



**Minutes of the Meeting of the North Wales Community Health Full Council held
Via Zoom
Tuesday 29 March 2022, 10.50am
Chair: Mrs Jackie Allen**

PRESENT:			
CONWY LOCAL COMMITTEE	Myfanwy Baines Joy Baker	Sian Ramessur	Roger Williams
DENBIGHSHIRE LOCAL COMMITTEE	Eva Edwards Celia Hayward	Gordon Hughes Cheryl Williams	Emrys Wynne
FLINTSHIRE LOCAL COMMITTEE	Janet Axworthy Michael Boyle	Linda Harper Rita Jones	David Mackie
GWYNEDD LOCAL COMMITTEE	Adrian Drake-Lee Vicki Harvey	Michael Lloyd-Jones Dewi Roberts	Paul Rowlinson
WREXHAM LOCAL COMMITTEE	Jackie Allen Frank Hemmings	Adrian Leslie	Niki Tabern-Price
YNYS MÔN LOCAL COMMITTEE	Richard Bladon	Andy Burgen	Sadie Francis
CO-OPTED MEMBERS	Shirley Bough Brace Griffiths	John Jones Christopher Philipps	Mark Thornton Vera Wilson
Staff	Emily Bowen Allison Hughes Rebeca Hughes Cerys Jones Debra Jones Jill Scupham Carol Williams	Complaints Advocate Advocacy Office Manager Management Officer Management Officer Complaints Advocate Administrative Officer Deputy Chief Officer	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Geoff Ryall-Harvey Sue Irlam Gwynfor Owen	Chief Officer Secretariat Translator	
APOLOGIES:			
CONWY	Phil Capper Melanie Davies	Liz Liddall	Hilary Randall



DENBIGHSHIRE	Angela Marshall Michael McNamara	Neil Taylor Michael Theaker	Gill Williams
FLINTSHIRE	Di Gill	Stella Howard	
GWYNEDD	Mair Jones		
WREXHAM	Peter Rendle		
YNYS MÔN	Glyn Haynes Trefor Hughes	Val Monaghan Aaron Osborne-Taylor	Dylan Rees
STAFF	Lucy Barker	Bev Davies	Rachel Valentine
NOT PRESENT MEMBERS	Karen Bellis Frank Bradfield Carina Edwards	Dot Griffiths Gladys Healey Derek Holmes	Linda Kinani Beverley Parry Jones Menna Williams
NOT PRESENT STAFF	Eleri Ellis	Bethan Perkins	Debbie Postle

MINUTE	ITEM	ACTION
FC22.01	WELCOME The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.	
FC22.02	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received and are as recorded	
FC22.03	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS There were no declarations of interest recorded.	
FC22.04 22.04(1)	<p>FOR DISCUSSION BCUHB Vascular Services</p> <p>The Chief Officer spoke to this item and made the following observations before inviting members comments;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As noted in the annual meeting the Minister should be aware of the issues BCUHB are facing in respect of vascular services. • The Minister now needs to show how the progress in delivering the 9 recommendations of the Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) report will be enacted and monitored. • There will be actions flowing from the recently reported 'never events'; the Minister will also need to demonstrate the actions and progress BCUHB have taken to remedy and address such actions. • There needs to be a clear plan of support that plots timescales and measurable outcomes to show that, in her role as Minister, BCUHB are being held accountable for ensuring that vascular services are clinically robust for the patients in North Wales. <p>The following observations were received from members present:</p>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The move for patients requiring complex care to be treated in Liverpool whilst BCUHB put interventions in place is seen as being the correct thing to do. • There is a concern that surgeons in North Wales will be losing valuable surgical experience during this time. It was noted that support is being provided to BCUHB from the Liverpool vascular network in several areas including providing care for complex care needs and mentoring and training to enhance capabilities. Staff from Liverpool will also provide after care once the patients have returned to North Wales. • Notwithstanding the three-month arrangements with the Liverpool vascular network, it is understood that the programme of support would be in place for a longer period; with ongoing guidance and supervision afforded to the vascular surgeons. • It is understood that there will be some work done by BCUHB to assess the capabilities and competences of its vascular surgeons to carry out procedures, with divisions of labour being made according to the skills and competences. • BCUHB had indicated that there would be a package of support offered to patients and the carers of those patients whose care was to be delivered at Liverpool; Chief Officer would seek clarity as to what was included in the package of support. • It was confirmed that North Wales MPs and MSs have been fully appraised of NWCHC's concerns with vascular services. • It was felt that there is a political divide in respect of health services in Wales • Members present felt that the Minister could not abdicate her responsibilities in respect of vascular services, the concerns of which have been flagged for many year 	CO
22.04(2)	<p>BCUHB Mental Health Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of mental health service in North Wales is another area of concern • The number of mental health inpatients committing suicide is increasing despite earlier interventions. • The Doyle Report as published publicly with the BCUHB Quality Safety and Experience Papers had since been withdrawn from the public domain at the request of the Coroner. • BCUHB has prepared a 4-stage mental health services recovery plan. Whilst stage one of the plan has been implemented, the remaining 3 stages are viewed as a service change requiring engagement and consultation; the requisite service change protocol is being prepared. 	



	<p>This will be presented to the Services Planning Committee and to Local Committees for discussion and consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is understood that whilst BCUHB would wish to stop mixed cohorting of patients this practice has not stopped. This played a significant role in recent suicide of a patient in North Wales. • Members questioned whether BCUHB consult pre-admission reports from agencies such as the police. • It is disappointing to report little of no progress in respect of mental health services at this stage when previous reports including the Holden Report, the Flynn and Ely Report, the Ockenden Report and now the Doyle Report are flagging the same concerns and worries from many years ago. • Members were reminded that a former BCUHB Acting Chief Executive provided assurances to the Welsh Government Public Accounts Committee that each of the recommendations of the Holden Report had been acted upon; the Doyle Report provides strong credible evidence that this is not the case. • Regarding the Targeted Intervention Groups, the Chair noted that these are attended by lay people; it is not known what experience they have of mental health services, therefore it is not known if there is satisfactory overview of the reports and progress presented. Before actions are progressed and signed off, there needs to be robust evidence that actions and improvements have been made. • The Vice Chair noted his concern around the lack of progress in the redevelopment of the Ablett Unit; the redevelopment group meetings have been cancelled repeatedly. Chief Officer undertook to raise this matter with the Minister. 	CO
22.04(3)	<p>NWCHC Return to Full Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the emergence and prevalence of the Omicron strain of the corona virus it had not been possible to recommence NWCHC visiting and engagement over recent months • Members are keen to recommence announced visits to mental health settings. The Chief Officer has written to senior staff at BCUHB seeking advice in respect of infection control measures that will need to be observed. BCUHB is supportive of these visits and will outline the infection prevention control measures in a full response to the NWCHC. • At recent discussions with BCUHB NWCHC heard that the Health Board is at alert level 3 and currently operating at gold command. Whilst the death rates are going down the number of patients with Covid is increasing with many of them testing positive on admission for a non-covid related issue. 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members of the NWCHC have been invited to attend a joint meeting of the Visiting and Monitoring Group and the Engagement and Consultation Group to be held on the afternoon of 29 March 2022; this will be a single item agenda meeting to examine how visiting activity can be undertaken safely. • It is the intention to recommence visits to mental health facilities across North Wales; these visits would be announced and would respect infection prevent and control protocols. • Should there be no reintroduction of the previous Covid restrictions by Welsh Government, it is the intention for all NWCHC meetings to return to the face-to-face format. Members attending face to face meetings would be encouraged to maintain a social distance and wear a face mask if they wished. Those members not wishing to attend face to face meetings would receive copies of meeting papers and would be encouraged to contribute to the meetings in any way that they may be able. • Hybrid meetings are problematic due to a lack of high specification equipment as well as IT support to run such a meeting. • Previous correspondence sent to members canvassing their views about face-to-face meetings would be recirculated. • The office would also check as to the availability of LFT tests. • At this stage members raised the issue of BCUHB paying for commissioned services outside of the Welsh NHS. • Some members were aware that some care costs remained unpaid and were concerned that should this practice continue, this could compromise future arrangements and care. • It was noted that some years ago, the Countess of Chester suspended the treatment of Welsh patients, due to the incorrect payment of care; this matter was resolved, and the care resumed. Chief Officer noted that Welsh patients accounted for 30% of the patients treated at the Countess of Chester. • Members went on to note their concern about the perceived influence on North Wales health care services from Cardiff. • BCUHB had been unable to independently lease a surgical robot instead it joined the all-Wales project; the robot will finally be available to patients in North Wales in June 2022. • Members also went on to note their concerns about reports of patients from North Wales having to travel to London for prostrate procedures. CO to ascertain the if this is the case and report back. 	<p style="text-align: right;">BM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">BM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CO</p>
<p>FC22.05 22.05(1)</p>	<p>MINUTES Minutes of the Full Council held 30 September 2021</p>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2021 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting. 	
22.05(2) 22.05(2.1)	Matters Arising Not on the Agenda Buvidal Treatment for Opioid Dependency in North Wales <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members asked for an update in respect of the buvidal treatment for opioid dependency in North Wales; Chief Officer undertook to seek an update regarding the number of patients receiving this treatment for their opioid dependency. 	CO
FC22.06	ANY OTHER BUSINESS There was no other business transacted.	
FC22.07	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday 24 May 2022, 10.00am format to be advised. The meeting closed at 11.45am	

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