

**EITEM AGENDA / AGENDA ITEM: 6.1****Cyd-bwyllgor Canolbarth Cymru ar gyfer Iechyd a Gofal /  
Mid Wales Joint Committee for Health and Care**

<b>Enw'r Is-Grŵp: Name of Sub-Group:</b>	Mid Wales Clinical Advisory Group
<b>Cadeirydd y Is-Grŵp: Chair of Sub-Group:</b>	Dr Kate Wright, Lead Clinical Executive Director Mid Wales Joint Committee and Medical Director Powys Teaching Health Board
<b>Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Is-Grŵp diwethaf: Date of last Sub-Group Meeting:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
<b>Cyfnod Adrodd: Reporting Period:</b>	October 2020 to May 2021

**Y Penderfyniadau a'r Materion a Ystyriodd yr Is-Grŵp:****Key Decisions and Matters Considered by the Sub-Group:**

Following the retirement of Dr Wyn Parry, Medical Director for Powys Teaching Health Board, in Summer 2020, the role of Joint Committee Lead Clinical Executive Director and Chair of the Mid Wales Clinical Advisory Group (MWCAG) was covered temporarily by Dr Phil Kloer, Medical Director for Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDdUHB). The new Medical Director for PTHB, Dr Kate Wright, commenced in early 2021 and she assumed the Lead Clinical Executive Director role in March 2021.

The MWCAG has met three times during this reporting period – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 and 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Key decisions / matters considered by the group include:

**Clinical priorities**

The March and May MWCAG meetings focused on agreeing clinical advice for the MWJC's future programme and a recommended set of clinical priorities for 2021/22 in response to covid-19 and organisational recovery plans. Feedback was awaited from Health Boards and Local Authorities on the Mid Wales elements of their recovery plans which would be presented to the MWJC meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Agreed clinical priorities were as follows:

- Ophthalmology
- Cancer and Chemotherapy Outreach
- Urology
- Waiting lists (in particular Trauma & Orthopaedics and General Surgery)
- Utilising facilities in the Community
- Workforce in particular cross border /Joint workforce solutions

**Colorectal Surgical Pathway**

The newly appointed consultant colorectal surgeon had started on site at Bronglais General Hospital in early 2021 and the colorectal surgical pathway had re-commenced. The on-going pathway management would be through the clinical strategy group for Bronglais General Hospital.

### **Urology Service**

At the MWCAG meeting in March 2021 concerns were raised regarding the Urology pathway for Mid Wales. Subsequent to this urgent work was undertaken to secure a solution and urology services were due to return to Bronglais General Hospital week commencing 10th May 2021 with an Urologist on site Monday to Wednesday and a Glangwili General Hospital visiting Consultant on site Thursday and Friday morning on a rotational basis. As such GP referrals could revert back to Bronglais and there needed to be engagement with GPs to ensure they were aware of the latest developments.

### **Upper GI Cancer pathway**

The current Upper GI Cancer pathway continued to be an on-going issue for the Mid Wales population. A number of discussions had previously been held but progress had stalled due to changes in key personnel. As such the next meeting of MWCAG will be provided with relevant information and data on the current Upper GI Pathway for Mid Wales in order inform the final decision on next steps.

### **North Powys Wellbeing Programme**

The North Powys Wellbeing Programme was placed on hold in March 2020 in light of the Covid-19 pandemic but was re-started in July 2020. The Programme Business Case had been finalised and submitted to Welsh Government with feedback due to be received by the end of May 2021. For the short term a number of accelerated projects had been supported and delivered through transformation funding. The focus was now on the service design work and supporting the development of the SOP for the multi-agency wellbeing campus.

### **Mid Wales Clinical network workshops**

The Mid Wales Clinical network workshops to support the North Powys Wellbeing Programme were re-established with sessions held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 for Medical, Surgical, Paediatrics and Rehabilitation pathways. A further Paediatrics workshop was held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to look at existing pathways and identified gaps in service across Mid Wales as well as agree actions required to develop clinical pathways and networks across Mid Wales. One key issue identified was the handover between secondary care and primary/community care and, at the request of paediatricians, a specific workshop session would be arranged to take this forward.

### **Primary and Community Care workforce**

There was a need to consider the primary care and community element and interaction with and in between primary care contractors and which needed operational primary care teams to lead on these discussions. Opportunities for enhancing GP recruitment through offering portfolio GP and rotation packages needed to be explored. The group agreed that a joint cluster meeting be arranged of South Gwynedd, North Ceredigion and North Powys, to facilitated by the MWJC team, in order to start discussions within primary care on GP portfolio and rotation opportunities.

### **Bronglais General Hospital Strategy: Delivering Excellent Rural Acute Care – Implementation**

The proposed timescale for the implementation of the Bronglais General Hospital Strategy had been delayed due the covid-19 pandemic. However, work was now being undertaken on developing a programmed approach to the implementation of the strategy which would be done on a pathway by pathway basis for implementation from 2021/22 onwards. The implementation phase, which would now be influenced by recovery plans, would require another set of discussions by the MWJC around commissioning intentions and future flows as

this was important in terms of the sustainability of Bronglais General Hospital.

### **Quality outcomes**

The group noted there was a need to ensure that quality measurements / outcomes were fully considered with strengthened clinical involvement in contracts and commissioning monitoring processes. The HDdUHB Director of Nursing was leading on a piece of work to look at some pathways to ascertain whether the qualitative element was fully understood and whether the right pathways were in place for patients. Progress on this work would be reported back to MWCAG.

### **Value Based Healthcare**

A Delivering Value in Rural Wales Group had been established which includes representation from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, PTHB, HDdUHB, MWJC and RHCW. The group were developing proposals for the establishment of a Professor in Health Economics post to lead the development of a West Wales Centre for Health Economics. The links with RHCW, the MWJC's research arm, were being worked through. A presentation on this work will be brought back to the next MWCAG meeting for information and to ascertain the links between both groups.

### **Digital**

A report was received summarising the digital platforms implemented for clinical pathways in response to covid-19 and future opportunities. The group agreed that this relied on good digital infrastructure and that there was a need to lobby for better bandwidth, infrastructure etc. with those organisational representatives leading on these developments to be asked to attend a future meeting.

### ***Materion sydd angen eu cytuno neu trafod ymhellach gan y Cyd-Bwyllgor:*** **Items to be referred to the Joint Committee for agreement or discussion:**

No items for referral.

### ***Gwaith Cynlluniedig yr Is-Grŵp ar gyfer y cyfnod nesaf:*** **Planned Sub-Group work for the next period:**

- Mid Wales Priorities and Delivery Plan 2021/22
- Upper GI Cancer pathway for Mid Wales – Agreement of next steps
- Bronglais General Hospital: Delivering Excellent Rural Acute Care – Implementation plan
- North Powys Wellbeing Programme - Update report
- Clinical networks - Update report
- Delivering Value in Rural Wales Group - Presentation

### ***Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Is-Grŵp Nesaf:*** **Date of Next Sub-Group Meeting:**

2.30pm Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021