

WELSH AMBULANCE SERVICES NHS TRUST

MINUTES OF THE OPEN MEETING OF THE TRUST BOARD HELD ON 22 MAY 2013 AT TRUST HEADQUARTERS, ST ASAPH WITH VIDEO CONFERENCE FROM VANTAGE POINT HOUSE (CWMBRAN) AND INDIVIDUAL TELEPHONE CONFERENCE LINKS

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr D Evans	Non Executive Director and Vice Chairman of the Board
Mr S Castledine	Non Executive Director (Via telephone conference)
Dr K Fitzpatrick	Non Executive Director (Via telephone conference)
Mrs J Hardisty	Director of Workforce and Organisational Development (OD)
Mr P James	Non Executive Director (Via telephone conference)
Mr J Morgan	Non Executive Director (Via video conference)
Mr P Price	Non Executive Director (Via video conference)
Mr E Price-Morris	Chief Executive
Mrs P Roseblade	Director of Finance and ICT

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS:

Mrs S Jenkins	Director of Service Delivery (Via telephone conference)
Mr W Wilkins	Interim Director of Strategy, Planning and Performance

TRUST BOARD REPRESENTATIVES:

Mrs S Bruce	Corporate Communications Manager (Via telephone conference)
Mr N Heal	Staff Side Representative (Via video conference)
Mr N Holman	Staff Side Representative (Via video conference)
Mr J Huxley	Assistant Corporate Secretary
Mr M Jose	Staff side representative (Via video conference)
Mr S Owen	Corporate Governance Officer

APOLOGIES

Mrs A Evans	Assistant Nurse Director
Mr S Fletcher	Non Executive Director and Chairman of the Board
Dr P Hughes	Medical Director
Mr A Jenkins	Consultant Paramedic
Mrs S Jones	Nurse Director
Mr A Philips	Board of CHCs in Wales Representative
Mr G Richardson	Board of CHCs in Wales Representative
Mr B Roberts	Staff Side Representative
Mrs D Sharp	Corporate Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr M Hemakumar Observer
Mrs S Shivakumar Observer

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the Trade Union representatives and the two members of the public who were attending as observers.

20/13 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

RESOLVED: That

(1) it be noted that there were no declarations made under the Code of Conduct;

(2) the minutes of the open and closed sessions of the meeting of the Trust Board held on 14 March and 11 April 2013 be deferred for confirmation as a correct record until the next meeting of the Trust Board on 5 June 2013; and

(3) the urgent business approved by the Chairman and Chief Executive under the procedures contained in Standing Order No 2.1 relating to the appointment of the Interim Director of Strategy, Planning and Performance, be noted.

21/13 SOUTH WALES PROGRAMME (SWP) – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

The Chief Executive summarised the work undertaken by the Trust thus far in the development of the South Wales Plan Consultation Document. He also described how the process, as laid down in the document, would unfold over the next few weeks and anticipated that the Trust would be fully engaged with all those involved in the process.

The Interim Director of Strategy, Planning and Performance updated the Board with an overview of the process towards formal consultation, explained the Trust's role during the consultation period and confirmed what action the Trust should take in the future. He explained that there had been six options for the SWP to consider which had been reduced to four for consideration. Consultations had taken place to deliberate on the four options for the future, namely: consultant-led maternity services, neonatal care, inpatient paediatrics and emergency medicine (level two A&E) Services.

The Interim Director of Strategy, Planning and Performance also confirmed that the formal consultation process would commence on 23 May 2013 and continue until 19 July 2013.

Reference was also made to the Communication tools which would be available to the general public to use to submit their views and the Board was informed that the technical documents which were in the process of being finalised and would be available soon.

The Chief Executive concluded that the process required full representation from the Trust at future meetings and should be attended by clinicians and other key staff, including Board members.

Members of the Board pointed out that the consultation document appeared not to include Trade Unions as consultees and also the use of the word 'manpower' in the

document needed to be reviewed. It was confirmed that these matters would be attended to and clarified.

RESOLVED: That the Board endorses:

- (1) the consultation document together with the consultation framework for the South Wales Programme;**
- (2) the establishment of a South Wales Trauma Network;**
- (3) the launch of the consultation period on 23 May until 19 July 2013; and**
- (4) notes the equality impact assessment process.**

RESOLUTION TO MEET IN CLOSED SESSION

Representatives of the press and other members of the public were excluded from the remainder of the meeting having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in accordance with the requirements of Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

Reports relating to the items of business in these minutes can be found on the Trust's website, www.ambulance.wales.nhs.uk