

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 any staff who don't have access to the UHB internet or CAV You Heard newsletter.

The Forum received a presentation on a proposal to increase the range of non-complex surgical treatments in UHL. Key points raised by the Forum included:

- Whether or not additional beds/theatres would be required at UHL
- The potential impact in terms of sustainable travel
- the importance of engaging with Allied Health Professionals early on in the process so that they could be involved in the change rather than having to react to it
- non-complex surgical cases tend to be the ones that get cancelled because of emergencies, winter pressures etc. It was hoped this would not happen at UHL.
- the links between this model and prehabilitation and the better outcomes achieved when patients are fitter and healthier

By month 3 (June 2019) we have spent £1.8m more than we wanted to. If we continue in this way we will be £7m by the end of the year and our IMTP will lose its approved status.

Sickness figures have improved, but more work is needed on PADR rates

The current Strategic Equality Plan runs out in March 2020. LPF was told about the steps which will be taken to produce a new plan for 2020-2024

The Forum also received a presentation on proposals to improve care for frail older people in the Vale of Glamorgan. It was noted that these proposals were still at an informal stage and that this had been brought to the Forum as part of a 'pre-engagement' exercise to test them and receive feedback on them.

- There was an interest in learning more about the successful D2A (Discharge to Assessment) pilot conducted at St David's Hospital
- It was clear that patients needed to be nursed differently – this was partly about a skills mix, but there was also a need for a change in behaviours e.g. getting patients to move more.
- There were concerns expressed about the proposal to close beds given the context of an aging population
- The importance of including therapists from the outset not after the changes were agreed was reiterated

The Chief Executive updated the Forum on Amplify 2025 and advised that the work would be shared at Showcase in October 2019.

He also talked about changes to Board including the new Medical Director, Dr Stuart Walker. Miss Battle was thanked for her contribution as UHB Chair and assurances were given that the Safety Valve would continue. Charles (Jan) Janczewski is Acting Chair until a ministerial appointment is made