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Report Title	General Medical Practice Merger		
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Presented by	Chris White Interim Chief Operating Officer		
Freedom of Information	Open		
Purpose of the Report	Chairman's action was taken to support the merger of General Medical Services (GMS) practices. The Board is asked to ratify this request.		
Key Issues	<p>Sustainability in General Practice is becoming an increasing issue in ABMU Health Board in common with other parts of Wales and across the UK.</p> <p>A formal sustainability application was submitted to the Primary and Community Services Unit Access and Sustainability panel by New Cross Surgery. The practice has been in practice merger discussions with Cwmtawe Medical Group. Both practices have submitted their intention to merge document to the Panel which agreed a one-off financial support up to a maximum of £25K as per the ABMU Merger Framework. The merging of the GMS partnerships and contracts will allow the Cwmtawe Group Practice to form a larger business structure which will future proof both practices in terms of sustainability. The merged practice will serve a patient population of circa 25,000 patients over 3 sites. It provides a very good example of a local implementation of the national transforming primary care model.</p> <p>The merger of the Cwmtawe Medical Group and New Cross Surgery will impact on the contract value. The contract value variation will be in the region of £720,000. In accordance with the standing financial instructions, Schedule 1; scheme of reservation and delegation of powers, as the variation value is above £500,000 the appropriate authorisation for the proposed merger of Cwmtawe medical Group and New Cross Surgery would be a Board level. Once approved the Chief Operating Officer would be in a position to formally sign-off the contract variation.</p>		

	The Chairman has authorised this application and the Board is asked to ratify the decision.			
Specific Action Required <i>(please ✓ one only)</i>	Information	Discussion	Assurance	Approval
				✓
Recommendations	Members are asked to ratify the Chairman's action			

Governance and Assurance										
Link to corporate objectives (please ✓)	Promoting and enabling healthier communities		Delivering excellent patient outcomes, experience and access		Demonstrating value and sustainability		Securing a fully engaged skilled workforce		Embedding effective governance and partnerships	
					✓				✓	
Link to Health and Care Standards (please ✓)	Staying Healthy	Safe Care	Effective Care	Dignified Care	Timely Care	Individual Care	Staff and Resources			
		✓					✓			
Quality, Safety and Patient Experience										
The merged practice will serve a patient population of circa 25,000 patients over 3 sites. It provides a very good example of a local implementation of the national transforming primary care model and will be more likely to impact favourably on the quality, safety and experience of patients and staff.										
Financial Implications										
The merger of the Cwmtawe Medical Group and New Cross Surgery will impact on the contract value. The contract value variation will be in the region of £720,000.										
Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)										
There are no legal implications contained within this report.										
Staffing Implications										
There are no legal implications contained within this report.										
Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)										
Long Term: Sustainability in General Practice is becoming an increasing issue in ABMU Health Board in common with other parts of Wales and across the UK. The merging of the GMS partnerships and contracts will allow the Cwmtawe Group Practice to form a larger business structure which will future proof both practices in terms of sustainability.										
Report History		None								
Appendices		None								