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Dear [Redacted],

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 19th October 2020. Your request sought information relating to COSMHAD treatment.

I was hoping that you might be able to provide:

- 1. Details of the approach/treatment pathway for COSMHAD (co-occurring serious mental health and alcohol/drug issues often referred to as dual diagnosis) treatment that you commission or provide – particularly whether you commission or provide treatment specifically for COSMHAD**

The Delivery Unit has a COSMHAD Pathway that is currently being reviewed. There is a Task & Finish Project Team, led by the Medical Director, Dr Richard Maggs.

Previously there was a Dual Diagnosis Implementation Group (DDIG) that developed the pathway. The DDIG was established in 2016 to develop a Joint Delivery Plan, at the request of the Welsh Government, to lead on the delivery of integrated clinical practice in mental health and substance misuse services for adults, children and young people under the National Co-occurring Framework. The DDIG was a partnership of key officers and practitioners in the mental health and substance misuse arenas. Responsibility for ensuring implementation of the Plan lies with managers, commissioners, planners and clinical leaders in health, social services and third sector services. Oversight and assurance will be provided by the Western Bay Area Planning Board (APB) and the Health Board (LMHPB) via their lead in the Local Mental Health Partnership Board. Progress on the delivery of the Plan and the work of the



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DDIG will be reported via this highlight report every 6 months in April and September.

A Pathway was developed and staff underwent training in dual diagnosis across the service group and third sector partners. Each clinical area across all localities that may have to address dual diagnosis issues have identified link workers to joint work with drug and alcohol workers. All acute inpatient areas have access to specialist input from a drug and alcohol trained nurse via liaison services.

Following an initial scoping meeting in January 2020, substance misuse and mental health providers and professionals agreed the need to form a Task & Finish Group to revise and develop the Strategy. In line with co-production values, the group includes a wide range of stakeholders including; service users, carers, mental health professional, substance misuse providers, third sector and housing providers. The group met in March for the first time with 6 weekly meeting dates scheduled through to the end of July.

A series of engagement events were scheduled during April and May, with Barod and WGCADA jointly facilitating. However, the advent of COVID-19 has resulted in this work being deferred. In late March the Health Board, alongside other statutory and non-statutory organisations, made a decision to stand down all non-essential projects and programmes to divert resources into the COVID-19 response. As a result, the Co-occurring Substance Misuse Task & Finish Group had to cancel all scheduled meetings and associated activities. Currently the Health Board, along with partner organisations, are looking at ways to reinstate full service delivery as part of a Rest & Recovery programme. In line with this the implementation plan for the delivery of the Co-occurring Substance Misuse Strategy has been revised.

The revised timeline takes into consideration stakeholder and organisational requirements to manage social distancing in the workplace, as well as changing service delivery methods as a result of the Pandemic. For example, the period of engagement on the Service Model and Pathways of Care has been extended to enable more engagement opportunities with smaller group of people, including options for video, teleconferencing and online methods of engagement.

2. Details of any other COSMHAD services you are aware of operating within your area

None at present.

3. The name and contact details of the COSMHAD/Dual diagnosis lead in your area

Medical Director, Dr Richard Maggs.



I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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