

Agenda Item

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Joint Commissioning Committee

Director of Commissioning for Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Vulnerable Groups

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Committee / Group / Individuals	Date	Outcome
JCC Senior Leadership Team Meeting	04/11/2024	Noted

Acronyms / Glossary of Terms	
MHLDVG	Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Vulnerable Groups
SARC	Sexual Assault Referral Centres
TSW	Traumatic Stress Wales
OCP	Organisational Change Policy
JCC	Joint Commissioning Committee
MBU	Mother & Baby Unit

1. SITUATION

The purpose of this report is to provide Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) members with an update on key issues of the Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Vulnerable Groups Directorate that have arisen since the last JCC meeting which took place on 17 September 2024.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Vulnerable Groups Directorate

Further to the establishment of the Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) on 1 April 2024 the previous Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Vulnerable Group teams from the predecessor organisations were amalgamated to form the Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Vulnerable Groups Directorate in July 2024.

As part of the Organisational Change Policy (OCP) process, a new Director of Commissioning for Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Vulnerable Groups was appointed in July 2024 and it was agreed that the Director would provide a stand-alone report on Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Vulnerable Group matters to each JCC meeting.

The Directorate is responsible for commissioning:

- High secure services for adults with a mental illness or learning disability
- Medium secure services for adults and children with a mental illness or learning disability
- Hospital services for children with mental illness
- Hospital services for adults and children with an eating disorder
- Eating disorder outreach services
- Low secure single commissioner consideration project
- NHS 111 press option 2 for mental health
- Forensic adolescent community teams
- Hospital and day hospital services for adults with a neuropsychiatric disorder
- Gender identity disorder services for adults and children
- Commissioning parts of the Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARC) programme
- Futures programme
- Hospital services for deaf persons with a mental illness
- Traumatic Stress Wales (TSW) programme
- Peri-natal inpatient services

Since being established positive progress has been made to develop the directorate, improve Health Board engagement, consolidate staffing and to work to set plans and set the future direction, including:

- Development of the directorate governance structure for reporting

- First meeting held of the MHLDVG Commissioning Group with Health Board representatives
- Revision of directorate risk register and ongoing work to align with the JCC risk register
- Development of a new proposed staffing structure
- Prioritisation of work for 2024/2025
- Planning for 2025/2026.

2.2 Secure Hospital Services

The Single Commissioner Project for Secure Care has been extended to April 2026 in order to develop service specifications for low and medium secure hospitals in partnership with health boards and the Royal College of Psychiatry. These specifications will provide a basis for benchmarking extant services and inform future commissioning arrangements.

2.3 Perinatal Mental Health

Further to the update given on the JCC on 17 September 2024, the development of the new Mother and Baby Unit (MBU) unit in Chester has commenced. The original completion date was during the summer of 2024 but the new provisional operational date is now October 2025. The delay was due to contractor procurement.

Presently there is high utilisation of the Mother and Baby Unit in South Wales and an increase in placements in private or NHS hospitals in England. In order to understand our current capacity and inform future commissioning arrangements we will undertake a comprehensive demand review for perinatal care to be completed by March 2025.

2.4 Gender Identity Disorder Services

We are working in partnership with NHS England to review adult Gender Services. We will use the findings of this Review to revisit the NHS Welsh Gender Service specification which expires in January 2025 to ensure it aligns with best practice models and provides equity of provision or access and clarity on outcomes and value. As part of this Review, we will consider the commissioning options for gender surgery.

We have begun the recommissioning of children's Gender Identity Disorder Services from NHS England. There are a number of children awaiting assessment and we have agreed with NHS England to open up access to any of the five services in England, after which we will access the two or three services which are closest to north, mid and south Wales. We are exploring opportunities to commission satellite services within Wales to minimise travel requirements.

3. KEY RISKS / MATTERS FOR ESCALATION

Members should note that there are currently 62 external placements funded by JCC costing circa £20 million (excluding high secure placements). We continue to

work with providers to understand whether these placements are due to capability or capacity issues. We continue to promote repatriation to maximise utilisation of internal NHS Wales’s provision.

4. ASSESSMENT

Objectives / Strategy	
Dolen i Amcan (au) Strategol CBC / Link to JCC Strategic Objectives(s)	Maximise Value
	Ensure Quality
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 <i>(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) / Link to Enablers of Quality</i> (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Whole-systems Perspective
	If more than one applies please list below:
Dolen i Feysydd Ansawdd <i>(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) / Link to Domains of Quality</i> (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Effective
	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	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<p><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></p>	<p>Outcome:</p>	<p>If no, please include rationale below:</p> <p>Update report to the JCC</p>
<p>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></p>	<p>Yes: <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Cyfreithiol / Legal</p>	<p>There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.</p>	
<p>Enw da / Reputational</p>	<p>There is no direct impact on the reputation of the Joint Committee as a result of the activity outlined in this report.</p> <p>However, many of the areas within MH, LD and VG have specific areas of interest and have additional public scrutiny</p>	
<p>Effaith Adnoddau <i>(Pobl / Ariannol) /</i> Resource Impact <i>(People / Financial)</i></p>	<p>There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.</p>	

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

The JCC is asked to:

- **Note** the report.

6. NEXT STEPS

- **Secure Services** – service specifications for low and medium secure services will be developed by March 2025
- **Perinatal Mental Health** - In order to understand our current capacity and inform future commissioning arrangements we will undertake a comprehensive demand review for perinatal care to be completed by March 2025
- **Gender Identity Disorder Services** - As part of the Review, we will consider the commissioning options for gender surgery.