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Report Title	Quality Impact Assessment Scrutiny and Review Process			
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Freedom of Information	Open			
Purpose of the Report	The paper provides a description of the process adopted for review, scrutiny and approval of Covid 19 Quality Impact Assessments for the reintroduction of essential services.			
Key Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring that impact on quality is assessed prior to reintroduction or changes to essential services Ensuring that there is a robust process in place to assess quality impact of reintroduction or changes to services 			
Specific Action Required <i>(please choose one only)</i>	Information	Discussion	Assurance	Approval
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Recommendations	Members are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT 			

COVID 19 QUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT SCRUTINY AND REVIEW PROCESS

1. INTRODUCTION

This paper sets out the process for receiving and reviewing Quality Impact Assessments (QIAs) which are completed as part of the work programme to reintroduce essential services.

2. BACKGROUND

QIAs are developed using a standard template and approved within individual Service Groups before being submitted for executive scrutiny and approval. The QIA tool enables an assessment to be made of the quality impact prior to the reintroduction of any essential services. The aim of the tool is to identify any potential positive, negative or neutral impacts on quality in relation to the reintroduction of essential services.

The purpose of QIAs is to ensure that the quality impact of reintroduction or remodelling of services is considered and agreed in advance of the changes being made.

The QIA template asks Service Groups to consider the following when assessing quality impact:

1. Interdependencies
2. Patient experience
3. Clinical quality
4. Patient morbidity and mortality outcomes
5. Impact of environment of care
6. Impact of national guidelines and Covid-19 emergency response
7. Workforce implications

Submitted QIAs are then considered by a scrutiny panel who consider the potential benefits and risks of the proposed changes.

Scrutiny panel membership includes:

- Director of Nursing (Chair) or representative
- Assistant Medical Director or representative
- Deputy Chief Operating Officer
- Deputy Director of Transformation
- Assistant Director of Therapies & Health Sciences or representative
- Assistant Director of Finance or representative
- Assistant Director of Strategy and Partnerships
- Assistant Director of Workforce & OD

Following review, the scrutiny panel make a recommendation, which is sent to the Silver Command Group for final decision-making.

A flow chart outlining this process is included as Appendix 1.

3. GOVERNANCE AND RISK ISSUES

QIAs are required to consider risk issues, including both the risk of reintroducing and not reintroducing services. Risks should be recorded and managed using the organisation's risk management system.

This process will be reviewed and revised following any changes to the Silver Command Group function within the organisation.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Potential financial implications are noted and considered within individual QIA submissions.

5. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee are asked to note the content of this report and the process outlined within Appendix 1.

Governance and Assurance		
Link to Enabling Objectives <i>(please choose)</i>	Supporting better health and wellbeing by actively promoting and empowering people to live well in resilient communities	
	Partnerships for Improving Health and Wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Co-Production and Health Literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Health and Wellbeing	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>
	Excellent Staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Outstanding Research, Innovation, Education and Learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Health and Care Standards		
<i>(please choose)</i>	Staying Healthy	<input checked="" 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 QIA process ensures that services consider the impact of any changes or reintroduction of services for a quality and patient experience perspective.		
Financial Implications		
Financial implications will be outlined within each individual QIA.		
Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)		
None identified		
Staffing Implications		
Staffing implications will be outlined within each individual QIA.		
Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)		
The QIA process considers the quality impact across services in the short and longer terms, as well as the impact across the wider health system.		
Report History	Quality and Safety Committee March 2022	
Appendices	Appendix 1 Quality Impact Assessment Scrutiny Process	

Quality Impact Assessment Process for Adjusting of Services during COVID-19



