

Prison Health and Social Care Oversight Group

Minutes and Actions

21st July 2022

Via Microsoft Teams

In Attendance:

- Chris Jennings (Chair), HMPPS
- Chris Gittins, WG
- Dr Elizabeth Davies, WG
- Lara Bradfield, WG (Secretariat)
- Sian Hibbs, HMPPS
- Stephanie Perret, HMPPS
- Dr Bethan Roberts, British Medical Association (BMA)
- Laura Lewis, WG
- Julie Denley, Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board

Apologies

- Amanda Corrigan, HMPPS
- Tracey Breheny, WG (Co-Chair)
- Beverley Morgan, WG
- David Clayton, WG
- Michael Curties, WG

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and introductions were provided. Apologies were also noted.

2. Update on minutes and actions from previous meeting held on 3rd May 2022

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd May were agreed by members as a true and accurate record.

CG provided an update on the outstanding actions relating to the Substance Misuse, Medicines Management and also Mental Health Workstreams from the last meeting.

LL stated that an update on the outstanding action relating to issues for escalation will be covered under Agenda Item 5 in the meeting.

SH stated that when there is a death in custody in Welsh prisons there is an in-house independent review through national and regional safety teams and ensured members that any deaths that occur in custody will always be investigated. SP also stated that as part of a recommendation on the delivery of Health Services it was

asked that this subject be raised at the next group meeting. Members asked if more information could be circulated in readiness for the next meeting regarding this subject and also further communication into the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman (PPO) such as a formal letter.

Action 1	Agenda Item on the recommendations in relation to the delivery of Health Services be added to the agenda for the next meeting.	Secretariat
Action 2	Further information to be shared with members relating to deaths in custody in Welsh Prisons	Sian Hibbs
Action 3	A formal letter to be sent to the PPO in relation to deaths in custody in Welsh Prisons	Sian Hibbs

3. Update on Prison Partnership Agreement Workstreams

CG provided members with an update in terms of the Substance Misuse workstream and also informed members that the Consultation for the Mental Health and Substance Misuse Prisons will be published on Friday 22nd July and will be live on the Welsh Government website.

CG provided an update on the Mental Health Workstream on behalf of Beverley Morgan, WG, and discussed the Draft Standards for Mental Health Services in Prisons, the Service Improvement funding for Mental Health, Call Mental Health Helpline, the Prisons Recovery Plan, and also the ongoing work with the Trauma Informed Practice Framework for Wales that was published on 14 July - [Trauma-Informed Wales \(traumaframeworkcymru.com\)](http://traumaframeworkcymru.com)

LL provided an update on the Parc Prison Health Service Specification and summarised by stating that although the specification is not comparable with other Prisons there are good insights in the specification that would benefit some of the prisons such as Swansea and Cardiff.

4. Update on Parc Transition

SH provided an update on Parc Prison and stated that they have recently awarded contract for Gwent Drug and Alcohol Service (GDAS) to the prison operator to maintain and oversee and that the Learning Skills contract will continued to be monitored by JD and team as part of the overall Health Care side of things. SH advised that agreement of the specification along with final costings can be sent to the Ministry of Justice (MOJ).

SH stated that the overall feedback as a result of the recent inspection in Parc Prison was successful and that some challenges were identified that we are working through.

It was discussed that better outcomes and transparency are needed in terms of Parc Prison as there are a number of elderly Prisoners in there with complex needs and it is vital that joined up conversations are taking place and also a requirement to ensure the Health Boards are working collaboratively to ensure we share best practice on lessons learnt and identify how best to assist this cohort of people.

The Chair agreed with members on setting up a forum / community of people to discuss how best to share best practice and LL agreed to take this forward as an action.

JD confirmed that things were progressing well with the transfer of Healthcare from G4S medical to CTMHB, with no major issues reported.

Action 4	Laura Lewis to arrange a 'Prison Healthcare' day conference / workshop to identify ways on how best to share best practice and lessons learnt.	Laura Lewis
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5. Swansea Deep Dive

LL provided members with the key findings from the 'Local Review of the Quality Governance Arrangements in place within Swansea Bay University Health Board, for the delivery of Healthcare Services to Her Majesty's Prison Swansea' report and asked members for any comments. Link to the above mentioned report - [20220630 - Review of Governance Arrangements at Swansea Bay University Health Board for the Provision of Healthcare services to Her Majesty's Prison Swansea - EN.pdf \(hiw.org.uk\)](#).

Dr BR acknowledged points raised in the report regarding access to GP appointments however there is also an issue for GPs in prisons with people not attending appointments. It was discussed that some of these issues were as a result of appointments being made during lunch or the gym opening hours.

LL agreed to circulate the above report to all Welsh prisons for information.

Action 5	Laura Lewis to circulate HIW report on Swansea Bay University Health Board to all Welsh Prisons for information.	Laura Lewis
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6. Findings re healthcare from recent HIW Report

LL provided members with the key findings from the 'Local Review of the Quality Governance Arrangements in place within Swansea Bay University Health Board, for the delivery of Healthcare Services to Her Majesty's Prison Swansea' report and asked members for any comments.

The Chair thanked members for the input and agreed that some issues raised within the report should be addressed quickly and prioritised. It was suggested an action plan to monitor progress of each recommendation with a clear indicator of who is leading on each recommendation. LL agreed to take this forward as an action.

Action 6	Laura Lewis to produce an action plan outlining each of the recommendations and who is responsible and provide progress updates and present at the next board meeting.	Laura Lewis
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7. Recruitment/ retention of GPs in terms of prescribing

Dr BR stated that the first item to be discussed is as a result of the Pharmacy Review presentation from the last meeting held in May and the resource issues identified in that presentation. Dr BR asked if there is funding available to further support GPs in prisons for resources and adequate cover.

Dr ED informed members that Health and Employment Improvement Wales (HEIW) are adjusting the process on the workforce strategy and agreed to discuss the GP issues with this team and identify how to include this work into more broader avenues and see what can be done. Dr ED asked Dr BR and any members involved in this to provide positives and cons via email to have a better understanding of what is required.

Action 7	Dr Bethan Roberts to provide overview and summary email of pros and cons of GP resources for Dr Elizabeth Davies to take forward.	Dr Bethan Roberts Dr Elizabeth Davies All members
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8. Discussion on remit/membership of group

SP stated that there is a working group taking forward the recommendations discussed in the *** report for Swansea and asked the Chair and members what is the Oversight Board doing in terms of Governance and delivery plans and how does this get picked up with the other prisons?

It was agreed that updates would be provided by the Chairs of the Prison Health Partnership Board (PHPB) with colour coded updates such as red / amber / green where we can escalate issues to this board in order to support and help tackle those issues. It was suggested that the Chairs of the PHPB to attend the next Board meeting with an item on the agenda to present the action plan and explain in detail what we need to achieve and how this mechanism will work in future meeting in relation to sharing information.

CG stated that in relation to the remit of this group it was discussed stronger governance and a two-way link between partnerships to ensure we have the right presentation on this group. It was agreed that Health Care leads be invited to attend future meetings and form part of the membership contact list.

Members were asked for their views on membership to make this group more responsive to issues that need escalating to let the secretariat know. CG / LL and SP agreed to have a separate discussion on this.

Action 8	Laura Lewis to provide terms of reference to the Prison Health Partnership Board Chairs and invite to next meeting and to form part of membership.	Laura Lewis Secretariat
Action 9	Secretariat to provide terms of reference to Health Care leads and invite to next meeting to form part of membership.	Secretariat
Action 10	Chris Gittins, Laura Lewis, Steph Perret to discuss membership for the group and inform of any additional members to the secretariat.	Chris Gittins Laura Lewis Steph Perrett

9. Any Other Business

None.