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Report Title	Lymphoedema Network Wales Annual Report		
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Purpose of the Report	<p>The Annual Report of Lymphoedema Network Wales is presented and is a requirement of the governance structure of a SBUHB Hosted service.</p> <p>The attached Annual Report presents the activity and accomplishments of the hosted network for 20-21.</p>		
Key Issues	<p>The Annual Report highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of Covid19 • Benefits of Virtual clinics • Activity for 20-21 was 36,187 contacts which is very similar to last year's 36,759 • Referrals to the national service was 41% less from 7,687 to 4,571 • The research agenda continued with several articles being published • Education continued albeit virtually with 292 people attending Lymphoedema courses • New programmes of work including the Cellulitis Improvement Programme • Project B is now up scaled throughout Wales and patients can now access their compression garments in a timely and cost efficient way • Lastly, On the Ground Clinical Education (OGEP) which is phase two of the Value Based Business Case is now being prioritised in three Health Boards and again benefits are being realised. 		
Specific Action Required (please choose one only)	Information	Discussion	Assurance
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Recommendations	<p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note Lymphoedema Network Wales Annual Report 20-21 		

Lymphoedema Network Wales Annual Report 20-21

1. INTRODUCTION

Lymphoedema Network Wales consists of the seven Health Board Lymphoedema Services and a small but growing National Lymphoedema Team. It is this National Team that is hosted by SBUHB on behalf of NHS Wales. An agreed Memorandum of Understanding is in place with all Health Boards. The governance structure requires Lymphoedema Network Wales National Team to deliver an Annual Report to the Management Board and Quality and Safety Committee for noting and assurance.

2. BACKGROUND

Lymphoedema Network Wales (LNW) Annual Report highlights the following:

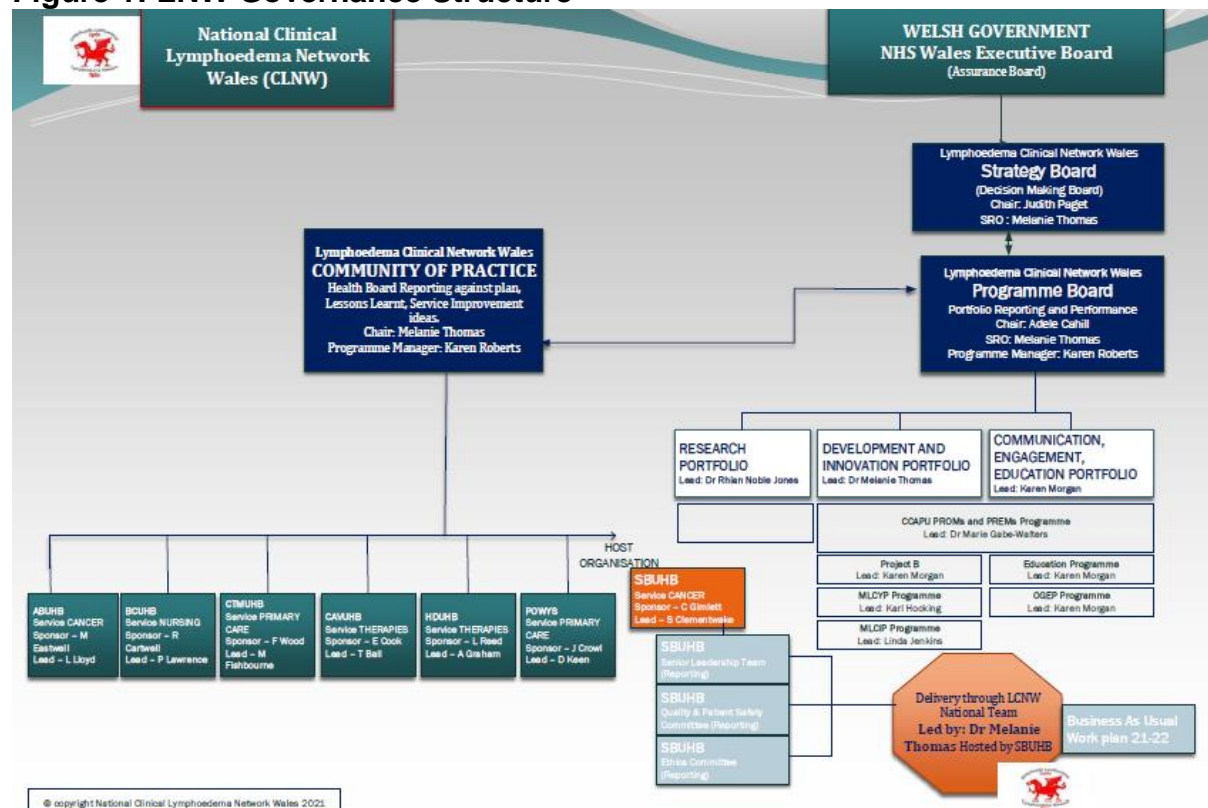
- Impact of Covid19 on clinics and deployment of staff across Wales;
- Benefits of Virtual clinics to ensure patients with the greatest need are seen face to face with the added benefit of using LYMPROM©- Lymphoedema Patient Reported Outcome Measures;
- Activity for 20-21 was 36,187 contacts which is very similar to last year's 36,759- this is positive and demonstrates the continued adaptability of services to see patients where is best for all i.e. community, outpatients or virtually;
- Referrals to the national service was 41% less from 7,687 to 4,571- this is worrying as already we are seeing more complex patients being referred with large volumes of oedema and more complex wounds;
- The research agenda continued with several articles being published- The national team also continued to present locally, nationally and internationally via virtual methods;
- Local education continued albeit virtually with 292 people attending Lymphoedema courses thus still income generating;
- New programmes of work including the Cellulitis Improvement Programme commenced which is proving to be releasing benefits in patient outcomes and costs. The three team members are working through all hospitals in Wales and already have gained support from Directors of Finance and Welsh Government to speed up the programme benefits;
- Project B is now up scaled throughout Wales and patients can now access their compression garments in a timely and cost efficient way throughout Wales;
- Lastly, On the Ground Clinical Education (OGEP) which is phase two of the Value Based Business Case is now being prioritised in three Health Boards and again benefits are being realised. SBUHB was one of the first Health Boards to commence in December 2020 and the results are very promising in patient outcomes, releasing staff time and a reduction in consumable costs.

3. GOVERNANCE AND RISK ISSUES

SBUHB are responsible for the governance of the Lymphoedema Network Wales National Team. All Mandatory training of the team are completes as are Personal Development Plans. Risks of the Network are managed via the LNW Strategy Board and escalated to Welsh Government NHS Wales Executive Board.

The Governance structure is highlighted in Figure 1.

Figure 1: LNW Governance Structure



4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications of hosting LNW National Team. All funding is received via Welsh Government and the NHS Wales Health Collaborative. The budget at the end of year is zero. Any underspend is released back to SBUHB. In 20-21 the underspend was around 40K.

5. RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation is to note the contents of LNW Annual Report

Governance and Assurance		
Link to Enabling Objectives (please choose)	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Health and Wellbeing	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outstanding Research, Innovation, Education and Learning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health and Care Standards		
(please choose)	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Individual Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Staff and Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Quality, Safety and Patient Experience		
The LNW Annual Report presents evidence in highlighting a quality, safe and effective network that ensures the patients view are captured via PROMs and PREMs. One of the aims of the LNW is to reduce waste, harm and variation.		
Financial Implications		
All expenditure is budgeted and received from external sources. Hosting the national team does not increase financial pressures. Any underspend at year end is absorbed back into SBUHB.		
Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)		
A MoU is in place which supports the hosting of LNW National Team.		
Staffing Implications		
N/A		
Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)		
N/A		
Report History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Annual Report has been accepted by the LNW Strategy Board and presented to WG May 2021. The Annual Report has been sent to the International Lymphoedema Framework as Wales is a Framework Member June 2021. The Report has been presented to the Management Board SBUHB 	
Appendices	Appendix 1 - LNW Annual Report 20-21	