

Welcome to the August LPF Staff Briefing!

This is a summary of the topics we discussed and any actions or decisions reached at our latest meeting. Please share this briefing with any staff who don't have access to the UHB internet or CAV You Heard newsletter.

The IMTP Commissioning Intentions for 2019-22 were shared with the Forum. There was a presentation on the role of commissioning in the development of the IMTP and the links with our strategy 'Shaping our Future Wellbeing'. The key themes are: locality; pathways; reduced length of stay; regional planning; and financial assumptions. Staff Representative members were asked to share their thoughts and comments with the team

The Medical Director delivered a presentation as part of the consultation on Thoracic Surgery in South Wales.

Forum members were given the opportunity to ask questions about the proposals which will be fed back to the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSCC).

In this month's update the Chief Executive reflected on improvements made in our performance and delivery, and the positive impact this had in our conversations with Welsh Government. He was also pleased to report that no significant issues had been flagged as a result of unannounced inspections last year. The financial situation continued to improve, but there was still a significant challenge ahead of us.

We received an update from Dr Sharon Hopkins on the transformation work taking place. The 4 key deliverables of the Transformation Programme are: to reduce out-patient appointments on hospital sites; reduce length of stay; reduce unwarranted harm, waste and variation; and reduce theatre inefficiencies and improve productivity. Dr Hopkins talked briefly about the seven enablers which will be used to support this, and it was agreed that they would each be discussed in more details at future LPF meetings.

Changes to car parking introduced in June have reduced congestion on the UHW site and made it a safer place. There have been teething problems but the team are doing a great job dealing with these

The Forum received a copy of the Annual Equality Report and heard about progress against the delivery plan. The focus now is moving from Equality (fairness) to Equity (removal of barriers).