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Title: Implementation of PROMPT Standards in Maternity Services in Wales

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For Action by:

Chief Executives Health Boards
Directors of Nursing Health Boards
Medical Directors Health Boards
Heads of Midwifery Health Boards
Clinical Directors (Maternity)

Action required:

That the PROMPT Wales standards are fully implemented by every health board.

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Enclosure(s): Letter from CNO and CMO re. PROMPT standards



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Dear Colleagues

We have been delighted with the initial roll-out by all organisations of PROMPT Wales. The research, undertaken in many jurisdictions by the PROMPT Maternity Foundation, into the effectiveness of PROMPT principles in reducing avoidable harm in maternity services, highlights that a sustained level of participation by all clinicians involved in providing maternity care is necessary to achieve the vision and aims of the programme.

The PROMPT Wales national team has established a series of PROMPT Wales Standards, which enable health boards to determine the clinicians for whom PROMPT Wales training is mandatory and provide a platform for organisations to monitor their compliance. We support these standards and have asked the Welsh Risk Pool to gather evidence of compliance against these important measures.

As a minimum standard we expect that staff, including midwives, obstetricians and anaesthetists who regularly provide maternity care to undertake PROMPT Wales training annually. We would also recommend that staff aligned to these activities – including Operating Department Practitioners and Health Care Support Staff are considered in PROMPT Wales training plans.

The standards are defined as:

Standard One

Determination of staff who should participate in PROMPT Wales Training

- 1-1 Health boards to identify the staff who are required to undertake PROMPT Wales training and provide this to the Welsh Risk Pool team by role and number of staff
- 1-2 Health boards to update its reviews of staff required to undertake PROMPT Wales and provide it to the Welsh Risk Pool team on a six monthly basis

Standard Two

Development of local PROMPT Wales syllabus

- 2-1 Health boards to produce a syllabus for core PROMPT Wales topics which will be included in local training sessions.
- 2-2 Health boards to submit their syllabus updated annually to the Welsh Risk Pool Team.

Standard Three

Maintaining a multi-professional training team

- 3-1 Health boards to maintain local training teams, ensuring that all elements of the multi-professional workforce are included.
- 3-2 Health boards to facilitate the development of individuals as PROMPT Wales Trainers.

Standard Four

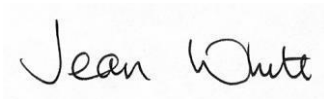
Multi-professional participation in PROMPT Wales Training

- 4-1 All staff (100%), who are identified as being required to participate in PROMPT Wales training, to complete a PROMPT Wales training session by 31 March 2020.
- 4-2 From 1 April 2020, a minimum of 95% of staff (who are required to undertake PROMPT Wales Training) will complete a PROMPT Wales training session, annually.
- 4-3 Health boards to update ESR Records for multi-professionals who have completed a PROMPT Wales training session.

The PROMPT Wales National Team will provide support to each health board in developing plans and evidence of progress against these standards.

The Welsh Risk Pool team will contact each health board to gather information and report progress against the standards to Welsh Government by 31 March 2020, followed by a quarterly period of monitoring.

Yours sincerely



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