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<b>Reporting Committee</b>	Quality and Safety Committee
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<b>Chaired by</b>	Martyn Waygood, Interim Vice Chair
<b>Lead Executive Director (s)</b>	Gareth Howells, Director of Nursing and Patient Experience
<b>Date of last meeting</b>	24 October 2019

**Summary of key matters considered by the committee and any related decisions made:**

- Paediatrics Acute and Emergency Presentation** – A presentation was received from a paediatrics consultant based at Morriston Hospital who highlighted that following the guidelines update of standards for children in emergency care settings, a Single Point of access pilot is underway with the support of the Executive team, as it required senior leadership support. This proposal will enable the workforce to share, standards to be met, as well as help to recruit and retain staff and provide safe care. A bed module has been agreed and the workforce module is expected to be agreed towards the end of October which will then be brought to a Senior Leadership Team meeting. The consultant asked the committee for ongoing support to build a service fit for purpose.

**Key risks and issues/matters of concern of which the board needs to be made aware:**

- Infection Control Report** – During a recent audit it was highlighted that there were variable, practices relating to personal protective equipment (PPE) usage throughout the Health Board. It was confirmed that approval for domestic recruitment had been received and a training programme has been developed which has the ability to train a large number of staff, ensuring that domestic and estates colleagues receive face-to-face training. A PPE focused paper will be brought to December’s Health and Safety Committee.
- Screening for foetal growth in line with gap and grow** – A report was received for noting which highlighted concerns that the health board is not scanning women who may go on to have complications within pregnancy. Clinically, the health board should be providing scanning for all pregnant female smokers, however it is currently unable to in regard to those that smoke less than (we were provided with a number) due to resource constraints

**Delegated action by the committee:**

None.

**Main sources of information received:**

- Suicide Prevention Report** – a report was received which presented figures over a five year period. An average of 45 suicides per year are recorded, and in light of these figures a new suicide prevention plan is being implemented, with a pilot in Swansea, alongside working with local people to understand how suicide rates can be decreased. The committee asked for further information as to why the pilot is taking place in Swansea and

not Neath/Port Talbot given the high incidence of suicides in the area.

- **Substance Misuse** - a report was received which detailed an All Wales investigation undertaken into an increased number of severe infections amongst people who inject drugs resulting in radical surgical intervention and /or ITU admissions during an 18 month period from November 2017 to April 2019. Groin injection was more prevalent in the Swansea area.
- **Performance Report** – The report is being developed and there are operational pressures causing issues in meeting targets. A Clostridium difficile group is in the process of being set up.
- **Primary Care Dashboard** – An update on the Primary Care Peer review was provided.
- **Quality and Safety Assurance Group** – Members received an update from the Quality and Safety Assurance Group. The terms of reference are under review.
- **Internal Audit** – a report setting out the findings of internal audit assignments. The report was noted.
- **External Inspections Report** – This regular agenda item was received and discussed. The Health Inspectorate Wales 2018 report was appended. Welsh Risk Pool Report on Radiology Services has been received and no factual accuracies issues were identified. Cwmavon Health Centre was inspected by HIW on 22nd August 2019 and an improvement plan has been returned to and accepted by HIW.
- **HIW Action Plan and Annual Report 2018-2019** was received and noted.
- **Older People’s Strategy** - A report providing an update in relation to the older people’s strategy was received. Three themes were highlighted: ‘Hospital 2 Home,’ ‘keep me at home’, and ‘good hospital care’. ‘Hospital 2 Home’ will be going live in December 2019.
- **National Maternity and Perinatal Audit Report** – A report providing an update of the audit was received and discussed.
- **Quality and Safety Risk Register** – The report highlighted 11 risks assigned to the Quality and Safety Committee, of which five relate to the highest risks facing the health board. The five risks are unscheduled care, infection control, Transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI) service, ophthalmology and screening for foetal growth assessment in line with gap and grow.
- **Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service** - A report providing an update in relation to the EMRTS Clinical Governance was received and noted. In light of funding agreement, the service is now expanding to deliver the service in night hours. Phase one will be delivered from Cardiff Heliport from April 2019 and phase two around 18 months later in North Wales. EMRTS has also been asked to work with Welsh Ambulance Service Trust (WAST) and commissioners to develop a plan to deliver a critical care inter-hospital ground-based transfer service for non-time critical level 2 and 3 patients.

**Highlights from sub-groups reporting into this committee:**

- Quality and Safety Assurance

**Matters referred to other committees:**

- PPE report to be delivered to the Health and Safety Committee.
- Suicide Prevention Report to be delivered to Senior Leadership Team.
- Best Interest Assessor report to go through the Mental Health Legislation Committee.

**Date of next meeting**

12 December 2019