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Reporting Committee	Mental Health Legislation Committee		
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Chaired by	Stephen Spill, Vice Chair		
Lead Executive Director (s)	Gareth Howells, Executive Director of Nursing and Patient Experience (Interim)		
Date of last meeting	03 February 2022		
Summary of key matters considered by the committee and any related decisions made.			
<p>Mental Health Measure Monitoring Report; Part One (Assessments) - Swansea Bay Health Board services' have been consistently well above target for the whole period. Other than for one month, the CAHMS performance has been below target and the composite figures have been above target and this compares favourably with the rest of Wales; Part Two (Care and Treatment Plans) - The team have put in place corrective action during the month of January and the reported numbers are seen to be rising, issues have been seen where the care coordinators are not responding to requests to update care treatment plans. Part Three and Four (Self-referrals and timely assessments/Advocacy) – Compliance has been 100% in both areas for the periods concerned.</p>			
Key risks and issues/matters of concern of which the board needs to be made aware:			
<p>Mental Health Act (MHA) 1983 Monitoring Report; The report presented the data for the period 1st October – 31st December 2021. The report highlighted there was use of back to back section 5(2) – 2 occurrences in Ward F where it was noted such action is not appropriate. There were 3 admissions of CAHMS patients to Ward F. During the quarter, there were no visits from Health Inspectorate Wales to any of the facilities.</p> <p>Key Matters raised by members;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Pressures of Ward F</i>; further training is required immediate session has been arranged to cover the scrutiny and mental health act training. A second training session has been arranged in March to target the 8 members of staff starting late February. <p>Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Update (DoLS); DoLS - Members were updated on the DoLS quarter 3 position, there were 224 referrals received, of those a total of 12 were assessed by the only dedicated Best Interest Assessor (BIA), one Internal staff member who has completed BIA assessments (not primary role) completed 5 assessments. Total number granted 4. The cumulative number of discharges from 1st April to 31st December 2021 equates to 719, (this figure includes discharges, death, further assessments required, reviews of conditions those subject to a DoLS which may result in a breach of time scales, patients not meeting DoLS criteria therefore DoLS applications not applicable. The number of breaches have risen again (106 in Q1, 109 in Q2 and 125 in Q3), most breaches are due to a continuing lack of BIA Assessors – both internal and external.</p>			

Key matters raised by members;

- *Addressing the DOLs backlog;* To help address the backlog of assessments, manage the DoLS Team and assist in the implementation of LPS, the current substantive BIA (band 6) has been re-banded as DoLS Team Leader (band 7) effective from 11th October 2021. To address the back log of DoLS assessments and the current demand, a number of options are being explored utilising the funding from Welsh Government.

Delegated action by the committee:

None identified.

Main sources of information received:

- Mental Health Act Monitoring Report
- Mental Capacity Act Report and Update on Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards
- Mental Health Measure Monitoring Report
- The Powers of Discharge Committee Terms of Reference was **approved**.
- The action plans from the care and treatment plans audit

Highlights from sub-groups reporting into this committee:

None identified.

Matters referred to other committees

None identified.

Date of next meeting

05 May 2022