

Reporting Committee:	South Wales Trauma Network Delivery Assurance Group
Chaired by:	Director of Planning and Performance
Lead Executive Director:	Director of Planning and Performance
Date of last DAG meeting:	16 May 2024
Summary of key matters considered by the Committee and any related decisions made	
<p>This report summarises the South Wales Trauma Network (SWTN) Delivery Assurance Group (DAG) report for Quarter 4 2023/24. The paper also advises the Joint Commissioning Committee of ongoing efforts to ameliorate the impact of the cybersecurity attack on the Trauma Audit Research Network (TARN) database and of plans for the South Wales Trauma Network to commence reporting to the new National Major Trauma Registry (NMTR).</p>	
1. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION	
South Wales Trauma Network Q4 highlights	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New appointments: The SWTN has appointed Dr Stuart Gill as its Deputy Clinical Director and Governance Lead. • Future appointments: The SWTN has advised that its Rehabilitation Lead will be advertised in due course and that the Research and Quality Improvement Lead post currently remains vacant. The ODN has indicated that it will welcome applications from candidates with both medical and allied health care backgrounds for both roles, which is intended to attract candidates with more diverse clinical and academic backgrounds, thereby raising the Network’s academic profile and potentially attracting additional funding. • Training and Education: The Major Trauma Life Support (MTLS) programme has successfully undergone a local peer review, granting recognition as a level 2 course for both paediatric and adult nursing in the emergency setting. This will enable the SWTN to deliver higher volumes of training for nurses across the network. The Network has also confirmed that, following positive feedback, further Spinal Injury Awareness study days have been scheduled for June and October 2024, and that the Network is currently providing American Spinal Injury Association (ASIA) assessment training for rehabilitation colleagues. 	

- **Repatriation:** Mindful of the repatriation challenges across the Network highlighted in the Q3 report, the SWTN is undertaking a review of the 'Care with Treatment Closer to Home (Automatic Repatriation)' Policy to identify repatriation trends and challenges. This review, which commenced in May 2024 will, in conjunction with the available repatriation data, be used to inform any adjustments to the escalation process.
- **Veterans Trauma Network (VTN):** During 2023/2024 the SWTN received 11 referrals into VTN Wales compared to 6 in 2022/2023. The Network has advised that this total contains a mixture of referrals that could be dealt with at a local health board level (in the event that health boards had appropriate resource in place) and the more complex cases that align with the remit and aims of the VTN service. The VTN is benefitting from an updated operational policy and new referral form, which are now in use.

2. ISSUES AND RISKS

The SWTN currently has 22 risks identified on its log, of which four currently have a Red RAG rating:

- SWTN Orthoplastic Nursing Service (split orthoplastic model and vulnerable orthoplastic nursing workforce in the MTC)
- Discrepancy of Major Trauma Data
- Reconfiguring of National Major Trauma Registry following cyber-attack on TARN leading to loss of data for 6 months to date
- Provision for Clinical Lead for Trauma in Older People (TOP)

A detailed update encompassing the Major Trauma data and National Major Trauma Registry risks is given below.

2.1 TARN database and the National Major Trauma Registry (NMTR)

In May 2024, the Joint Commissioning Committee agreed to support the recommendation that the TARN backlog is not submitted, acknowledging that this would entail a data gap of at least 9 months, and noted that the JCC Team would be continuing to monitor the ongoing implementation of the new MNTR and the SWTN's efforts to develop continuity plans that mitigate the loss of data in the event of future system failures.

At the February meeting of the Delivery Assurance Group, the SWTN were hopeful that the Network would 'go live' with the new NMTR system at the start of April 2024, alongside other Trauma Networks and Centres from across NHS England. Unfortunately, the Network has not been able to commence using the platform as required Information Governance is not in place, noting differences between Information Governance arrangements in NHS Wales and NHS England.

The Network has since confirmed that following an Information Governance meeting between Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW), NHS England and the SWTN on 8 May 2024 a number of actions are outstanding and have been escalated. The SWTN estimated that, at the time of the DAG report (16 May 2024), it would be another 8-12 weeks before the SWTN could start submitting data to the new NMTR.

The Network has advised that training and other preparatory work has been undertaken to ensure that the SWTN is ready to upload data once the required legal processes are completed, whilst a trauma audit app designed by DHCW is in development to streamline the process of data collection. The app, which will facilitate an improved user experience and help to reduce errors, is currently being tested by TARN Co-ordinators within the SWTN. The Network has also highlighted that there is currently a vacant TARN Co-ordinator post within the team at the University Hospital of Wales that will impact on the team's data collection and management capacity. This post has recently progressed through the financial scrutiny process

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Senior Leadership Team is asked to endorse for approval by Joint Commissioning Committee the recommendations that:

- Joint Commissioning Committee **note** the South Wales Trauma Network Quarter 4 2023/24 highlights identified by the Chair of the Delivery Assurance Group.