

**Welcome to the August LPF 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 your team.

The Chief Executive said that the organisational response to COVID-19 had been nothing short of remarkable. It has been very challenging and will continue to be so for some time, and the key challenge is how we support our staff.

We received an update on the important work taking place around **health and wellbeing**, focusing on three phases:

- active (ie what had been done) e.g. EWS rapid access, resources, accommodation, staff havens
- co-existing (what we are doing) e.g. bespoke support for managers so they can support their teams, UHB TTP
- recovery (what we are planning) e.g. embedding wellbeing through induction and training, supporting staff to feel confident about their wellbeing

We know that many staff are tired and anxious and looking after their wellbeing is a key priority

Cheryl Williams, from Public Health Wales gave a presentation on **physical distancing in the workplace**. She reminded the Forum of the reasons why practising two metres physical distancing is so important, talked about what had been done so far, and what was planned future to promote this. The posters are to be refreshed and more stickers are to go onto the floor, and a film is being developed about the science behind physical distancing. Mr Richards stated that it was really very important to get better at physical distancing – if the prevalence of COVID increases in the community, TTP could mean that we lose large groups of staff if physical distancing is not practiced.

The **delivery of services** is more complex than previously but activity has increased within both unscheduled and planned care and is now at between 75-80% of previous levels. We are trying to reduce the number of hospital appointments by providing virtual appointments instead and work is taking place to look at out patient appointments in primary and secondary care. CAV 24/7 was launched on 5 August. Capacity plans are constantly being reviewed and work was taking place around green zones and additional capacity (eg at the Spire hospital) and extended footprints (eg in the emergency unit) to make the environment safe.