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		Agenda Item	4.2
Freedom of Information Status	Open		
Reporting Committee	Clinical Ethics Group via Quality and Safety Committee		
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Chaired by	Idris Baker, Consultant, Palliative Medicine		
Lead Executive Director (s)	Richard Evans, Medical Director		
Date of last meeting	25 August 2021		
Summary of key matters considered by the committee and any related decisions made:			
COVID-19 Moral and Ethical Guidance for Wales Advisory Group (CMEAG) – The CMEAG continues to work and provide advice to Welsh Government.			
Clinical Ethics training – It was agreed that discussions would take place outside of the meeting surrounding joining another Clinical Ethics Group as observers and the option to share learning internally from academic and professional perspectives.			
Families being consulted on clinical ethics decision - Members queried whether the Clinical Ethics Group should be a patient and public facing body. Currently it is the clinician’s role to be inter-facing with families and patients to ensure that messages to the families are clear. Involving parents and families could lead to emotive referrals, which could make it difficult for the group to make decisions. Expert advice would be needed if the group was to begin accepting referrals other than clinicians. The group will discuss this subject periodically.			
Online link to Clinical Ethics Group information – Currently, there are two separate online links with information on the Clinical Ethics Group. Members decided that the clinical online information network ‘COIN’ online link would be easier to update via the library. The Health Board’s communication team to update the intranet link from ‘Clinical Ethics Committee’ to ‘Clinical Ethics Group’ and for the ‘COIN’ hyperlink to be embedded into the webpage.			
Key risks and issues/matters of concern of which the board needs to be made aware:			
None identified.			
Delegated action by the committee:			
Recruitment Process for New Members – Group members approved the expression of interest (appendix one). Once ratified by the Quality and Safety Committee, the role will go out to advert.			
Main sources of information received:			
Members also discussed:			
- Reviving Grand Rounds – Grand Rounds are taking place virtually and engagement with the education centres is needed to refresh the process;			

- **No smoking policy** – Smoking can be a coping mechanism for some patients and ethical concerns were raised surrounding a blanket policy. There is no dispensation for any group of people and the smoking is outlawed on all hospital sites. The Clinical Ethics Group has no stance to offer on this item

Highlights from sub-groups reporting into this committee:

None identified.

Matters referred to other committees:

None identified.

Date of next meeting

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