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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English. Welsh language correspondence will be replied to in Welsh, and this will not lead to a delay.

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Dear colleague,

Welsh Community Care Information System (WCCIS)

Further to your letter of 5th December 2022, I am pleased to provide the information you have requested, as detailed in my response below.

Whether your Health Board has agreed to adopt the Welsh Community Care Information System (WCCIS)

The Health Board is committed to adopting WCCIS and has invested considerably in readiness activities, which includes the development of a comprehensive benefits realisation plan and significant regional planning with local authority colleagues over a number of years. The Health Board's has previously approved an outline business case (OBC) for the implementation of WCCIS within Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB). A full business case (FBC) has been in development and is due to be presented to Management Board for approval in Q4 2022/23.

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<u>If so, an overview of the current position in implementing WCCIS within the Health Board</u>

SBUHB already has 450 users of WCCIS under the Swansea Council deployment of WCCIS and continue to work closely with Swansea Council and the region on WCCIS adoption and benefits realisation.

As outlined above SBUHB are in the process of completing the development of an FBC for consideration for internal approval. The development of the FBC, following the approval of the OBC, has been delayed due to a number of external factors beyond the HBs control including COVID, the WCCIS strategic review, gaps in "health" system functionality, system performance and commercial arrangements.

SBUHB have invested significant resources into WCCIS since its national procurement and have supported the national program and regional implementation/development, as well as completing readiness work locally and investing in the preparation of business cases. The local OBC and FBC outline the significant investment required to implement the solution to SBUHB's 3500 users and the further investment needed to pay for the solution and local support going forward. Therefore, significant focus is being placed on identifying and measuring the potential benefits from WCCIS that can be realised to cover the ongoing costs.

Funding the implementation costs (in excess of £3m over 4 years) is particularly challenging in the current environment. However, we have a worked up local investment plan and have also established potential support from WG and the National Program Team. To this end, a proposal to access WG Digital Priority Investment Funding (DPIF) to part fund the implementation has been submitted in January 2023. The approval of this is crucial to enabling SBUHB to progress with the implementation of WCCIS.
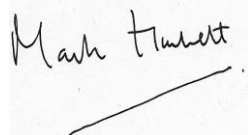
Subject to approval of the FBC and funding model, SBUHB are targeting the signing of a deployment order for WCCIS in Q2 2023/24. This is based on the assumption of adopting the current platform and the assurances that any move to a different/new version platform would be cost neutral to SBUHB. It also assumes the necessary integrations with the National Technical Architecture will be in place prior to the SBUHB first phase go live date.

Not applicable:
If your health board has chosen to use a different system instead of WCCIS:
       a. The reasons for deciding to do so;
       b. Whether that system is interoperable with WCCIS;
       c. Any potential risks that have been identified, and how they are being managed.

Yours sincerely

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