll	86,130.00
Brynhyfryd	195,203.57
Peniel Green	10,277.14
Woodside	52,695.00
Hillside	66,558.57
Brynsiriol	15,857.14
Hengoed Court	39,728.57
Treforys	6,377.14
Plas Cwm Carw	5,935.71
St Martins	1,253.57
Total	619,491.43

A sum of £2m has therefore been earmarked in the Health Board's 2022/23 Annual Plan for the scheme up until 30th November 2022 representing 58 beds fully occupied for the 8 month period. Capacity & patient flow will need to be tightly managed to ensure that the scheme operates within the allocated sum to 30th November and there is an agreed exit strategy or agreement to continue if under occupancy results in an underspend and unscheduled care pressures require the scheme continuing.

5. RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to:

Approve the continuation of the scheme up until 30th November 2022 within the financial allocation of £2m providing 58 beds fully occupied.

Governance and Assurance		
Link to Enabling Objectives <i>(please choose)</i>	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 type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Health and Wellbeing	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Outstanding Research, Innovation, Education and Learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health and Care Standards		
<i>(please choose)</i>	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 type="checkbox"/>
	Individual Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Staff and Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality, Safety and Patient Experience		
Meetings with Care Home Providers are being set up to share feedback and ensure any lessons learned are acted upon.		
Financial Implications		
The costs of the scheme are included within the Health Board's Annual Plan for 2022/23		
Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)		
No implications for the Board to be aware of.		
Staffing Implications		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x Band 6 nursing posts are essential to support the pathway to allow appropriate assessments to be completed in acute hospitals and ensure that follow up review is undertaken in a timely manner to give assurance that placements are meeting patient need. • 1 x Band 5 administrator to undertake bed bureau function and liaison with care homes and families. 		
Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)		
No implications for the Board to be aware of.		
Report History	Management Board 20 th October 2021	
Appendices		