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Meeting	Quality & Safety Committee		
Report Title	National Review of Maternity Services		
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Freedom of Information	Open		
Purpose of the Report	To provide an update to the Committee regarding the Healthcare Inspectorate National Review of Maternity Services across Wales. The aim of the review has been to provide a national picture of the quality and safety of NHS maternity services across Wales; to understand whether the care being provided is safe, and to identify wider learning to improve services for women and their families.		
Key Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The phase one report is now complete and was published on 19th November 2020. • The full report is attached as Appendix 1. • The report highlights the key themes and findings from the first phase (Phase One) of the HIW national review, with Phase Two due to commence in late 2020. • Findings to date show the quality of care that is being provided across Wales is generally good, and that the majority of women and families who use maternity services report positive experiences, delivered by a hugely committed and dedicated group of professionals. 		
Specific Action Required (please choose one only)	Information	Discussion	Assurance
	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recommendations	The Quality and Safety Committee are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTE the contents of the report. 		
Appendices	Appendix 1 – National Review of Maternity Services		

National Maternity Review

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Committee regarding the Healthcare Inspectorate National Review of Maternity Services across Wales which has been carried out over the past 18 months. The aim of the review was to provide a national picture of the quality and safety of NHS maternity services across Wales, to understand whether the care being provided is safe, and to identify wider learning to improve services for women and their families.

The phase one report is now complete and was published on 19th November 2020. The full report is attached as **Appendix 1**.

2. Key Findings

Findings to date show the quality of care that is being provided across Wales is generally good, and that the majority of women and families who use maternity services report positive experiences, delivered by a hugely committed and dedicated group of professionals.

Phase One of the review identified some issues in relation to aspects of maternity care that were outside the original scope of the national review

These key areas to focus upon relate to:

- Antenatal care – to consider the quality of care provided by community midwifery teams
- Postnatal care – to consider the periods after the birth and up to the stage of health visitor engagement
- Follow-up on some of the inspections undertaken as part of Phase One, to understand what progress is being made

Maternity Services have implemented an Improvement Plan in response to the recommendations.

Phase Two will seek again to explore in relation to the above:

- The experiences of women, their partners and families. It will also explore the extent to which health boards across Wales:
- Provide safe and effective maternity services
- Understand the strengths and areas for improvement within their community maternity services

An update from HIW was received on 30.11.2020, in regards to the recent publication of the National Review of Maternity Services Phase One Report. HIW feel that there are further discussions needed regarding timescales. They met with the Heads of Midwifery (HoMs) the week before publication to give them a brief overview of the findings within the report. This meeting went extremely well with findings being taken on board by all. In the meeting HIW also advised that following on from the WG/HIW Learning Event being held on Wednesday 2 December 2020, they would arrange to meet with all HoMs to look at timescales for sending back completed improvement plans.

HIW understand the current pressures being experienced with the pandemic and winter pressures, and so, to make sure they do not put any additional pressures on the service, they will work with the HoMs to look at realistic dates. Provisionally the end of March 2021 is being considered and will be confirmed in due course.

3. Recommendations

The Committee is requested to note the contents of the report.

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 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		
<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		
This report sets out performance against patient experience measures and actions being taken to improve the services that we provide.		
Financial Implications		
No implications to note.		
Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)		
No implications for the Committee to note.		
Staffing Implications		
No implications for the Committee to note.		
Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)		
No implications for the Committee to be notified of.		
Report History		

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