

Cardiff & Vale University Health Board – Development of the Clinical Services Plan and Infrastructure Programme Business Case

Statement of Support from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board is keen to work in partnership with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board as it develops its Clinical Services Plan and Infrastructure Programme Business Case. Whilst the Programme Business case is being developed at a very high strategic level at this stage it is recognised that there is significant opportunity to shape and influence the more detailed plans through joint working in a number of areas.

The University Hospital of Wales currently delivers services for communities right across the nation. The clinical services plan is one for all health organisations to develop. We are looking forward to working in partnership to ensure a robust clinical services plans and effective patient pathways based on a networked approach across the system building on the principles of improving services for our communities through care close to home where safe to do so and robust effective regional services where required.

The Health Board is keen to continue to work with colleagues at C&V UHB to share the experiences of planning and building the Grange University Hospital and ensuring lessons learnt are shared and considered as part of the planning for the Clinical Services and infrastructure plan development at Cardiff & Vale.

The South East Wales regional planning programme that is already underway, specifically around vascular services and ophthalmology, provides a good foundation to build on this collaborative working especially as we face the significant challenges associated with Covid recovery for which regional solutions may provide the greatest opportunities and be relevant in the development of the Cardiff & Vale UHB strategic plan.

Finally, both Health Boards are actively pursuing opportunities associated with research and innovation and the life sciences industry and the Health Board is making good progress with its Medi Park proposal at the GUH site working in partnership with Torfaen Council. A more collaborative approach in this area which strengthens and aligns to local plans may provide opportunities to ensure we maximise the potential this offers.

This is an exciting time for the SEW region and as Aneurin Bevan University Health Board moves into a new phase of delivering its Clinical Futures Strategy since the opening of the Grange University Hospital and Cardiff & Vale UHB is developing its new Clinical Strategy and Infrastructure Plan it provides an ideal opportunity to enhance the partnership approach between the organisations and ensure we consolidate and enhance our local clinical strategies.