

Joint Commissioning Committee

Highlight Report from the Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC)

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Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt/consideration at Committee/Group)		
Committee / Group / Individuals	Date	Outcome
Health Boards	April 2025	Noted

1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

This report had been prepared to provide Health Board (HB) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Members of the Joint Committee with a summary of the key issues considered by the Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) at its public meeting on 18 March 2025.

Key highlights from the meeting are reported in Section 3.

2. PURPOSE

The Purpose and Role of the Joint Committee is set out in Paragraphs 2.18 and 2.20 of the JCC [Standing Orders](#).

3. HIGHLIGHT REPORT

(Links to reports highlighted [March 2025 - NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee](#))

Status	Update
Alert / Escalate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Joint Commissioning Committee Foundation Plan 2025-2026 was approved in readiness for inclusion in Health Board Integrated Medium Term Plans (IMTPs) and submission to Welsh Government by 31 March 2025 with the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop an executive summary, ○ Include an acknowledgment of the level of risk including provider risk that this plan is highlighting, ○ Establish robust accountability process to monitor the delivery of the plan, ○ Recognise the on-going conversations with providers around deliverability and savings targets that could impact on the plan, ○ Acknowledge the limited capacity to undertake the transformation programmes identified within the Plan and the collaboration required from Health Boards in delivery; and ○ Representations with Welsh Government on the position in relation to non-recurrent funding that could impact on the plan. • Positron Emission Tomography Emission Centre (PETIC) (prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA) PET Scan - An urgent piece of work to be undertaken to identify how scan capacity can be identified and be prioritised according to clinical need and responsibility for health equity. Wider piece of work on equity of access will feature as transformation piece of work detailed in the approved foundation plan.
Advise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair confirmed that Huw George, Deputy CEO and Executive Director of Operations and Finance at Public Health Wales (PHW), will be the Interim Chief Commissioner from 1 April 2025 for 12 months. He will start in shadow form on a part-time for two days a week during March and become full-time on 1 April 2025 at which point he will hold Accountable Officer status for the

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	<p>JCC. Stacey Taylor will continue as the current Interim Chief Commissioner until 1 April 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update was received from the Interim Chief Commissioner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quarter 4 Progress & Future Priorities: Work continues under transition to establish 'routine business' for the JCC. Priorities included finalising and implementing the final organisational structure and developing the Foundational Annual Plan for 2025/26 for approval, ○ Work on finalising and implementing the Scheme of Delegation, ○ Key achievements were highlighted; and ○ Next developments include securing Public Health expertise, completion of internal reviews for Traumatic Stress Wales (TSW) and the Welsh Kidney Network (WKN). • Members received reports from each of the three Commissioning Directors: • Update from the Director of Commissioning for Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Vulnerable Groups. Members noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work on the new Mother and Baby Unit (MBU) in Chester had commenced with a provisional operational date of October 2025; and ○ The review of TSW service had concluded, and discussions are ongoing to consider the recommendations. <p>Further discussions would take place related to the future strategy of the Mental Health portfolio at the April JCC Strategy Session.</p> <p>Members approved the establishment of an NHS Wales Continuing Healthcare (CHC) Cooperation Programme subject to funding from WG being secured and assurance to the Chief Commissioner that there is a plan and resilience in place to establish as a co-operation forum.</p> • Update from the Director of Commissioning for Ambulance and 111 provided updates on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The judgment in relation to the judicial review of the JCC decision to develop the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Services (EMRTS) was anticipated by end of March 2025,

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending the outcome of the judicial review further work on the delivery of Recommendation 4 - the bespoke road-based service was paused, ○ During March 2025, the JCC will meet with Health Board representatives in stakeholder workshops to review and discuss the recommendations within the WAST Manchester Arena Inquiry report, ○ Welsh Government are establishing a new clinically-led 'national ambulance patient handover improvement implementation group'. This work will be a key enabler in supporting the JCC to reduce risks and improve productivity in emergency ambulance services; and ○ A verbal update was provided on the Health and Social Care Committee's recommendations on emergency ambulance response targets. <p>The long-term vision for Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services (NEPTS) 'The Future Vision' was approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The update from the Director of Commissioning for Specialised Services included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An update on the work of the Specialised Services Collaborative Commissioning Group, ○ With the planned care funding from the Welsh Government (WG), Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB) aims to meet the 104-week target for Plastic Surgery patients by the end of March 2025. However, maintaining this target through 2025/26 may be challenging without additional funding above the contract baseline, ○ Capacity gaps in outreach plastic surgery services in north Wales (now in escalation), ○ Obesity surgery waiting times; and ○ Neonatal and Paediatric Intensive Care services remain at an escalated risk level. ● Strategic Planning (Foundation Annual Plan 2025/26): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NHS Wales Planning guidance highlighted a 1.77% budget uplift with a 2% efficiency savings target, ○ Highlighted the importance of collaboration and prioritisation of resources,

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Key priorities include urgent care and planned care recovery, ○ Early estimates suggest the JCC will require between 5.5%-6.4% financial growth requirement, ○ The substantial cost drivers such as inflationary pressures, increased demand and NICE technology approvals were highlighted, ○ The Foundation Plan for 2025/26 was approved subject to caveats (see Alert Section above); and ○ A JCC strategy workshop will be dedicated to support the work to develop the JCC long term strategy and the IMTP for 2026/2029.
Assure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Governance & Risk Management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated financial delegated limits were approved for the new Interim Chief Commissioner with effect from 1 April 2025, ○ The Risk register was received, with each of the risks assigned to one of the sub-committees for monitoring and scrutiny, ○ The Corporate Governance Report was received which provided the timeline for approval of the Annual Governance Statement (AGS). Details on the approach to the Committee Effectiveness was provided and the forward plan of Business was presented; and ○ Members noted that the Health Board Standing Orders (and subsequently JCC Standing Orders) would be updated to reflect the recently issued WHC which reduced the timescale for publication of board papers to 5 clear working days.
Inform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Committee received the Month 10 Finance Report and the Month 9 Performance Report, ● The Committee received the following assurance reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CTMUHB Audit and Risk Committee Assurance Report, ▪ Quality Safety and Outcomes Sub-Committee, ▪ Planning Performance & Finance Sub-Committee, ▪ Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) Panel assurance report; and ▪ Welsh Kidney Network Board (WKN) assurance report.
Appendices	None

Status	Update

Note that an “in committee” meeting was also held. A formal update will be given to the next public JCC meeting on 20 May 2025 under the Corporate Governance report.

4. ASSESSMENT

Objectives / Strategy	
Dolen i Amcan (au) Strategol CBC Link to JCC Strategic Objectives(s)	Maximise Value
	Ensure Quality Reduce Duplication Improve Equality and Population Health Facilitate Integration
Dolen i Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol – Nodau Llesiant / Link to Wellbeing of Future Generations Act – Wellbeing Goals 150623-guide-to-the-fg-act-en.pdf (futuregenerations.wales)	A Healthier Wales
	If more than one applies please list below: A More Equal Wales
Dolen i Hwyluswyr Ansawdd <i>(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) / Link to Enablers of Quality</i> (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Data to Knowledge
	If more than one applies please list below: Learning, improvement and research Whole systems perspective Leadership
Dolen i Feysydd Ansawdd <i>(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) / Link to Domains of Quality</i> (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Efficient
	All of the domains of quality apply If more than one applies please list below: Effective; equitable; person centred; timely and safe
	No - Not Applicable

Effaith Amgylcheddol/ Cynaliadwyedd (5R) / Environmental /Sustainability Impact (5Rs)	If more than one applies please list below:
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Impact Assessment		
Ansawdd <i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Ansawdd? /</i> Quality <i>Have you undertaken a Quality Impact Assessment Screening?</i>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome:	If no, please include rationale below: This is a summary of the latest meeting of the JCC
Cydraddoldeb <i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb? /</i> Equality <i>Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment Screening?</i>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome for Equality (delete as appropriate): POSITIVE/NEUTRAL/NEGATIVE	If no, please include rationale below: This is a summary of the latest meeting of the JCC
	Outcome for Welsh Language (delete as appropriate): POSITIVE/NEUTRAL/NEGATIVE	
Cyfreithiol / Legal	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.	
Enw da / Reputational	There is no direct impact on the reputation of the Joint Committee as a result of the activity outlined in this report.	
Effaith Adnoddau <i>(Pobl /Ariannol) /</i> Resource Impact <i>(People / Financial)</i>	Yes (Include further detail below)	
	The performance of the services will be used to develop the IMTP and identify the areas where resources may be required.	

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health Board is asked to:

- **Note** the highlights outlined in Section 3 of this report.