



Reporting Committee	Quality Patient Safety Committee (QPSC)
Chaired by	Ceri Phillips
Lead Executive Director	Director of Nursing & Quality
Date of Meeting	25 October 2022

Summary of key matters considered by the Committee and any related decisions made

1.0 Patient Story

The committee heard a patient video/story from a couple who had accessed neonatal intensive care for their two children. The family were very complimentary of the service they received both from the tertiary and local unit focusing on the importance of communication and bringing care as close to home as soon as possible. The family were thanked for sharing their story and how the issues they raised can feed into the current work being undertaken re cot configuration.

2.0 Welsh Kidney Network (WKN)

QPS members were advised of 3 high risks on the WKN risk register. One risk referred to the introduction by Welsh Government of a Quality Statement for kidney disease and the capacity of the WKN as currently configured to ensure delivery of all components of the Statement. They noted that further clarity is being sought from Welsh Government regarding the role of the WKN in this regard. Two further high risk relate to vascular access capacity at BCUHB and dialysis capacity at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. Members were informed of actions being undertaken to mitigate these risks. A Peer Review on vascular access has recently been undertaken at BCUHB. The report and subsequent action plan is in the process of being completed. The actions are intended to address the vascular access capacity issue. With regard to dialysis capacity, members noted that this facility is independent sector provided and discussion are ongoing with the provider and the HB regarding options to increase capacity. Members noted that patients access to dialysis is not being compromised whilst these discussions conclude.

Members were also informed that a governance review of the WKN had recently been completed, an action plan was being developed and this would be brought to the Joint Committee in January 2023. They were also appraised of the recent Annual Audit Day held by the Network which was well attended and an informative learning event.

3.0 Commissioning Team and Network Updates

Reports from each of the Commissioning Teams were received and taken by exception. Members noted the information presented in the reports and a summary of the services in escalation is attached to this report. The key points for each service are summarised below:

- **Cancer & Blood**

The risk register for the commissioning team was presented to the committee. There was one new risk relating to the management of outreach clinics delivered by St Helen's & Knowsley NHS Trust on two sites in Betsi Cadwalader University Health Board. Assurance and progress were provided against the two services that are in escalation and further information is provided in the summary of services in the escalation table, which is attached.

- **Cardiac**

The risk to bariatric services remain unchanged; however conversations with an alternative provider remain ongoing. WHSSC is still awaiting the Royal College of Surgeons' report for Swansea Bay University Health Board. The committee requested that this was escalated if not received shortly.

- **Neurosciences**

A neurosciences update was received by the committee. Members noted that the risk that patients were being prevented access to the Thrombectomy services in North Bristol, due to the current 3D biotronics-imaging platform not meeting the current Welsh Government cyber security credentials was now resolved and had subsequently been closed by the Commissioning team in October 2022. The risk relating to neurosurgery in South Wales had also been lowered, due to an improvement in both theatre and bed capacity and will be monitored over the coming months. The committee was informed that the Community Health Council (CHC) had undertaken a positive visit to the spinal unit in Llandough Hospital and the report would be published shortly. The quality team would follow this up with CVUHB.

- **Women & Children**

The committee was updated re the risks and, in particular, the risk regarding Paediatric surgery and noted the ongoing work being undertaken. Information had been requested from the Health Board and options regarding outsourcing were continuing to be explored and a detailed recovery paper was due to go to Joint Committee on the 8th November 2022.

It was noted that there is now a Commissioning Assurance Group meeting for each specialised paediatric service at CHfW. There is a rolling monthly schedule, to capture every service. Within the Quality agenda, work is currently being undertaken to address how assurance is reported with the aim of creating a dashboard to gain assurance for each specialised service.

The committee received a progress update on Paediatric neurology and pathology, noting an improved position and the work that was ongoing to secure a longer term sustainable position.

- **Mental Health & Vulnerable Groups**

The committee received a report on any Quality and Patient Safety issues for services relating to the Mental Health & Vulnerable Groups Commissioning Team portfolio. This included a summary of the services in escalation which contained a progress update on the work being undertaken in Tŷy Lliidiard.

Members were provided with an update regarding service on Eating Disorders. Following the end of the contract with Cotswold House on 31st August 2022, arrangements have been made to secure beds with the Priory Group for Welsh patients. These arrangements are in place until January 2023, in the first instance, with options to extend this arrangement. In the interim, options are being scoped and considered to inform an options appraisal exercise for long term sustainable options for eating disorder services, through the Specialised Services Strategy for Mental Health, and a medium term solution to stabilise services for the next 3-5 years.

In July 2022, in response to the recommendations of the Cass Review Interim Report, NHS England took the decision to de-commission the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust and introduce two early adopter providers from Spring 2023. The committee was assured that WHSSC are involved in the NHS England programme work and noted that the interim service specification has been released for a 45-day consultation. An update paper on GIDS has been submitted to Corporate Directors Group Board and Management Group for information.

The committee was pleased to note that NHS England has provisionally allocated £5m capital funding to the North West Mother Baby Unit scheme at Chester. It is expected that the provider, Cheshire & Wirral Partnership Trust, will develop a full business case for submission to NHS England in next 3 months.

The Committee noted the work that the Commissioning Team was undertaking and felt it would be helpful to receive a deep dive and invite the newly appointed Director of Mental Health to present the work at the next meeting. The Secure Services review was also outstanding and would therefore be an opportune time to fully understand how the strands will fit in the Mental Health Strategy going forward.

- **Intestinal Failure (IF) – Home Parenteral Nutrition**

A detailed report was received by the committee. Reassurance was received regarding the substantial work that had been undertaken and it was pleasing to note that the risk had reduced since the last report. A query was raised regarding the invoicing position, which would be addressed outside of the meeting and reported in the next report if there were ongoing concerns or had an impact on quality and patient safety issues.

4.0 Other Reports Received

Members received reports on the following:

- **Services in Escalation Summary**

WHSSC currently has seven services in escalation. The status of each service in escalation remains unchanged. However, the Cardiac services are making good progress and it is hoped that WHSSC will be in a position to de-escalate these over the next few months. The North Wales Adolescent Unit is also waiting for the NCCU review and should also be in a position to be de-escalated. The template for reporting would alter from next year in line with the work presented at the Development Day.

- **CRAF Risk Assurance Framework**

Members were provided with an updated position regarding the WHSSC CRAF and noted the proposed engagement work to support the IPFR risk. Members noted the risk workshop that had taken place on September 20th and the SWOT analysis undertaken on each risk to support the process of review and updating.

- **Care Quality Commission (CQC)/ Health Inspectorate Wales (HIW) Summary Update**

The committee received the report and agreed that any inspections undertaken by the CHC would be included in the future.

- **Incident and Concerns report**

An update report was noted and received by the committee for assurance. There have been 10 new incidents reported to WHSSC over the period July 2022 to end September 2022.

- **Development Day summary report**

A second Development Day was held on the 16th September 2022. Committee members received a summary from each of the sessions and a copy of the presentations. Six out of the seven Health Boards were represented and positive comments were received regarding the content of the day. An evaluation of the day had been circulated and will be used to consider the content for forthcoming days and any improvements that could be made.

- **WHSSC Quality Unit Final Internal Audit Report**

A copy of the Final Internal Audit report, undertaken in June 2022, was received by the Committee. Substantial assurance was received with one matter requiring management attention:

- There was limited evidence to suggest that Health Boards are submitting the WHSSC Quality and Patient Safety Chair's report to their own quality committee meetings for scrutiny and assurance.

The agreed management plan has been accepted and a discussion was initiated at the Development Day. It was agreed that the report would to be considered by the All Wales Health Board Chairs QPS Committee and future auditing of compliance would be monitored through that group. Assurance was received that Health Boards do already have reporting systems in place to address the issue. A copy of the report is attached.

- **Quality Newsletter**

A copy of the second Quality Newsletter was received by the committee and is an Appendix to this report

5.0 Items for information:

Members received a number of documents for information only:

- Chair's Report and Escalation Summary to Joint Committee 6 September 2022,
- Welsh Risk Pool and Legal & Risk Services Annual Review
- QPSC Distribution List; and
- QPSC Forward Work Plan.

Key risks and issues/matters of concern and any mitigating actions

Key risks are highlighted in the narrative above.

Summary of services in Escalation (Appendix 1 attached)

WHSSC Quality Unit Final Internal Audit Report (Appendix 2 attached)

Quality Newsletter (Appendix 3 attached)

Matters requiring Committee level consideration and/or approval

The committee requested that the findings of the Quality Internal Audit Report were noted and considered by the Health Boards.

Matters referred to other Committees

As above

Confirmed minutes for the meeting are available upon request

Date of next scheduled meeting:

23 January 2023 at 13.00hrs

SERVICES IN ESCALATION

Date of Escalation	Service	Provider	Level of Escalation	Reason for Escalation	Current Position 18.10.2022	Movement from last month
November 2017	North Wales Adolescent Service (NWAS)	BCUHB	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical workforce and shortages operational capacity • Lack of access to other Health Board provision including Paediatrics and Adult Mental Health. Number of Out-of- Area admissions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QAIS report outlined key areas for development including the recommendation to consider the location of NWAS due to lack of access on site to other health board provision – This is being considered in the Mental Health Specialised Services Strategy. • Bed panel data submitted electronically • NCCU undertook Annual Review on 29th June 2022 report yet to be published. • Escalation status will be considered thereafter. 	

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March 2018 Sept 2020 Aug 2021	Ty Lidiard	CTMUHB	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unexpected Patient death and frequent SUIs revealed patient safety concerns due to environmental shortfalls and poor governance SUI 11 September 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Escalation meetings held monthly, Exec Lead identified from Health Board. Last escalation meeting 11th October Improvement Board established to oversee delivery of an integrated improvement plan Emergency SOP has been fully implemented Majority of posts recruited to or start dates agreed. Candidate withdrew from Physician Associate post and further advertisement to be progressed. Psychologist/Family Therapist post interviews scheduled for w/c 17th October JD under development for Psychology Assistant post with recruitment to progress following the appointment of the Family Therapist Improved leadership evident via escalation meetings 	

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September 2020	FACTS	CTMUHB	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last escalation meeting was held on 01/09/22 Next meeting is on 09/11/22 Consultant Psychiatrist Interviews are on 1st November and will be followed by Clinical Lead appointment Recommendation will be made to CDGB on November 7th that service is de-escalated to level 2 if all outstanding issues are addressed at next escalation meeting 	
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July 2021	Cardiac Surgery	SBUHB	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of assurance regarding current performance, processes and quality and patient safety based on the findings from the Getting It Right First Time review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued six weekly meetings in place to receive and monitor against the improvement plan. The service was de-escalated on delivery of the immediate actions required by the GIRFT recommendations (per 	

					<p>March update), but has remained in level 3 whilst the impact of these actions is ascertained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The escalation level was discussed again in October 2022 and significant progress towards the GIRFT benchmarks was noted.• WHSSC is waiting for the final report of the recent Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCS England) Invited Service Review to be submitted, with the Health Board's response, after which the potential for further de-escalation and revised monitoring arrangements will be considered in line with the Escalation Framework.	
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<p>July 2021 (original escalation)</p> <p>April 2022 (escalated from 2-3)</p>	<p>Cardiac Surgery</p>	<p>C&VUHB</p>	<p>3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of assurance regarding processes and patient flow which impact on patient experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C&VUHB had previously agreed a programme of improvement work to address the recommendations set out in the GIRFT report. In view of a failure to provide the requested GIRFT improvement plan and HEIW report, the service was re-escalated in April 2022. The service has now provided both GIRFT improvement plan and HEIW report (and action plan), and WHSSC has developed de-escalation criteria based on the GIRFT recommendations and action plans. The de-escalation criteria will be discussed at the next escalation meeting. Level 3 meetings were held in June and July, and a meeting was scheduled for September, but this was postponed due to staff availability. In view of the following meeting being scheduled for November, an updated action plan was requested 	
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					(due for submission 11 October 2022)	
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November 2021	Adult burns	SBUHB	3	At the time of initial escalation, the burns service at SBUHB was unable to provide major burns level care due to staffing issues in burns ITU. An interim model was put in place allowing the service to reopen in February 2022. The current escalation concerns the progress of the capital case for the long term solution and sustainability of the interim model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Escalation monitoring meetings held on 12th August and 27th September 2022. The current timeline for completion of the capital works to enable relocation of burns ITU to general ITU at Morriston Hospital is the end of 2023. The next escalation monitoring meeting is arranged for 1st December 2022. 	

February 2022	PETIC	Cardiff University	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern over management capacity within the service to ensure a safe, high quality timely service is maintained for patients. • Recent suspension of population of PSMA due a critical quality control issue identified during MHRA inspection. Service slow to address impact on service for patients. • Failure to undertake a timely recruitment exercise leading to isotope production failures. • Failure to produce a business case of sufficient quality in a timely manner for replacement of the scanner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PETIC is taking forward the agreed actions with regard to increasing management capacity within the service and clarifying the governance arrangements for the service. • The next escalation monitoring meeting is arranged for 5th December. 	
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Level of escalation reducing / improving position



Level of escalation unchanged from previous report/month



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