

Agenda Item

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Joint Commissioning Committee

EASC Financial Performance Report – Month 12 2023/24

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Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt /consideration at Committee/Group)		
Committee/Group/Individuals	Date	Outcome
N/A	Click or tap to enter a date.	Choose an item.

Acronyms / Glossary of Terms	
EMS	Emergency Medical Services (Emergency Ambulances)
EMRTS	Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Services (Air Ambulance)
IMTP	Integrated Medium Term Plan
NCCU	National Collaborative Commissioning Unit
NEPTS	Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services
SLA	Service level agreements
WAST	Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust
WG	Welsh Government

1. SITUATION

The purpose of this report is to set out the financial position for EASC for the 12th month of 2023/24 together with any actions required.

Table 1 - financial summary

	Annual Budget	Budgeted to Date	Actual to Date	Variance to Date	Movement in Var to date	Current EOYF	Movement in EOYF position
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
WAST EMS	231,761	231,761	232,353	591	958	591	991
Renal NEPTS	1,242	1,242	1,242	0	0	0	0
EASC - EMRTS	8,102	8,102	8,102	0	0	0	0
EASC Ring Fenced Allocations	9,992	9,992	10,095	104	96	104	95
EASC Team	627	627	627	0	28	0	30
NCCU Team	2,674	2,674	2,005	(669)	(669)	(669)	(669)
Total EASC / NCCU	254,398	254,398	254,424	26	412	26	447

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The financial position is reported against the 2023/24 baselines following approval of the 2023/24 Integrated Medium Term Plan (IMTP) by the EASC Joint Committee in March 2023.

2.2 The National Collaborative Commissioning Unit (NCCU) baseline has been dis-aggregated from this report as it has a separate governance structure to EASC.

2.3 Please note that as LHBs cover any EASC variances, any over/under spends are adjusted back out to LHBs. Therefore, although this document reports on the effective position to date, this value is actually reported through the LHB monthly positions, and the EASC position as reported to Welsh Government (WG) is a nil variance.

2.4 In relation to the current financial position members agreed:

- All members of the Committee have supported the EASC IMTP.
- EASC has agreed with WAST financial support for overtime to fill operational vacancies included as part of the planned 100WTE recruitment. EASC has identified £3.485m through IMTP contingency funding and non-recurrent reserves, which will be available for WAST to increase overtime from September. A further £2m has been identified within the 6 Goals for Urgent and Emergency Care Programme taking the combined planned tapered funding support for WAST to £5.485m in 2023/24.

3. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Governance & Contracting

All budgets have been updated to reflect the 2023/24 approved IMTP. The IMTP sets the baseline for all the 2023/24 contract values.

3.2 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Contract

Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust Provider					
Service	Annual Budget £'000	Expected to Date £'000	Actual To Date £'000	Variance £'000	Current EOYF £'000
Emergency Services - Revenue	127,825	127,825	128,822	997	997
Emergency Services - Capital Charges	17,417	17,417	17,417	-	-
ARRP (Non recurrent)	1,212	1,212	1,212	-	-
NHS Direct	11,810	11,810	11,810	-	-
Paramedic Banding Funding	7,390	7,390	7,390	-	-
Clinical Desk enhancements	1,590	1,590	1,590	-	-
ESMCP Project Team Resources (Recurrent)	152	152	152	-	-
ESMCP Project Team Resources (Non Recurrent)	453	453	453	-	-
ESMCP - Control Room Solution (CRS) - Revenue Impact (Non Recurrent)	1,267	1,267	1,267	-	-
Neonatal Transport	343	343	343	-	-
APP (full year impact of 18/19 development)	1,263	1,263	1,263	-	-
WAST Pay Awards	15,291	15,291	15,291	-	-
Healthier Wales	(297)	(297)	(297)	-	-
Demand and Capacity Funding Phase 1	5,297	5,297	5,297	-	-
Grange University Hospital	4,704	4,704	4,298	(406)	406
Band 6 Paramedics Uplift	2,809	2,809	2,809	-	-
QAIS - MH Conveyancing pilot	1,091	1,091	1,091	-	-
2021/22 A4C / DDRB Pay Award recurrent impact	3,664	3,664	3,664	-	-
WAST Frontline - LHB Funded (Non Recurrent)	685	685	685	-	-
Transfer of NEPTS from HBs	26,586	26,586	26,586	-	-
WAST Mobile Data Vehicle Solutions BJC 2022-2023 element	910	910	910	-	-
Mental Health Care for 999 calls - WG allocation	300	300	300	-	-
WG allocation Re: Additional Emergency Ambulance Capacity	-	-	-	-	-
Total WAST	231,761	231,761	232,353	591	591

3.3 The current financial position of WAST is reported £0.591m overspent to year-end, which relates to WAST spend mitigated by a handback of the Aneurin Bevan commissioned Grange Hospital transport contract.

3.4 The Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST) provider baseline assumptions are agreed with EASC and aligned to the IMTP as at the end of June 2023, in line with the WG deadline for confirmed Service Level Agreements.

3.5 The budget reported includes frontline support of £1.8m which is has been made recurrent in the IMTP and contributed to by all Health Boards.

3.6 The funding for Renal NEPTS has been separated from the WAST baseline and is reported separately.

3.7 EMRTS

The EMRTS provider baseline is agreed with EASC and aligned to the IMTP as at the end of June 2023 and is covered in the Heads of Agreement document signed between the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) & Swansea Bay UHB for 2023/24.

EASC - EMRTS					
	Annual Budget £'000	Expected to Date £'000	Actual to Date £'000	Variance £'000	Current EOYF £'000
EMRTS - SB	3,209	3,209	3,209	-	-
EMRTS 24/7 Expansion Plan - NR	1,312	1,312	1,312	-	-
EMRTS Critical Care Ring Fenced Commissioner Allocation	1,774	1,774	1,774	-	-
NHS Wales Pay Award EASC Commissioner DDRB & A4C 2021-2022 Re SBU/EMRTS	258	258	258	-	-
EMRTS - SB Critical Care	-	-	-	-	-
Air Ambulance (to be transferred to EMRTS - SB)	1,427	1,427	1,427	-	-
Healthier Wales EMRTS (Recurrent)	124	124	124	-	-
Sub-total EASC - EMRTS	8,102	8,102	8,102	-	-

3.8 EASC Core Running Costs Budget

The 23/24 annual budget has been uplifted to £0.627m to reflect the 22/23 recurrent pay award

National Commissioning Collaboration Unit - Running Costs					
	Annual Budget £'000	Expected to Date £'000	Actual to Date £'000	Variance £'000	Current EOYF £'000
EASC Commissioning Support	627	627	627	-	-
Sub-total EASC - Running Costs	627	627	627	-	-

3.9 EASC Commissioning

An additional provision was made in the development of the 2022/23 EASC IMTP for the recurrent funding of the South East Wales Acute Coronary Syndrome pathway.

EASC - Specialised Commissioning					
	Annual Budget £'000	Expected to Date £'000	Actual to Date £'000	Variance £'000	Current EOYF £'000
South-East Wales Regional Acute Coronary Syndrome Treat and Repatriate Service*	155	155	164	9	9
Sub-total EASC - Specialised Commissioning	155	155	164	9	9

3.10 Actual Year To Date and Forecast Over/Underspend (Provider positions)

There is a reported variance of £9k related to inflation against the South East Wales Acute Coronary Syndrome Service budget.

WAST: The current financial position of WAST is reported £0.591m overspent to year-end, which relates to WAST spend mitigated by a handback of the Aneurin Bevan commissioned Grange Hospital transport contract.

3.11 Direct Running Costs (Staffing and non-pay):

Team costs are based on expected staffing levels. EASC have committed to apply a £30k cost reduction to the running cost budget as part of the system deficit reduction. This has been achieved and is shown in the NCCU team budget as a joint achievement.

3.12 Actual Yearend Over / (under)spend 2023/24 (Commissioner positions)

EASC variances:

	Allocation of Variance							
	Total £'000	Cardiff and Vale £'000	SB £'000	Cwm Taf Morgannw £'000	Aneurin Bevan £'000	Hywel Dda £'000	Powys £'000	Betsi Cadwalad £'000
Variance M12	26	25	17	46	(359)	48	46	202
Variance M11	(386)	(2)	(3)	0	(369)	(4)	(2)	(7)
Movement	412	27	20	46	10	52	48	210

Table 3 – End of Year Forecast by LHB

	Allocation of Variance							
	Total £'000	Cardiff and Vale £'000	SB £'000	Cwm Taf Morgannw £'000	Aneurin Bevan £'000	Hywel Dda £'000	Powys £'000	Betsi Cadwalad £'000
EOY forecast M12	26	25	17	46	(359)	48	46	202
EOY forecast M11	(421)	(2)	(3)	0	(402)	(4)	(2)	(8)
EOY movement	447	27	20	46	43	52	48	210

3.13 Income / Expenditure Assumptions

Income from LHBs:

Income for Month 12 is in line with the anticipated expectations. This is as EASC cannot overspend and health board contributions must balance to expenditure.

3.14 Overview of Key Risks / Opportunities

None

3.15 Public Sector Payment Compliance

The WHSSC/EASC payment compliance target is consolidated and reported through the Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB monitoring process.

4. KEY RISKS / MATTERS FOR ESCALATION

None to report

5. RESPONSES TO ACTION NOTES FROM WELSH GOVERNMENT MONTHLY MONITORING RETURN RESPONSES

WG M11 Reply Letter

No action notes require addressing from the M10 monitoring returns.

6. ASSESSMENT

Objectives / Strategy	
Dolen i Nod(au) Strategol CBC /Link to JCC Strategic Goal(s)	Improving Care
	If more than one applies, please list below:
Dolen i Feysydd Strategol CBC /Link to JCC Strategic Areas	Living Well
	If more than one applies, please list below:
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:
Dolen i Hwyluswyr Ansawdd (Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) / Link to Enablers of Quality (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Data to Knowledge
	If more than one applies, please list below:
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	If more than one applies, please list below:
Effaith Amgylcheddol/ Cynaliadwyedd (5R) / Environmental /Sustainability Impact (5Rs)	No - Not Applicable
	If more than one applies, please list below:

Impact Assessment		
Ansawdd Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Ansawdd? / Quality Have you undertaken a Quality Impact Assessment Screening?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome:	If no, please include rationale below:
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	Outcome:	If no, please include rationale below:

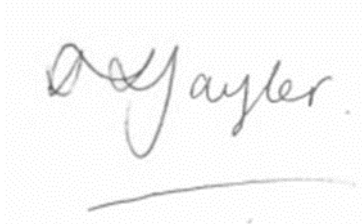
Cyfreithiol / Legal	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
Enw da / Reputational	There is no direct impact on the reputation of the Joint Committee as a result of the activity outlined in this report.
Effaith Adnoddau (Pobl /Ariannol) / Resource Impact (People / Financial)	Choose an item. Finance Report

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

The NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee is asked to:

- **Note** the 2023/24 financial year-end position of EASC.

Confirmation of position report by the Chief AMBULANCE Services Commissioner and the Director of Finance:



**Stacey Taylor,
Director of Finance, NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee**



**Stephen Harrhy,
Chief Ambulance Services Commissioner, NHS Wales Joint
Commissioning Committee**