

Appendix B : Arrangements for addressing the additional assurances requested by Health Boards

Health Board	Further Assurance Required	Ownership	How the issues are being addressed and actions taken
Hywel Dda UHB	To clarify arrangements for families of thoracic patients as to whether they would have access to family accommodation on the Morriston site.	Thoracic Surgery Implementation Project Board	Update from SBUHB: The existing accommodation for relatives provided at the bottom of the Morriston site will be available for families of thoracic patients, the level of demand required for the expanded thoracic service will be considered according to the agreed service model and if necessary additional accommodation will be included in the business case which will be developed by ABMU for the provision of the new Thoracic Unit.
Hywel Dda UHB	To give further consideration to the issues of transport as raised by people in the Hywel Dda area.	Thoracic Surgery Implementation Project Board	Further work will be undertaken with NEPT when the commissioning framework has been agreed. The commissioning framework will include an assessment of patient numbers and will form the basis on which the NEPT service can be planned. The commissioning framework will be completed by May of 2019.
Hywel Dda UHB	As it was noted that the response provided by WHSSC did not address concerns about parking, WHSSC to provide a response to the issue of	Thoracic Surgery Implementation Project Board	Update from SBUHB: The Health Board confirms that over recent months the parking issues at Morriston had greatly improved due to the demolition of empty accommodation and outdated

	parking raised by people in the Hywel Dda area.		buildings on the site. In addition work is underway to improve access to the Morriston site which will enable planning permission to be sought to further improve car parking on the site.
Hywel Dda UHB	It was noted that there was a lack of clarity on whether appropriate services in Hywel Dda were ready and established to provide onward care after local people had been discharged back to their own Health Board and as such a response is required as to how local services receiving patients discharged from Morriston will provide adequate care.	Thoracic Surgery Implementation Project Board	The implementation project board, led by SBUHB, is establishing a service model working group to develop the detail of how the service will be organised to deliver the service specification. This will include the pathway for discharge back to local services following admission for thoracic surgery.
Hywel Dda UHB	In addition, concerns were expressed around the pathway, with this process offering the opportunity to consider pathways and improve the patient journey. Reference was made to a risk of an over-focus on certain services, such as those relating to cancer, when there are others which are significant, such as benign respiratory disease.	Thoracic Surgery Implementation Project Board	The implementation project board, led by SBUHB, is establishing a working group specifically for benign conditions.
Swansea Bay UHB	The CHC has asked that ABMU Health Board provide more detail to assure the public in the ABM area that any further costs identified during implementation	WHSSC to SBUHB	Under the governance process for implementation of the single thoracic surgery centre, the business case will be developed through the implementation board, on which all involved Health Boards

	would be met by all involved health boards and not solely by ABMU.		<p>are represented, agreed by SBUHB Board and finally approved by the Joint Committee. The costs will be agreed as part of this scrutiny and approval process. The revenue costs of service delivery will be funded by the 6 Health Boards that refer into the service according to the risk share mechanism for specialised services.</p> <p>Any additional costs that will be incurred during the transition period (as the previous services are decommissioned and the new service commissioned) will be identified through the implementation project and funding agreed through the Joint Committee and allocated according to the risk share.</p>
Swansea Bay UHB	The CHC has asked the Health Board to clarify whether families of thoracic patients would have access to existing family accommodation on the Morriston site and to give further consideration to the issues of transport and accommodation raised by people in the ABM area;	SBUHB to provide to WHSSC	The existing accommodation for relatives provided at the bottom of the Morriston site will be available for families of thoracic patients, the level of demand required for the expanded thoracic service will be considered according to the agreed service model and if necessary additional accommodation will be included in the business case which will be developed by SBUHB for the provision of the new Thoracic Unit.

			<p>SBUHB already offers flexible visiting hours which enables families and visitors to attend anytime from 11am to 8pm, 7 days a week, which can improve access for them to see relatives/loved ones.</p> <p>Assistance with travelling costs for those patients who use their own or a family member's transport will be able to reclaim mileage if they are on any of the recognised benefits under the "help with health costs" scheme (including income support, universal credit, pension credit guarantee or if you live permanently in a care home where the Local Authority helps with your costs).</p>
Swansea Bay UHB	The CHC have asked that the Health Board provide a response to the issue of parking raised by people in the ABM area	SBUHB to provide to WHSSC	The Health Board confirms that over recent months the parking issues at Morriston had greatly improved due to the demolition of empty accommodation and outdated buildings on the site. In addition work is underway to improve access to the Morriston site which will enable planning permission to be sought to further improve car parking on the site.
Swansea Bay UHB	Co-dependencies of services: the CHC have asked the Health Board to give further consideration to the issues raised and provide assurance that any impact and necessary mitigation has been considered.	SBUHB to provide to WHSSC	The requirement for additional theatres, critical care capacity, pathology, radiology and other clinical services which will need additional capacity to underpin the new thoracic centre, and the costs associated with these, will be incorporated into the

			business case being developed by SBUHB and the costs therefore incorporated into the WHSSC IMTP so that the costs are shared across the involved Health Boards and not borne only by SBUHB.
Swansea Bay UHB	Staffing: The CHC considered that the response from WHSSC did not fully address concerns about the need for a strong multi-disciplinary team or respond to concerns that staff may not transfer from Cardiff. Therefore the CHC have asked that the Health Board give this further consideration.	SBUHB to provide to WHSSC	Careful staff consultation processes will be developed and undertaken jointly by SBUHB and CVUHB to ensure any issues with continuity and sustainability of staffing for the single unit are identified early and actions taken to mitigate appropriately. We will ensure that appropriate staffing options for minimising risks of loss of staffing are included in the business case as appropriate.
Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB	The Health Board requested that that they receive a progress report from WHSCC in 6 months' time.	WHSSC to provide progress report	The report to Joint Committee in May 2019 will be forwarded to Health Boards for their May Board meetings.
Cardiff & Vale UHB	After careful consideration of all of the issues and listening to the representations made from both the Senior Clinical Consultant body and the Community Health Council the Board approved all of the recommendations with the caveat to ensure patient safety, the board would regularly be reviewing the detailed workforce model and medical rotas to provide 24/7 thoracic surgery cover for the Major Trauma	WHSSC to CVUHB	The current position with regard to the issue of thoracic surgical cover for the MTC is included in the Joint Committee report May 2019.

	Centre and if it was not assured within six months the Board would withdraw its approval.		
ABUHB	ABUHB confirmed no additional assurances were required by the Board.		
Powys THB	The Thoracic Surgery developments should not negatively impact on other services for Powys residents from Morriston Hospital; reassurances that outreach/outpatient services would be maintained at Nevill Hall and Glangwili [if the main adverse impact is around travel, and the main mitigation is to keep as much of the pathway as close to home as possible, then we need a level of reassurance that neighbouring service reconfigurations won't lead to these services moving from the nearest hospitals for our residents]	Thoracic Surgery Implementation Board	The implementation project, led by SBUHB, has held a clinical summit where the model was discussed, and is establishing a service model working group to develop the detail. This work will design a model to meet the service specification which requires that out-reach clinics form a key part of the service.