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		Agenda Item	5.2
Freedom of Information Status	Open		
Reporting Committee	Clinical Ethics Group via Quality and Safety Committee		
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Chaired by	Chantal Patel, Head of Inter-professional Studies, Swansea University		
Lead Executive Director (s)	Richard Evans, Medical Director		
Date of last meeting	24 June 2021		
Summary of key matters considered by the committee and any related decisions made:			
<p>National Clinical Ethics Network (UKCEN) have asked the Clinical Ethics Group for their views surrounding the visitation policy that was enforced throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The group discussed each question in turn to provide their views on the various aspects and the potential ethical consequences of the processes in place.</p> <p>COVID-19 Moral and Ethical Guidance for Wales – A verbal update was received which highlighted that following the recent election, guidance had been paused whilst Welsh Government (WG) finalised their restructured position. WG held a meeting where questions were raised surrounding management of the COVID-19 pandemic. The vaccination programme also had a high profile from an ethical perspective, along with access to healthcare more generally. The health board awaits further guidance and clarification from WG over the coming weeks.</p>			
Key risks and issues/matters of concern of which the board needs to be made aware:			
<p>Referral form on visitation restrictions at Tŷ Olwen - A referral form surrounding visiting restriction exemptions for ‘end of life care’ and ‘exceptional circumstances’ at Tŷ Olwen was received and discussed by group members. It was agreed that the form would be shared outside of the meeting and a response to the referrer to be compiled shortly.</p>			
Delegated action by the committee:			
Clinical Ethics Group Terms of Reference was received and approved.			
Main sources of information received:			
Members also discussed:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The need for an update on honorary contracts for members who were not health board employees – this was to be sought from the Medical Director, who had since updated the group chair;- A single system from which all members could access relevant documents – members have now been given access to Admin Control, the health board’s e-board system;			

- General Training – members were asked to consider what training from which the group could benefit;
- Reviving Ground Rounds – it was agreed a discussion would take place at the next meeting in relation to commencing virtual ground rounds;
- Recruitment Process for New Members – ways in which to recruit additional group members would be considered at the next meeting;
- No smoking policy – this was to be on the next agenda;
- Involvement of families – members were asked to consider whether family members should be included in clinical ethical decisions.

Highlights from sub-groups reporting into this committee:

None identified.

Matters referred to other committees:

None identified.

Date of next meeting

TBC