**BOARD ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK 2020/21 – MARCH 2021**

It is essential that Cardiff and Vale University Health Board is aware of the major risks which could impact upon the delivery of Strategic Objectives as set out in Shaping Our Future Wellbeing.

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| Strategic Objectives | Key Risks Mapped to Delivery of Strategic Objective |
| 1. Reduce health inequalities
 | * Financial Sustainability
* Sustainable Primary and Community Care
* Sustainable Cultural Change
* Planned Care Capacity
* Delivery of IMTP
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| 1. Deliver outcomes that matter
 | * Sustainable Primary and Community Care
* Patient Safety
* Sustainable Cultural Change
* Financial Sustainability
* Delivery of IMTP
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| 1. Ensure that all take responsibility for improving our health and wellbeing
 | * Sustainable Primary and Community Care
* Sustainable Cultural Change
* Delivery of IMTP
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| 1. Offer services that deliver the population health our citizens are entitled to expect
 | * Sustainable Primary and Community Care
* Delivery of IMTP
* Planned Care Capacity
* Workforce
* Financial Sustainability
* Test, Trace and Protect and Mass Vaccination
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| 1. Have an unplanned care system that provides the right care, in the right place, first time.
 | * Financial Sustainability
* Sustainable Primary and Community Care
* Patient Safety
* Delivery of IMTP
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| 1. Have a planned care system where demand and capacity are in balance
 | * Planned Care Capacity
* Financial Sustainability
* Workforce
* Sustainable Primary and Community Care
* Delivery of IMTP
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| 1. Reduce harm, waste and variation sustainably so that we live within the resource available
 | * Patient Safety
* Financial Sustainability
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| 1. Be a great place to work and learn
 | * Workforce
* Financial Sustainability
* Sustainable Cultural Change
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| 1. Work better together with partners to deliver care and support across care sectors, making best use of people and technology
 | * Workforce
* Financial Sustainability
* Sustainable Primary and Community Care
* Delivery of IMTP
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| 1. Excel at teaching, research, innovation and improvement.
 | * Workforce
* Financial Sustainability
* Sustainable Cultural Change
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**Key Risks**

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| **Risk** | **Corp Risk Register Ref.** | **Gross Risk** | **Net Risk**  | **Change from Jan 21** | **Target****Risk** | **Context** | **Executive Lead** | **Committee** |
| 1. Workforce
 | 5,11,16 | **25** | **15** |  | **10** | Across Wales there have been increasing challenges in recruiting healthcare professionals. Meeting the requirements of a growing population which is older and with more complex health needs as well as increasing demand on health services has led for an increasing need in clinical staff. Staff costs represent the largest expense for the NHS in Wales. The pay bill has continued to increase year on year, with a significant increase over the last three years. | Deputy CEO & Executive Director of Workforce and OD | Strategy and Delivery Committee |
| 1. Financial Sustainability
 | 31,32,33 | **25** | **10** |  | **8** | Across Wales, Health Boards and Trusts are seeking to manage their financial pressures by driving out inefficiencies, while at the same time looking to derive greater value from their resources through innovative ways of working and practicing prudent healthcare. As well as the NHS, public sector services, the third sector, and the public have significant roles to play to achieve a sustainable health and care system in the future. Covid 19 has had a significant impact on the finances of Healthcare in Wales and the UHB has significant financial pressures to now deal with. | Executive Director of Finance  | Finance Committee |
| 1. Sustainable Primary and Community Care
 | 12,14 | **20** | **15** |  | **10** | The strategy of “Care closer to home” is built on the assumption that there are a significant number of patients that are either referred to or turn up at a Hospital setting because there is no viable alternative at the time at which they become sick. They are then typically admitted because at that stage similarly there is no viable alternative to manage/support these patients in their local setting or their place of residence. Therefore it is important to create firstly the capacity of primary and Community Care, and then increase the capability of Primary and Community Care to be able to respond to the individual and varied needs of those patients in both crisis intervention but more commonly preventative and support arrangements. | Chief Operating Officer | Strategy and Delivery Committee |
| 1. Patient Safety
 | 2,7,8,9,15,17,18,19,20,21,25,26,29,40,41,42 | **25** | **20** |  | **10** | Patient safety should be above all else for the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.Safer patient care includes the identification and management of patient-related risks, reporting and analysis of patient safety incidents, concerns, claims and learning from such then implementing solutions to minimise/mitigate the risk of them recurring. | Executive Nurse Director/ Executive Medical Director /Executive Director for Therapies and Health Science | Quality, Safety and Experience |
| 1. Sustainable Culture Change
 |  | **16** | **8** |  | **4** | In line with UHB’s Strategy, Shaping Our Future Wellbeing and aligned to the Healthier Wales plan (2018), the case for change is pivotal to transfer our services to ensure we can meet our future challenges and opportunities. Creating a belief which continues to build upon our values and behaviours framework will make a positive cultural change in our health system for our staff and the population of Cardiff and the Vale. | Executive Director of Workforce and OD  | Strategy and Delivery Committee |
| 1. Capital Assets
 | 3,4,18,19,21 | **25** | **20** |  | **10** | The UHB delivers services through a number of buildings across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan, from health centres to the Tertiary Centre at UHW. All NHS organisations have statutory responsibilities to manage their assets effectively: an up to date estate strategy is evidence of the management of the estate. The IT SOP sets out priorities for the next five years and Medical Equipment is replaced in a timely manner.  | Executive Director of Strategic Planning, Deputy Chief Executive,Executive Director of Therapies and Health Science | Finance Committee & Strategy and Delivery Committee |
| 1. Test, Trace and Protect & Mass Vaccination
 | 13 | **20** | **10** |  | **10** | The Welsh Test, Trace, Protect strategy is to enhance health surveillance in the community, undertake effective and extensive contact tracing, and support people to self-isolate where required to do so. The Health Board is also leading on Mass Vaccination. | Executive Director of Public Health | Strategy and Delivery Committee |
| 1. Planned Care Capacity
 | 9,11,15,26,42 | **20** | **16** |  | **12** | The impact of COVID 19 has had many consequences to Healthcare and in particular the continuation of the Health Board being able to undertake Planned Care both during the peak of the pandemic and any future peaks. This is due to the need to ensure that there is available capacity should there be a further peak in COVID 19 patients requiring hospital treatment. | Chief Operating Officer | Strategy and Delivery  |
| 1. Delivery of IMTP
 |  | **20** | **15** |  | **10** | The Integrated Medium Term Plan is the key planning document for the Health Board setting out the milestones and actions we are taking in the next 1 to 3 years in order to progress Shaping Our Future Wellbeing, our ten-year strategy.It is based on the health needs of our population, delivering quality services and ensuring equitable and timely access to services and sets out how we will deliver our mission Caring for People; Keeping People Well, and vision that a person’s chance of leading a healthy life is the same wherever they live and whoever they are. | Executive Director of Strategic Planning | Strategy and Delivery Committee |

1. **Workforce – Lead Executive Rachel Gidman**

Across Wales there are increasing challenges in recruiting healthcare professionals. Meeting the requirements of a growing population which is older and with more complex health needs as well as increasing demand on health services has led for an increasing need in clinical staff. This has been further exacerbated with COVID 19, winter and the Mass Immunisation Programme.

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| **Risk****Date added: 2.7.2020** | There is a risk that the organisation will not be able to recruit and retain a clinical workforce to deliver high quality care for the population of Cardiff and the Vale. This may be further exacerbated by the demand to simultaneously stretch our workforce capacity to cover Covid-19 pandemic, Mass Immunisation Programme as well as business as usual.  |
| **Cause** | Increased vacancies in substantive clinical workforce – to cover MTC specialist skill requirement and CAV 24/7. Winter Wards temporary bed expansion and COVID-19 – temporary bed expansion, community testing, mass vaccine immunisation, high staff absence due to covid-19 , increased demands on step up and step down demand for GP and CRT requirements of the Nurse Staffing Act and BAPM Standards.Ageing workforceInsufficient supply of registered Nurses at UK national level.High nurse turnover in Medicine, Surgery and Specialist Services Clinical BoardsInsufficient supply of Doctors in certain specialties at UK national level (e.g., Adult Psychiatry, Anaesthetics, General Medicine, Histopathology, Neurosurgery, GP)Changes to Junior Doctor Training Rotations (Deanery).Brexit.Further extension of Government CMO shielding letters from 22 December – 31 March 2021 Volatile prevalence of COVID-19 within community which does impact our own staff absence levels. |
| **Impact** | Impact on quality of care provided to the population.Inability to meet demands of both pandemic and business as usual.Potentially inadequate levels of staffing.Increase in agency and locum usage and increased workforce costs.Rates above Welsh Government Cap (Medical staff).Low Staff moral and higher sickness absence.Poor attendance at statutory and mandatory Training. |
| Impact Score: 5 | Likelihood Score: 5 | Gross Risk Score: | **25 (Extreme)** |
| **Current Controls** | Recruitment campaign through social media with strong brandingJob of the week, Skype Interviews. Social Media Campaign Open Days Nurse-led leadership embedded within recruitment drive. Values based recruitment.Comprehensive Retention Plan introduced from October 2018 – Internal Career. Development Scheme launched in September for band 5 nurses. Nurse Adaptation Programme commenced October 2018 (in house OSCE programme) – over 75 UK based nurses have qualified to date (100% pass rate).Returners Programme in conjunction with Cardiff University.Student Nurse clinical placement and on-going nurturing of talent.International Nurse Recruitment in place – international supply plentiful, local support mechanism to support new recruits in place – 78 international nurses have joined us to date. A total of 185 have now been commissioned and recruitment offers already made to the majority. . The Framework remains open to us going forward. Medical international recruitment strategies. Programme of talent management and succession planning.Medical Training Initiative (MTI) 2 year placement scheme.Collaboration with Medics to fill hard to fill roles, search and selection methods, CV scanning by speciality. Link with Welsh Government Campaign *Train, Work, Live* to attract for Wales - GP, Doctors, Nursing and Therapies .Operationally, the development of Green Zones etc. which help stratify the workforce and maximise availability.Review of staff shielding to maximise home working, track and tracing etc.Central workforce hub meets weekly to meet demand of recruiting temporary workforce. This has now been expanded to co-ordinate all Hubs, chaired by the Executive Director of Workforce & OD. CNS and nursing staff from elective, outpatient and corporate areas being deployed to support urgent need. Ceasing of non-urgent surgery and planned care during January will ensure clinical workforce capacity in place. On-going review of medical rotas to flex and increase medical cover capacity.Appointment of 9 Physician Associates to supplement MDT in a number of Clinical Boards – further commissioning being explored with CB’s.Temporary recruitment of medical, nursing and therapy students.Retirement returners – noting positive change to the NMC register being expanded to support temporary workers.New initiatives on-going e.g., working with St Johns Ambulance. Enhanced overtime provisions for substantive nursing and HCSW staff to encourage take up of additional hours. |
| **Current Assurances** | Daily COVID LCC Sitrep incorporates workforce status and escalation requirement – currently green in most areas.Daily absence monitoring undertaken by Clinical Boards and compiled centrally.Workforce metrics reported to COVID-19 Operation Meetings, HSMB and Strategy and Delivery Committee High level temporary recruitment achieved at pace since March 2020Mass Immunisation Workforce Plan in place to increase recruitment on a phased basis to meet demand. Ratio of registered to non-registered reviewed nationally to ensure HCSW role utilised fully.High conversion rates from media campaign and Open Day (some virtual ongoing).Last summer, student streamlining produced the biggest intake at C&V in Wales due to the way we engage, attract and support students. Nurse vacancy monitoring at meetings with CB’s.Trajectory showing next vacancies in nursing. Majority of MTC posts filled successfully and high engagement.As at 31.12.2020 93% substantive posts filled at Bands 5 & 6 (combined). Deep dive monitoring at Clinical Board and operational level being undertaken monthly to ensure nursing capacity. Medical monitoring at Medical Workforce Advisory Group (MWAG)Paediatric Surgery now fully establishedA & E fully established since February 2019Medical rotas being monitored by COVID-19 Operations team to ensure flexibility in place (RAG rated system)Medicine 2% gap (98% fully established) - on permanent nursing lowest it’s been for 3 years |
| Impact Score: 5 | Likelihood Score: 3 | Net Risk Score: | **15(High)** |
| **Gap in Controls** | Ability to retain flexible recruitment methods as level of permanent recruitment. resumes and further temporary requirement for COVID-19 and Mass Immunisation remains unpredictable.Further extension of Government CMO shielding letters from 22 December – 31 March 2021. On-going increased absence levels due to staff having COVid-19, however, the trend is now reducing. |
| **Gap in Assurances** |  |

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| **Actions** |  | **Lead** | **By when** | **Update since January 21** |
| 1. Internal Nurse Career Development Scheme
 | RW | Relaunched in April 2020 and continuing | This scheme started in September 2019 but was re-launched in September 2020 |
| 1. Nurse recovery plan for Medicine and Surgery as part of financial recovery plan and business case for international recruitment
 | SC | 31/03/21 | **Complete** - Plan in place with 2nd part of International Nurse Recruitment approved. Financial Savings still being monitored and actions include Switch Off Sunday to help manage costs.Some international nurses delayed due to worldwide travel restrictions. Resumed  |
| 1. To consider how resources are used going forward in nursing
 | SC | 31/03/2021 | Resources being considered alongside bed occupancy plans – action ongoing |
| 1. Local Social Media and Virtual Interview Campaigns to resume to support permanent nurse recruitment
 | RG | From 31/10/2020 | Campaign took place July and October. New social media plan in place. Virtual recruitment on-going to support social distancing with some face to face happening at CB level. International Nursing commissioning extended to total of 185 posts |
| 1. Virtual Recruitment Panels established up to recruit to Consultant posts
 | SW/RG | From 30.9.2020 | On-going permanent recruitment plan in place to ensure posts are not held up during COVID-19 |
| 1. Implementation of a new Medical and Dental Bank through a Managed Service
 | SW/RG | 1.4.2021 | New initiative currently being procured and implemented to create a Managed Medical and Dental Bank. This will increase supply and improve skills availability through a new bank system; dedicated central team; improved technology and a launched locum recruitment campaign. |

1. **Financial Sustainability – Lead Executive Catherine Phillips**

Across Wales, Health Boards and Trusts set out plans to manage their financial pressures by driving out inefficiencies, while at the same time looking to derive greater value from their resources through innovative ways of working and practicing Prudent and Value Based Healthcare. The planning process in NHS Wales has been paused this year to allow organisations to focus their attention on managing the COVID 19 pandemic. The costs of which are significant and above previously planned levels. Confirmation has now been received of the level of funds available to support the UHB response to the pandemic. The funding is adequate to meet the additional costs and the UHB is now reporting a year end break even position.

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| **Risk****Date added:** 7.09.2020 | There is a risk that the organisation will not be able to manage the impact of COVID 19 and other operational issues within the financial resources available.  |
| **Cause** | The UHB has incurred significant additional costs arising from managing the COVID 19 pandemic, this includes the non-delivery of savings plans.It also has to manage its operational budget.All additional costs need to be managed within the additional resources made available by Welsh Government to manage the pandemic. |
| **Impact** | Unable to deliver a year end balanced financial position. Reputational loss.Increase in the underlying financial position which is dependent upon recurrent funding provided |
| **Impact Score: 5** | Likelihood Score: 5 | Gross Risk Score: | **25 (Extreme)** |
| **Current Controls** | Additional expenditure in Managing COVID 19 is being authorised within the governance structure that has specifically been put in place which is reported to Management Executives on a weekly basis. This aligns with the UHB Scheme of Delegation.The financial position is reviewed by the Finance Committee which meets monthly and reports into the Board.Financial performance is a standing agenda item monthly on Management Executives Meeting. |
| **Current Assurances** | The UHB is now assuming an additional funding to help manage the COVID 19 pandemic in line with Welsh Government Resource assumptions. Based upon this assumed additional funding, the financial forecast is now an in year break even position at year end. The in year reported position at month 10 is an under spend of £0.2m.Financial performance is monitored by the Management Executive. Finance report presented to every Finance Committee Meeting highlighting progress against mitigating financial risks. |
| Impact Score: 5 | Likelihood Score: 2 | Net Risk Score: | **10 (high)** |
| **Gap in Controls** | No gaps currently identified. |
| **Gap in Assurances** | To confirm COVID 19 funding assumptions with Welsh Government in a couple of specific areas.Certainty of COVID 19 expenditure and the management of non COVID 19 operational pressures |
| **Actions** |  | **Lead** | **By when** | **Update since November 20** |
| 1. Continue to work with Welsh Government to confirm additional funding to manage our response to Covid 19.
 | CP | 31/03/2021 | No further updates current status remains |
| 1. To monitor and control additional expenditure and financial performance to ensure that the year-end forecast is within the resources available.
 | CP | 31/03/2021 | No further updates current status remains |
| 1. To understand the impact of responding to the Covid 19 pandemic has had on the organisations underlying position and that the costs and consequences are reflected within the 2021/22 plan.
 | CP | 31/03/2021 | New action |
| Impact Score: 4 | Likelihood Score:2 | Target Risk Score: | **8 (High)** |

1. **Sustainable Primary and Community Care – Lead Executive Steve Curry**

The strategy of “Care closer to home” is built on the assumption that there are a significant number of patients that are either referred to or turn up at a Hospital setting because there is no viable alternative at the time at which they become sick. They are then typically admitted because at that stage similarly there is no viable alternative to manage/support these patients in their local setting or their place of residence. Therefore it is important to create firstly the capacity of Primary and Community Care, and then increase the capability of Primary and Community Care to be able to respond to the individual and varied needs of those patients in both crisis intervention but more commonly preventative and support arrangements. Although the underlying actions continue to be progressed it should be acknowledged that the focus has changed due to responding to Covid 19 this will inevitably cause implications for the speed of ongoing action and implementation.

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| **Risk****Date added:** 12.11.2018 | The risk of losing resilience in the existing service and not building the capacity or the capability of service provision in the Primary or Community care setting to provide the necessary preventative and responsive services.  |
| **Cause** | Not enough GP capacity to respond to and provide support to complex patients with multiple co-morbidities and typically in the over 75 year age bracket. GP’s being drawn into seeing patients that could otherwise be seen by other members of the Multi-disciplinary Team.Co-ordination of Health and Social Care across the communities so that a joined up response is provided and that the patient gets the right care.Poor consistency in referral pathways, and in care in the community leading to significant variation in practice.Practice closures and satellite practice closures reducing access for patients.Lack of development of a multidisciplinary response to Primary Care need.Significant increase in housing provision |
| **Impact** | Long waiting times for patients to access a GPReferrals to hospital because there are no other optionsPatients turning up in ED because they cannot get the care they need in Primary or Community care.Poor morale of Primary and Community staff leading to poor uptake of innovative solutionsStand offs between Clinical Board and Primary care about what can be safely done in the communityImpact reinforces cause by effecting ability to recruit  |
| Impact Score: 5 | Likelihood Score:4 | Gross Risk Score: | **20 (red)** |
| **Current Controls** | Me, My Home , My CommunitySignals from Noise to create a joined up system across Primary, Community, Secondary and Social Care.Development of Primary Care Support TeamContractual negotiations allowing GP Practices to close to new patientsCare PathwaysRoll out of MSK and MH First Point of Contact Services by ClusterImplement new urgent care Phone First helpline at Primary Care Level (CAV24/7)Implement nationally supported digital supported enablers (Consultant Connect and Attend Anywhere) |
| **Current Assurances** | Improved access and response to GP out of hours serviceSustainability and assurance summary developed to RAG rate practices and inform actionThree workshops held to develop way forward with engagement of wider GP body in developing future models. Leading to the development of Mental Health and Risk Care Models at scale being implemented.Second peer review of PCOOH Services undertaken with commendations and exemplars referred to in WG reports |
| Impact Score: 5 | Likelihood Score: 3 | Net Risk Score: | **15 (red)** |
| **Gap in Controls** | Actively scale up multidisciplinary teams to ensure capacityAchieving scale in developing joint Primary/Secondary Care patient pathwaysRecruitment strategies to sustain and improve GP availability and develop multidisciplinary solutions |
| **Gap in Assurances** | No gaps currently identified. |
| **Actions** |  | **Lead** | **By when** | **Update since January 21** |
| 1. Health Pathways – to create a protocol driven of what should and can be done in Primary care/Community care.
 | SW/JG | 31/03/2021 | Health pathways launched on 14/02/2019. As at 07/05/2019 32 pathways were live.Pathways will continue to be developed until the end of the financial year.65 pathways are now active. Chief Operating Officer has met with partners in New Zealand who are rolling it out. This continues to be rolled out. |
| 1. Roll out of Mental Health and MSK MDT’s to reduce the primary care burden on GP’s
 | SC | From 28 August 2020 | GMS Sustainability Implementation Board continues to see roll out of First Contact MDTs within all 9 clusters being covered for MSK and 7 out of 9 clusters being covered for MH services. However, all 9 clusters have access to an MH service as cross cover arrangements are in placeCAV24/7 services implemented as at 5 August 2020 Attend Anywhere digital enabler in 56 of 61 practices as at July 2020Consultant Connect available to all practices as at July 2020. These actions are continuing and continue to embed into the system. |
| 1. Roll out digital solutions for smart working
 | DT | 31/03/2021 | Platform procured- phased roll out plan to be implemented with completion due by end of the financial year. This continues to progress |
| 1. Other digital platforms being considered e.g. Primary Care CAHMS Assessment platform being deployed
 | SC | 31/03/2021 | Digital Platform now been agreed for CAHMS. Contract has now been agreed and is currently being rolled out.Digital platform deployed and CAHMS assessment against Part 1 to be reached in Feb/Mar 2020NB Digital platform successful in contributing to CAMHS access targets. Currently under review in terms of the FMNew platforms being considered – Attend Anywhere and Consultant Connect |
| 1. Development of recruitment strategies for GP and non GP service solutions
 | RG | Ongoing | GP Support Unit helps with recruitment and finding GP alternatives action also lined to No 2 above. As an indicator of in hour’s resilience GP fill rates for PC out of hour’s service have improved leading to a lower escalation status. The focus on a multi-disciplinary solution continues. |
| 1. Develop Health and Social Care Strategies to allow seamless solutions for patients with health and or social needs
 | AH | Ongoing | These are being developed through the Public Service Board and Transformation work and progressing well |
| Impact Score: 5 | Likelihood Score: 2 | Target Risk Score: | 1. **(high)**
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1. **Patient Safety - Lead Executives Stuart Walker, Ruth Walker and Fiona Jenkins**

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| **Risk** | Patient safety may be compromised because of:Future national shortage of COVID treatment capacity (Beds, critical care, drugs, workforce, oxygen, other equipment – ventilators/renal replacement/CPAP) in the event of a further COVID surgeOr because the demand on elective services as the Health Board moves to a recovery position after cessation of planned care for the second time Or because of sub-optimal workforce skill mix or staffing ratios, related to reduced availability of specific expert workforce groups, or related to the need to provide care to a larger number of patients in relation to a further COVID surge, alongside increasing demand for non-COVID unscheduled care and urgent scheduled care and winter pressures and activity.Or because patients are choosing not to ask for medical help, despite genuine illness, related to PH messaging and awareness of the COVID crisisOr because patients are contracting COVID 19 whilst in a hospital setting. |
| **Date added:**  | March 23.03.2020 |
| **Cause** | Patients not able to access the appropriate care because demand is outstripping supply, or patients fail to seek appropriate care in a timely way. Presentation of COVID 19 virus in inpatient settings due to patients presenting who are asymptomatic but are positive |
| **Impact** | Worsening of patient outcomes and experience, higher death rate.  |
| **Impact Score: 5** | **Likelihood Score: 5** | **Gross Risk Score:**  | **25** |
| **Current Controls** | * Plans developed and deployed to optimise internal acute and critical care capacity with external options having been utilised for significant and the building of the lakeside wing.
* Internal estates and facilities team deployed to provide infrastructure enhancements to enable internal capacity plan
* surge capacity available in Lakeside facility
* National/local procurement processes for under-supplied resources
* Maintaining Training/Education of all staff groups in relation to delivery of care to COVID patients
* Use of Spire Hospital as a dedicated facility for urgent cancer work - ongoing
* Ongoing training and simulations for staff working in unfamiliar areas.
* Recruitment of additional staff
* Cancer patients treatment being reviewed and prioritised where appropriate
* Restrictive visiting arrangements
* Outbreak management plans and delivery
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| **Current Assurances** | * Internal capacity expansion plans commissioned and reviewed regularly at Operational and Strategic Group to ensure right phasing
* Operational Group meeting daily to ensure clinical staff remain engaged in managing phased expansion/area utilisation.
* Establishment of workforce hubs to ensure that staff are deployed on a competency basis
* Review of clinical incidents and complaints continues as business as usual and has been aligned with core business and reviewed at Management Executives
* Audit of IPC and Audit outcomes
* Reporting of IPC Outbreak meetings into ME
* IPC Daily Cell Meeting &Weekly PPE Cell Meeting
* Expert and independent advice in outbreak meetings
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| **Impact Score: 5** | **Likelihood Score: 4** | **Net Risk Score:** | **20** |
| **Gap in Controls** | Local Authority ability to provide packages of care and challenge around discharge to care homes |
| **Gap in Assurances** | Discharging patients is out of the Health Boards control |

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| **Actions** |  | **Lead** | **By when** | **Update since January 21** |
| 1. Reconfiguration of COVID/Non-COVID capacity– ongoing process.
 | Steve Curry | 31.03.21 | Plan in place which is continually been reviewed in relation to demand and capacity – see separate risk on BAF: the risk of inadequate capacity to manage future COVID 19 peaks and planned work safety |
| 1. Reconfiguration of COVID/Non-COVID workforce skill mix and staffing numbers in light of new pandemic modelling projections
 | Workforce groups | 31.03.21 | Discussions continue and staff mix being reviewed in line with action 1 above.  |
| 1. Genotype testing which shows whether outbreaks are linked and core case
 | Ruth Walker | From mid October | Requests now in place being delivered as capacity allows– complete and ongoing |
| **Impact Score: 5** | **Likelihood Score: 2** | **Target Risk Score:** | **10 (High)** |

1. **Leading Sustainable Culture Change – Lead Executive Rachel Gidman**

In line with UHB’s Strategy, Shaping Our Future Wellbeing and aligned to the Healthier Wales plan (2018), the case for change is pivotal to transfer our services to ensure we can meet our future challenges and opportunities. Creating a belief which is building upon our values and behaviours framework will make a positive cultural change in our health system for our staff and the population of Cardiff and the Vale.

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| **Risk** | There is a risk that the cultural change required will not be implemented in a sustainable way |
| **Cause** | There is a belief within the organisation that the current climate within the organisation is high in bureaucracy and low in trust.Staff reluctant to engage with the case for change as unaware of the UHB strategy and the future ambition.Staff not understanding the part their role plays for the case for change due to lack of communication filtering through all levels of the UHB. |
| Impact | Staff morale may decreaseIncrease in absenteeism Difficulty in retaining and recruiting staffPotential decrease in staff engagementTransformation of services may not happen due to staff reluctance to drive the change through improvement work.Patient experience ultimately affected.UHB credibility as an employee of choice may decrease |
| **Impact Score: 4** | **Likelihood Score: 4** | **Gross Risk Score:** | **16 (Extreme)**  |
| **Current Controls** | Values and behaviours Framework in placeTask and Finish Group weekly meetingCardiff and Vale Transformation story and narrativeLeadership Development Programme linked in with the launch of the Dragons Heart Institute (DHI)Management Programmes now including a virtual offering. The content will be management skills but will incorporate inclusive management skillsTalent management and succession planning cascaded through the UHBValues based recruitment / appraisalStaff survey results and actions taken – led by an Executive ( WOD )Patient experience score cardsCEO and Executive Director of WOD sponsors for culture and leadership Raising concerns relaunched in October 2018“Neyber” launched to support staffs financial wellbeing with an emphasis on educationConducted interviews with senior leaders regarding learnings and feedback from Covid 19Lessons learnt document to be completed by September 30th 2020 looking at the whole system. Discovery learning report completed in the Autumn 2020Launch in 2021 to coincide with the DHIProposal for Self care leadership – Recovery for wellbeing and engagement of staff |
| **Current Assurances** | Engagement of staff side through the Local partnership Forum (LPF)Matrix of measurement now in place which will be presented in the form of a highlight report |
| **Impact Score: 4** | **Likelihood Score: 2** | **Net Risk Score:** | **8 (High)** |
| **Gap in Controls** |  |
| **Gap in Assurances** |  |

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| **Actions** |  | **Lead** | **By when** | **Update since November 20** |
| 1. Learning from Canterbury Model with a Model Experiential Leadership Programme-

Three Programmes have been developed:1. Acceler8
2. Integr8
3. Collabor8
4. Oper8 (for Directorate Managers or equivalent)

Compassionate and inclusive leadership principles will be at the core of all the programmes | MD | 01.04.2021 | Currently all the leadership programmes are on hold due to the recovery phase of covid.Intensive learning academy bid was successful. Part of the bid incorporates leadership development.The current leadership programmes will be reviewed and incorporated into the DHI offerings Programmes to restart 2021 |
| 1. Showcase
 | MD | ~~31.03.21~~From Sept 21 | Virtual showcase now being considered and linking with the Clinical Service Redesign and exploring catering for bigger numbers Virtual showcase – Engagement for the case for change. The design of the showcase will be aligned with Shaping our clinical services. Approval agreed in ME in Feb 2021. Tender submitted March 2021Launch of Virtual Showcase Sept 2021 |
| 1. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Welsh Language Standard being implemented.Inclusion - Nine protected Characteristics | MD | From 14.12.20 | Equality Strategy Welsh Language Group is taking place on a bi monthly basis with senior leaders across the organisation who can influence this agendaTwo Welsh Language translators now recruited. – complete and fully operationalAll 9 protected characteristics including Welsh language are sponsored by an Executive and an independent member.An emphasis on engagement, leadership and recruitment with be prioritised in 2021 with an action plan / outcomes to be achieved.The development and dialogue is happening regarding individuals with learning disabilities gaining work experience in a structure approach plan 2022. In collaboration with project SearchThe successful bid to be a direct employer for KICKSTART a WG initiative to assist 16 – 24 year olds to gain employed work for 6 months. Initiative starts April 2021Current aging profile for the UHB Feb 2021 (head count)

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| <=20 yrs | 86 | 0.55% |
| 21-25 | 1084 | 6.88% |

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| 1. Proactive Wellbeing intervention
 | MD | Immediate | A strategic wellbeing Group runs monthly chaired by the interim Executive Director of Workforce .Three new staff haven s are now in place with refreshment facilities close by for staff to gain some rest and head space.A trial for Click and deliver is commencing in UHL with an intent to spread to UHW. This will allow staff to order their refreshments in a timely way closer to the clinical environment. This service need was highlighted by clinicians but is open for all staff. The wellbeing service has recruited wellbeing coordinators to educate and work closer with the operational staff throughout the UHBThe wellbeing service / Psychologists and the recovery college are working in collaboration, to ensure they are aligned. A resource pack is available with multi-faceted wellbeing offerings for all staff both internally and sign posting relevant external support.A proposal is being designed about the recovery phase post covid to support staff who are tired and exhausted. This will being looking at self-care elements at different scales. |
| 1. CAV Convention
 | MD | From 12.11.20 | The CAV Convention is clinically-led and is based on the values of the Health Board. It makes it easier for clinicians to do their jobs through rapid and agile change, flexible working, unlocking resources such as budgets and staff, and more productive relationships between staff members with the needs of the patient at the heart of everything. Proposal being presented to Management Executive 12.11.20 – Complete – proposing CAV convention conference in the May 2021 to showcase clinical group progression and to formally launch the CAV convention into the health system. |
| **Impact Score: 4** | **Likelihood Score: 1** | **Target Risk Score:** | **4(Moderate)** |

**6. Capital Assets (Estates, IT Infrastructure, Medical Devices) – Lead Executive Abigail Harris**

The UHB delivers services through a number of buildings across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan, from health centres to the Tertiary Centre at UHW. All NHS organisations have statutory responsibilities to manage their assets effectively: an up to date estate strategy is evidence of the management of the estate. The IT SOP sets out priorities for the next five years and Medical Equipment is replaced in a timely manner. There have also been a number of recent failures in relation to the estate which means that this risk needs to remain at its current net risk score of 20.

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| **Risk****Date added:** 12.11.2018 | There is a risk that the condition and suitability of the UHB estate, IT infrastructure and Medical Equipment impacts on the delivery of safe, effective and prudent health care for the patients of Cardiff and Vale UHB.  |
| **Cause** | Significant proportion of the estate is over-crowded, not suitable for the function it performs, or falls below condition B. Investment in replacing facilities and proactively maintaining the estate has not kept up the requirements, with compliance and urgent service pressures being prioritised. Lack of investment in IT also means that opportunities to provide services in new ways are not always possible and core infrastructure upgrading is behind schedule.Insufficient resource to provide a timely replacement programme, or meet needs for small equipment replacement |
| **Impact** | The health board is not able to always provide services in an optimal way, leading to increased inefficiencies and costs. Service provision is regularly interrupted by estates issues and failures. Patient safety and experience is sometimes adversely impacted. IT infrastructure not upgraded as timely as required increasing operational continuity and increasing cyber security riskMedical equipment replaced in a risk priority where possible, insufficient resource for new equipment or timely replacement |
| **Impact Score: 5** | **Likelihood Score: 5** | **Gross Risk Score:**  | **25 (Extreme)** |
| **Current Controls** | Estates strategic plan in place which sets out how over the next ten years, plans will be implemented to secure estate which is fit for purpose, efficient and is ‘future-proofed’ as much as possible, recognising that advances in medical treatments and therapies are accelerating. Statutory compliance estates programme in place – including legionella proactive actions, and time safety management actions.The strategic plan sets out the key actions required in the short, medium and long term to ensure provision of appropriate estates infrastructure. IT SOP sets out priorities for next 5 years, to be reviewed in early 2019Medical equipment WAO audit action plan to ensure clinical boards manage medical equipment risksThe annual capital programme is prioritised based on risk and the services requirements set out in the IMTP, with regular oversight of the programme of discretionary and major capital programmes. Medical Equipment prioritisation is managed through the Medical Equipment GroupAdditional discretionary capital £0.5m for IT and £1.0m for equipment which enabled purchasing of equipment urgently needing replacement.Business Case performance monitored through Capital Management Group every month and Strategy and Delivery Committee every 2 months. |
| **Current Assurances** | The estates and capital team has a number of business cases in development to secure the necessary capital to address the major short/medium term service estates issues. Work is starting on the business case to secure funding to enable a UHW replacement to be build. The statutory compliance areas are monitored every month in the Capital Management Group to ensure that the key areas of risk are prioritised. The Executive Director of Strategic Planning and the Director of Capital, Facilities and Estates meet regularly with the Welsh Government Capital Team to review the capital programme and discuss the service risks. Regular reporting on capital programme and risks to Capital Management, Management Executive and Strategy and Delivery CommitteeIT risk register regularly updated and shared with NWIS. Health Care Standard completed annuallyMedical equipment risk registers developed and managed by Clinical Boards, reviewed at UHB medical equipment group, health care standard completed annually. |
| **Impact Score: 5** | **Likelihood Score: 4** | **Net Risk Score:**  | **20 (Extreme)** |
| **Gap in Controls** | The current annual discretionary capital funding is not enough to cover all of the priorities identified through the risk assessment and IMTP process for the 3 services. In year requirements further impact and require the annual capital programme to be funded by capital to be re-prioritised regularly. Traceability of Medical EquipmentThe Welsh Government current capital position is very compromised due to COVID 19 expenditure which will impact significantly on the Capital Programme of the UHB. |
| **Gap in Assurances** | The regular statutory compliance surveys identify remedial works that are required urgently, for which there is no discretionary capital funding identified, requiring the annual plan to be re-prioritised, or the contingency fund to be used. Medical equipment is also subject to regulatory requirements, and therefore requires re-prioritisation during the year |
| **Actions** |  | **Lead** | **By when** | **Update since January 21** |
| 1. Progress implementation on the estates strategic plan
 | AH/CL | 31.03.21  | Priorities for Capital Programme included within 2020-2023 IMTP which were prioritised by Management Executive |
| 1. Had to give up discretionary capital £1m allocation reduced to £500k
 | FJ | 31.03.21 | Prioritisation of capital managed through capital management group but overall capital position worse than last year. £1m additional capital received from WG with £750k going to Digital and £250k going to Medical Equipment. |
| 1. The Estates Strategy requires review and refresh
 | AH | 30.09.21 | New action - This will be presented to S&D Committee prior to approval by the Board in September 2021 |
| **Impact Score: 5** | **Likelihood Score: 2** | **Target Risk Score:** | 1. **high)**
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**7. Risk that Test Trace and Protect Service and the Mass Vaccination Programme will fail to deliver effectively in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan - Lead Executive – Fiona Kinghorn**

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| **Risk**  | The Cardiff and Vale Test, Trace and Protect (TTP) Service fails to deliver effective mass population contact tracing and vaccination |
| **Date added:**  | 18.5.20 |
| **Cause** | Delivering TTP Services has been a complex and substantial partnership endeavour, delivered to a challenging timetable; Cardiff Council is hosting the TTP Service and the University Health Board is leading the delivery of mass vaccination. Risks to effective delivery include:1. Upgrades to the national CRM (Customer Relationship Management) system are not sufficiently timely to support local delivery
2. Failure to maintain sufficient staff (either via redeployment or new appointment) at all levels to meet demand in both TTP and Mass Vaccination (MV)
3. Insufficient telephony/IT equipment to support home working model of TTP
4. Non coordinated working between partner organisations
5. Lack of engagement with the local population and settings in promote compliance with contact tracing, as well as maintain adherence to infection control and preventative advice (including physical distancing, wearing masks and frequent hand washing)
6. Increased demand created by influx of students to the City when universities reopen
7. Increased demand due to co-circulation of flu during the winter months
8. Surveillance system unable to detect local disease activity
9. Insufficient funding to support longer term service delivery
10. Inability to maintain and right size service for an extended period of time (over 1 year).
11. Vaccine delivery: limited supply of vaccine; failure to vaccinate at sufficient scale and/or pace to meet national targets
12. Emergence of a new variant of Covid-19 with increased infectivity and/or reduced effectiveness of vaccination
13. Risk of repeated reintroductions of the virus to the population once restrictions are lifted; particularly from returning international travellers
14. Uncertainty about the likely course of the pandemic and the cumulative effect of a number of factors on the overall case rate e.g. the impact of mass vaccination and easing of restrictions. This means planning future delivery of TTP services is complex, and there is a risk that capacity could be under or over estimated, resulting in the appropriate level of response not being delivered.
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| **Impact** | TTP Services would not run effectively with the result that there would be sub-optimal control of disease activity in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. This could result in avoidable cases of COVID-19 and an increased R value, meaning that community transmission could escalate, with the consequent risk to population health and demand on health and social care services. It may also necessitate reinstatement of restrictions and controls. |
| **Impact Score: 5**  | **Likelihood Score: 4** | **Gross Risk Score: 20** | **20 (Extreme)** |
| **Current Controls** | * Governance structures in place with partnership representation. Strategic and operational boards meet regularly. Work streams identified and leads named. Cardiff and Vale Prevention and Response Plan submitted to Welsh Government.
* Cardiff and Vale representatives identified for all key national groups. Links established at a National level with Welsh Government, NWIS and PHW to optimise communication and influence ongoing service design and delivery
* Partnership communications plan in place, informed by both national and regional insight work, and taking in to account local population characteristics.
* Regular, multidisciplinary and multi-agency regional team meetings to review cases and incidents. Regional SOP developed. Proactive engagement with key settings e.g. schools, healthcare settings and universities
* Links established at a National level with Welsh Government, NWIS and PHW to optimise communication and influence service design and digital solution
* In response to local increase in cases a Regional Incident Management Team was established on 22nd September 2020, chaired by the Director of Public Health, which initially met twice weekly and provided advice on the actions to be taken. These have been signed off by a Regional Leadership team and recommendations for national action escalated to Welsh Government. The Regional IMTs now meet weekly, but their frequency will be reviewed in the week beginning 8th March
* Regional and local surveillance systems in place and providing timely information to inform the local response at all levels.
* Partner organisations committed to offering staff for at least the first 6 months of contact tracing operational delivery, using a secondment arrangement. Service model based on home working, allowing shielded staff to contribute and increase the pool of available staff. Student workforce identified through links with HEIW and Environmental Health. Significant new recruitment by Cardiff Council has continued, on behalf of the partnership, and has ensured that tracing capacity is able to meet demand.
* Welsh Government has agreed funding to support TTP delivery
* Comprehensive Covid-19 immunisation plan and project team in place. Three mass vaccination centres (MVC) are operational, offering immunisation to health and social care workers. The licencing of the Oxford Astra Zenica vaccine, with its more routine storage and transportation requirements, allows vaccination to be offered in primary and community care venues; vaccination has been offered to JCVI groups 1-4, with current delivery focussing on groups 5, 6 and 7 with plans moving at pace to deliver to groups 8-9 (subject to the availability of sufficient vaccine).
* Partnership governance mechanisms being used to explore and debate plans for a long term, sustainable approach to TTP service delivery. This will feed in to all Wales discussions being led by Welsh Government.
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| **Current Assurances** | * Strengthened and functioning governance and operational arrangements in place
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| **Impact Score: 5** | **Likelihood Score: 2** | **Net Risk Score: 10** | **10 (High)** |
| **Gap in Controls** | * Timely availability of sufficient vaccine to meet national targets
* Issues with compliance with Covid-19 prevention measures for a variety of reasons, including ‘fatigue’, confusion at complexity of messages, as well as some active resistance
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| **Gap in Assurances** | * Longer term funding
* Ability to recruit staff at sufficient scale and pace to meet demand
* Longer term service delivery model for TTP
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| **Actions** |  | **Lead** | **By when** | **Update since January 21** |
| 1. Deliver a mass vaccination programme to meet nationally agreed targets
2. Agree long term delivery plan for TTP services
 | Fiona KinghornFiona Kinghorn | 31/8/2131/5/21 | In progress and on trackNew action |
| **Impact Score: 5** | **Likelihood Score: 2** | **Target Risk Score: 10** | **10 (High)** |

**8. Inadequate Planned Care Capacity - Lead Executive - Steve Curry**

The impact of COVID 19 has had many consequences to Healthcare and in particular the continuation of the Health Board being able to undertake Planned Care both during the peak of the pandemic and any future peaks of the pandemic. There has been significant disruption to planned care and disruption to the progress which was being made after the first wave of Covid 19. There has now been a second cessation of elective activity and despite progress been made planned care has been significantly compounded by the second wave. This is a significant risk for the Health Board which will be fully assessed when the Health Board has clear data available on the impact of the cessation.

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| **Risk** | There is a risk that there will be inadequate capacity due to constraints of being ‘covid ready’ resulting in reduced access to planned care and potential associated risks  |
| **Date added:**  |  |
| **Cause** | Covid pandemic resulting in a cessation of elective activityOur operating models assumes we will remain ‘covid ready’ resulting in reduced capacity and efficiency |
| **Impact** | A growing waiting list for planned careAn ageing waiting listPotential clinical risk associated with delayed access |
| **Impact Score: 4** | **Likelihood Score: 5** | **Gross Risk Score:** | **20 (Extreme)** |
| **Current Controls** | Clinical risk assessments by specialty to prioritise accessFollowing risk stratifications where available i.e. Royal College of Surgeons L1 to L4 classificationsDevelopment of ‘green zones’ to provide confidence for low risk operating environmentsIncrease the use of virtual consultation to avoid person to person contactSecuring additional capacity within the private sector |
| **Current Assurances** | Growth in ‘green zone’ activity Surgical audit to provide assurance on outcomesGrowth in virtual outpatients activityGrowth in diagnostics activity |
| **Impact Score: 4** | **Likelihood Score: 4** | **Net Risk Score:** | **16 (Extreme)** |
| **Gap in Controls** | Roll out Health Board-wide risk stratificationMaximise use of green pathways whilst balancing risk and outcomeVirtual platforms need to be rolled out across the Health Board and clinical teams persuaded to make useContractual arrangements are still under review – need to negotiate a contract to prolong access |
| **Gap in Assurances** | Able to meet the highest priority caseloads – essential servicesSurgical audit needs to be supported to continue to provide evidence of safe and effective surgeryDigital platforms need to roll out further and clinical engagement needs to result in their use |

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| **Actions** |  | **Lead** | **By when** | **Update since November 20** |
| 1. Roll out virtual consultation platforms
 | Information | July onwards | 1/3 of outpatient activity now taking place virtually. |
| 1. Establish private sector pathways for in-patients, outpatients and diagnostics
 | SC | April onwards | Private sector pathways in negotiation to continue beyond the end of the year. There has been a presentation to Management Executives and reflected in Board Reporting |
| 1. Full assessment of risk to be undertaken
 | SC | May 2021 | Assessment will be undertaken when data is available and there is clarity on the overall position. |
| **Impact Score: 4** | **Likelihood Score: 3** | **Target Risk Score:** | **12 (High)** |

1. **Risk of Delivery of IMTP - Lead Executive – Abigail Harris**

The requirement for a three year IMTP remains suspended by Welsh Government due to the Covid 19 pandemic. However, the Health Board are still required to produce an Annual Plan for 21/22 which will reference the last approved IMTP.

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| **Risk** | There is a risk that the Health Board will not deliver the objectives set out in the Annual Plan out due to the challenge around recovering the backlog of planned activity (see separate risk), not taking the opportunity to do things differently and the potential risk associated with the Medium Term Financial position all of which could impact upon delivery of the Annual Plan or future IMTP. |
| **Date added:**  | April 20 |
| **Cause** | The focus of executive and operational efforts is on directing the organisational response creating the operational capacity to meet the immediate acute demand generated by the COVID-19 pandemic. |
| **Impact** | The UHB may not be appropriately prepared to manage the consequences of a protracted and disruptive emergency response particularly in terms of:workforce (e.g. many will be exhausted and many will have built up leave)Infrastructure Planned careUnplanned careFinancial deliveryThe benefits of emergency changes may not be adequately captured.There may be learning opportunities missed. |
| **Impact Score: 5** | **Likelihood Score: 4** | **Gross Risk Score:** | **20** |
| **Current Controls** | * Welsh Government has suspended the IMTP process and Health Boards are working to quarterly operational plans that reflect the current COVID29 situation and the need to re-establish as much of our non-COVID19 activity as possible, recognising the need to continue to provide services in different ways in light of the service transformation that took place in the emergency response phase and the ongoing requirement for social distancing and infection prevention and control measures.
* ‘Recovery planning’ with roadmap presented to Board for discussion on 29th June – planning underway with partners to reflect impact of COVID19 on communities and the need to accelerate delivery of Shaping Our Future Wellbeing and the Area Plan.
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| **Current Assurances** | Outline draft Annual Plan presented to Board 25.02.21  |
| **Impact Score: 5** | **Likelihood Score: 3** | **Net Risk Score:** | **15** |
| **Gap in Controls** | Timeliness of planning requirements for Q3/4 plan issued by WG. Risk of request for multiple overlapping plans – agreement with Local Authority Directors of Social Services – to pull this into one coherent plan with more detailed specific action plans where needed.  |
| **Gap in Assurances** | RPB required to sign off Winter Protection Plan – no clear guidance but work progressing in line with framework suggested by WG.  |
| **Actions** |  | **Lead** | **By when** | **Update since January 21** |
| Monitor implementation of Annual Plan and continue to report through Strategy and Delivery Committee | AH | 31/03/22 | Development of Annual Plan continuing.  |
| **Impact Score: 5** | **Likelihood Score: 2** | **Target Risk Score:** | **10** |

**Key:**

**1 -3 Low Risk**

**4-6 Moderate Risk**

**8-12 High Risk**

**15 – 25 Extreme Risk**