

Minutes		Pwyllgor Cynghorol Therapiau Cymru Welsh Therapies Advisory Committee
04/06/2019		
Cathays Park		

Attendees

Alison Williams	Wales S & LT Advisory Forum (Chair)
Judyth Jenkins	Bwrdd Cymru British Dietetic Association (Vice-Chair)
Vanessa Hayward	Wales Speech & Language Therapy Advisory Forum
Louis Thomas	CAMHS Delivery Assurance Group
Jo Griffin	Occupational Therapy Advisory Forum
Phil McFadden	Wales Arts Therapies Advisory Forum (NHS)
Becca Sayers	Wales Arts Therapies Advisory Forum (Private)
Lance Reed	Aneurin Bevan UHB Healthcare Professional Forum
Sam Haworth-Booth	Welsh Physiotherapy Leaders' Advisory Group
Janet Bevan	College of Occupational Therapists
Adrian Neal	Applied Psychologists in Health NSAG
Nicola Massie	British Psychological Society Welsh Branch
Jo Rowlands	Welsh Physiotherapy Leaders Advisory Group (Alt)
Ruth Emanuel	Welsh Board of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
Chris Griffiths	LDMAG-Ministerial
Dave Gamble	BAPO Welsh Orthotics
Briony Davis	BAPO Welsh Orthotics (Alt)
Denise Jenkins	National Orthotics and Podiatry Standing Advisory Group (NOPSAG)
Zoe Paul-Gough	Wales Dietetic Leaders Advisory Group
Amanda Squire	Higher Education Institution sub group
Jo Horton	Wales Cancer Network
Lisa Love-Gould	Wales Cancer Network
Peter Cumpstone	NWIS
Gareth Evans	Healthcare Professional Forum - Betsi Cadwaladr LHB
Ruth Crowder	Chief Therapies Advisor for Wales
Rachel Cooper-Jones	Healthcare Science & Allied Health Professionals Division, Welsh Govt
John Brice	Healthcare Science & Allied Health Professionals Division, Welsh Govt
Stephanie Andrews	Healthcare Science & Allied Health Professionals Division, Welsh Govt
Dr Alastair Roeves	Interim Deputy Medical Director, Swansea Bay UHB
Aled Brown	Head of Emergency Care, Welsh Govt

1. Welcome and Apologies

- 1.1. The Chair welcomed committee members to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies were received from Liz McCarthy, Ian Massey, Kerrie Phipps, Gareth Evans, Wendy Wilkinson, and Angela Arentsen.

2. Matters Arising and Chair's Update

- 2.1. Members noted the minutes of the previous meeting and ratified them as a full and accurate record of proceedings, subject to amendments to Action Point 6 (p.3).
- 2.2. The Chair thanked Zoe Paul-Gough for collating responses to the Healthy Weight Strategy; Karen Visser for collating responses to the ALNET Code of Practice; and Chris Griffiths for collating responses to the Autism Services Code of Practice.
- 2.3. Members noted that Judyth Jenkins was the WTAC representative on the planning committee for the Allied Health Professionals/Healthcare Science/Pharmacy Conference and all-Wales Advancing Healthcare awards ceremony scheduled for 26 November.
- 2.4. The Chair reported that agenda items requested at the last meeting (Action Point 1) for the NJPAC meeting scheduled for 19 March had not been required as the meeting had been postponed.
- 2.5. Ruth Crowder had not yet contacted Will Oliver about AHP representation on the All-Wales Guidelines for Delegations Task & Finish Group (Action Point 2). A response would be circulated with the minutes of today's meeting.
- 2.6. It was noted Action Point 3 was inaccurate. Ruth Crowder said advice would be forthcoming on frailty and falls. This would be based on evidence provided in a recent paper by the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.
- 2.7. Members noted that Action Points 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 15 had been actioned.
- 2.8. The Chair reported that Chris Griffiths has not received any comments from members on the Working Together outcomes measure (Action Point 7).
- 2.9. The Chair reported that Jo Griffin had contacted Chris Griffiths to express an interest in the LD MAG shadowing opportunity (Action Point 9).
- 2.10. The Chair said she had contacted Alison Shakeshaft about AHP representation on delivery groups, but no response had been received to date (Action Point 11).
- 2.11. The Chair said she had drafted letters relating to the audit process for rehabilitation, reablement and recovery (Action Points 12-14), but the letters had not yet been sent.

3. National Clinical Plan-A Healthier Wales

3.1 Dr Alastair Rooves gave a presentation on the National Clinical Plan. Dr Rooves would circulate the presentation to members after the meeting. Members made the following comments and observations following the presentation:

3.2 Members agreed WTAC could play a central role in ensuring all AHP representatives with relevant skills were included in the local engagement events and the Welsh Clinical Networks envisaged for the plan's implementation. Dr Rooves said the plan's timescales included clinical engagement from October 2019 and had been scheduled to align with the timings of the IMTP process.

3.3 The issue of data and evidence was raised and the perception of bias in favour of the natural sciences. It was suggested data should be more inclusive by incorporating the

human sciences, which were particularly valuable sources in mental health services. Value-based healthcare and identifying allocative value could be enhanced by input from the human sciences.

3.4 Members noted that the changes in the National Clinical Plan were similar to programmes that had been suggested in the past, but not fully implemented. Members queried how realistic the plan's 'alliances model' was. It was also important to understand the value of including social care in the proposed alliances. Dr Roeves said strong clinical leadership would be required to address the implementation challenges.

3.5 Members thought it was important to include non-condition based pathway, such as a reference to children in the plan and suggested referencing early years and Flying Start. Members also agreed it was important to include references to adult specialist services and a reference to Velindre. Dr Roeves confirmed he would include Flying Start and Velindre Cancer Care. He added that he was engaging with WHSCC to match services on a regional basis.

3.6 Members agreed that it was important for professionals to undertake realistic conversations with patients and their families about both treatment and non-treatment outcomes.

3.7 Following further discussion, it was agreed that a small group of WTAC representatives would work with Dr Roeves to include an early years work stream and a dementia work stream in the plan.

3.8 Finally, members agreed to invite Dr Roeves to the WTAC meeting in February 2020 to provide an update on progress.

AP01	WTAC to nominate representatives to work with Dr Roeves on early years and dementia.
AP02	Secretariat to invite Dr Roeves to February 2020 WTAC meeting.

4. Chief Therapies Advisor's update

- 4.1. Ruth Crowder asked members to submit their travel and subsistence claims to Secretariat by the end of June. Secretariat would circulate the relevant forms to members.
- 4.2. Members noted a recruitment exercise was underway to appoint new staff to Committee Secretariat following recent departures. Ruth Crowder advised that WTAC related business should be emailed to the Healthcare Science & Therapies Mailbox until further notice.
- 4.4 Ruth Crowder reported the persistent pain guidance had recently been published and circulated to members. MSK guidance would be published in the summer.
- 4.5 The dementia AHP Consultant job had been evaluated and would be advertised soon. Betsi Cadwaladr UHB would be hosting the recruitment process, but this did not mean the post would be based in north Wales.

- 4.6 Members agreed that, subject to her consent, Lisa Williams should continue to chair the public health framework implementation group. Ruth Crowder would contact Lisa Williams and also circulate the list of group members.
- 4.7 Ruth Crowder asked members to note that work was ongoing to continue to extend the Welsh language offer to patients and families. This was likely to include services using standardised assessment tools for cognitive impairments.
- 4.8 Members noted that the First Minister, the Minister for Health & Social Services and the NHS Wales CEO had all agreed to speak at the Allied Health Professionals/Healthcare Science/Pharmacy Conference and the all-Wales Advancing Healthcare awards ceremony scheduled for 26 November.
- 4.9 Members agreed WTAC would sponsor one of the Advancing Healthcare awards and contribute to defining the judging criteria for the award. Ruth Crowder would circulate the draft list of award categories for members to decide which one to sponsor.
- 4.10 Ruth Crowder thanked members for their AHP Framework consultation feedback. The intention was for the final document to be published in July. An implementation plan would then need to be agreed at a later date.
- 4.11 Finally, Ruth Crowder asked members to note that a Welsh Health Circular on Assisted and Augmented Communication would be issued by the Welsh Government on 6 June.

AP03	Members to submit their T&S claims to Secretariat before 30 June. Secretariat to circulate claim form.
AP04	Ruth Crowder to contact Lisa Williams to ask her to continue to chair the public health framework implementation group.
AP05	Ruth Crowder to circulate draft Advancing Healthcare awards categories list to members.

5. Special Schools Policy

- 5.1 The Chair said comments had been sent to Alison Stroud for collation, but the document was not yet ready for sign-off. Alison Stroud had liaised with HEIW to ensure a suitable reference to training could be included in the document.

6. Group reports and update papers

- 6.1 Members noted the group reports circulated before the meeting.
- 6.2 Lisa Love-Gould said that Wendy Wilkinson would provide an update on the cancer rehabilitation standards review at the next WTAC meeting.
- 6.3 Members noted the critical care proforma had been revised and a decision by CEOs on a funding stream was expected in July.
- 6.4 Members noted the major trauma network board meeting report. It was agreed Judyth Jenkins would email members to request that they forward to Clare Fudge the

names of therapists on the trauma unit rehab working groups in each of their organisations.

6.5 Members noted that five-hundred responses had been received during the healthy weight consultation. PHW was reviewing the obesity pathway and a final strategy document was scheduled for 17 October.

6.6 Members noted that invited WTAC members had attended a HEIW and Social care Workforce Strategy workshop meeting on the 17 April. Judyth agreed to write a briefing paper outlining the key issues discussed in the meeting. Ruth Crowder would circulate the meeting report to members.

6.7 Members noted that Ruth Crowder had recently met with KPMG representatives undertaking a review of education commissioning on behalf of HEIW. Ruth Crowder would re-circulate details of the stakeholder engagement roadshows planned by KMPG.

6.8 Finally, members agreed Sam Haworth-Booth (physiotherapy), Jo Griffin and Janet Bevan (OT) and Judyth Jenkins (dietetics) would work together to develop an 'AHP flow' document using previously submitted case studies which Ruth Crowder will circulate.

AP06	Judyth Jenkins to email members to request that they forward to Clare Fudge the names of therapists on the trauma unit rehab working groups in each of their organisations.
AP07	Ruth Crowder to circulate Judyth Jenkins' HEIW meeting report to members.
AP08	Ruth Crowder to circulate KPMG stakeholder engagement roadshow details to members.
AP09	Sam Haworth-Booth, Jo Griffin, Janet Bevan and Judyth Jenkins to edit AHP flow document.

7. Unscheduled Care Programme

7.1 Aled Brown provided an overview of the Programme's objectives and recent progress.

7.2 The Programme aimed to improve access, outcomes, and well-being. The focus of work included community care, in-patient care, and post-hospital care. A whole pathway approach had been adopted to include public health messages linked to Choosing Well and Living Well. Other priority work included mental health, respiratory care, chest pain, and better data measures relating to MDT response and patient hospital stays of over seven days.

7.3 Work was ongoing to identify improved ambulatory pathways and how this could address challenges relating to frequent attenders at A&E. Revised guidance on safer patient flow was being undertaken, together with ways to improve patient assessment and discharge. Connections were being made to neighbourhood volunteers to support patients, including those with mental health conditions, after discharge.

7.8 Following the update, it was agreed Aled Brown would invite Judyth Jenkins to a meeting of the Unscheduled Care Programme Board to give a presentation on the

contribution of AHPs in multi-disciplinary teams at the hospital 'front door' to prevent admissions.

7.9 In response to a query, Aled Brown confirmed minor injury illness was also being considered by the Programme and he would welcome WTAC input to the discussions. He also invited members to consider nominating a representative for the Unscheduled Care Delivery Group.

7.10 Members agreed it was important for AHPs to be more closely linked to the Unscheduled Care Programme. Aled Brown would circulate the Programme action plan to WTAC. It was also agreed that WTAC would provide the Programme with additional professional advice on the mental health, minor injury illness, and admissions prevention strands of the Programme's work.

AP10	Aled Brown to invite Judyth Jenkins to Unscheduled Care Programme Board to give presentation.
AP11	WTAC to nominate representative to Unscheduled Care Delivery Group.
AP12	Aled Brown to circulate Unscheduled Care Programme action plan.
AP13	WTAC to provide Unscheduled Care Programme with advice on mental health, minor injury illness, and admissions prevention.

8. Consultant forum

8.1 Members agreed a forum for consultants should be established under WTAC's remit, subject to the terms of reference being agreed. This will be a sub-group of the Welsh NMAHP Consultant forum. It was noted there were ninety-five consultant psychologists and that the development of AHP consultant guidance was part of HEIW's work plan. Sam Haworth-Booth will ask Mark Knight-Davies to draw together the forum on behalf of WTAC.

8.2 It was noted that Ruth Crowder had met with CAHPR and other AHP researchers and that nursing professors were positive about improving the profile of research. Members agreed to draw the attention of their networks to a research conference scheduled for 15 July and encourage them to attend.

AP14	Sam Haworth-Booth will ask Mark Knight-Davies to draw together the Consultant forum
AP15	WTAC to publicise and encourage participation at 15 July research conference. Ruth Crowder to share information.

9. Consultations

9.1 Members noted recent consultation documents on continuing health care. It was agreed the Chair would collate responses to the paediatric consultation, Nicola Massie would collate responses to the adult consultation, and Jo Griffin would collate responses to the social services consultation.

AP16	Alison Williams, Nicola Massie and Jo Griffin to collate consultation responses.
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10. Any other business

10.1 The Chair said that the Executive Committee had agreed WTAC's name should be changed so that it more accurately and inclusively reflected the diversity of the professions represented. Members agreed the Executive Committee should identify possible alternative names for consideration at the next WTAC meeting.

AP17	WTAC Executive Committee to identify alternative names for WTAC members to consider at the next meeting.
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11. Close

9.1 The Chair thanked members for attending. The next meeting is scheduled for 8th October 2019.