

CTM briefing: 13 September 2024

Dear partners and stakeholders



CREATING HEALTH

RSV vaccination programme commences



**Protect
yourself
against RSV.
Get vaccinated.**



RSV causes between 400-600 deaths in older adults and over 1,000 hospital admissions in young babies in Wales every year. The new vaccination programme launched this month will provide protection against the most common childhood respiratory infection for the first time in Wales.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is a contagious virus that circulates in autumn and early winter, infecting most children within the first two

years of their life and frequently re-infecting older children and adults.

The RSV vaccine is a game-changing vaccination programme that will protect thousands of infants and older people from serious illness each autumn and winter.

Evidence shows it is safe and effective, with very mild side effects that usually go away quickly.

Find out more here: phw.nhs.wales/RSV

All pregnant women (28 weeks+) can walk into a Community Vaccination Centre (CVC) to access their vaccine. Please bring along your hand-held notes. Our Community Vaccination Centres:

<https://ctmuhb.nhs.wales/.../our-community-vaccination.../>

Schools Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme

From the 16 Sept 2024, all school children with the CTM community, from reception class up to and including school year 11, will be offered a free nasal spray flu vaccine to help protect them from flu.

This will be undertaken by the CTMUHB School Nursing team.

A consent form must be completed by a parent or caregiver before a vaccination is given, although some children in secondary school will be able to legally consent for themselves. This may include some children who are under 16, but only if they are assessed as having the understanding needed to do so by a school nurse or immuniser.

The nasal flu vaccinations will run for a period of 12 weeks up to 13 December 2024.



Share your views... on the future model for Mental Health Dementia Services for Older Persons across Cwm Taf Morgannwg

Our older population is increasing and there will be a much greater demand for our mental health dementia services in the future. We want to ensure that people living with dementia, now and in the future, have

access to the support they need, at the right time, and in the right place.

Currently, our service is provided in day care settings, but we are inviting our communities to share their views on a proposed 'peripatetic community service' in the future.

A 10-week engagement period is open, running from 9.00 a.m. on Monday 2nd September 2024 until 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 7th November 2024.

Our next online engagement event (via Teams) is planned for Friday, 20th September (10 - 11am), where you can find out more about the proposal and ask any questions. If you would like to attend, please email us at CTM.MHLD.ServiceEngagement@wales.nhs.uk and we will send you a link.

There are many ways in which you can share your views. They are explained [here](#), along with further information about the proposal.

Don't fall for it – falls are not a normal part of ageing

In Wales between 230,000 and 460,000 people over the age of 60 fall, but over 50% of falls are preventable. Furthermore, 50% of people experience loss of confidence after a fall but confidence can be rebuilt.

From 16 – 20 September, we will be running a series of information stalls across Cwm Taf Morgannwg focussed on preventing falls. [Read the full details.](#)

[Watch a video](#) of Sian from the Falls Prevention Service explaining how the service works and the support available.



Improvement works at Princess of Wales Hospital

Over the next 12 weeks, we will be undertaking some urgent and essential improvement works to our neonatal and maternity units at Princess of Wales Hospital. This £1m investment in the future of both units will ensure that we are able to continue to offer safe and effective care for our families.

During the period in which the work will be undertaken, we will be unable to maintain business continuity across the site, and so both the maternity and neonatal teams will be relocated for a short period of time, away from Princess of Wales Hospital.

****DURING THIS CLOSURE THERE WILL BE NO MATERNITY OR NEONATAL SPECIALIST TEAMS BASED AT THE PRINCESS OF WALES HOSPITAL SITE. IF YOU SUSPECT YOU ARE IN LABOUR, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ACCESS OUR ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AS THE SPECIALIST MEDICAL AND MIDWIFERY TEAMS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.****

This work demonstrates a significant investment our neonatal and maternity services at the Princess of Wales site which will be used by families in our communities in the future.

Further information is available in our question and answer document: ctmuhb.nhs.wales/files/frequently-asked-questions-pow-maternity-and-neonatal/

New digital system will improve care for patients and save time for staff

Plans to deliver a new electronic prescribing system in all Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (CTM UHB) hospitals have taken a big step forward this month with the announcement that it has selected Nervecentre as its technology supplier.

The new electronic Prescribing and Medicines Administration system, known as ePMA, will replace paper-based processes, helping to provide clinicians with more time to deliver safer and more efficient care to patients.

It will streamline prescribing by replacing the paper drug chart at the end of a patient's bed with a new digital system. This will reduce the risk of medication errors, help ensure information is accurate, up-to-date and readily available to support clinical decision making, and will ultimately improve patient care.

Introduction of ePMA is a key part of the national [Digital Medicines](#) programme, led by Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) to make the prescribing, dispensing and administration of medicines everywhere in Wales easier, safer and more efficient for patients and clinicians.

Read more [here](#).

Redevelopment of Maesteg Community Hospital

Healthy Futures Maesteg Latest Update



Read our continued progress towards the multi-million pound redevelopment of Maesteg Community Hospital into an integrated health, care and wellbeing hub. Our latest update (September 2024) can be accessed [here](#) and all previous updates can be found [here](#). Should you have any questions, or requests for further information ahead of our next update, planned for November 2024, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Dale Stolzenberg, CTM Assistant Director for Transformation,

Strategic and Operational Planning, Dale.Stolzenberg@wales.nhs.uk

Art project complete at Snowdrop Breast Centre



An art project supported by staff, patients and the local community to help Cwm Taf Morgannwg breast cancer patients has been completed

The Snowdrop Breast Centre is a centralised, dedicated breast diagnostic unit for Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board, which enables a one-stop diagnostic service for breast patients. Patients, staff and art and design professionals have collaborated on a project to provide calm, optimistic, friendly and inclusive spaces, as well as supporting orientation of the building.

The artwork – consisting of paintings, wall murals, new furniture, and floor signs – stretches throughout the building within clinical and non-clinical rooms. The theme is hope for the future, new beginnings, local nature and the world outside the unit. In addition to contributing to the colour and artwork selection, patients helped to choose the colour of patient gowns.

Read more [here](#).



SUSTAINING OUR FUTURE

2024/2024 Pay Award Announcement

The Welsh Government has this week accepted the Pay Review Body and the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration recommendations.

Therefore:

- Agenda for Change staff will receive a 5.5% increase to their salary

- Medical and Dental staff will receive a 6% increase to their salary,
- with junior doctors also receiving an additional consolidated £1,000 payment uplift.

In line with the Senior Salaries Review Body, Executive Directors and Very Senior managers will receive a 5% increase, in line with their colleagues in England.

The pay ward will be backdated to April 2024.

It is anticipated the salary uplift and the pay arrears will be included in the November 2024 pay.

Plastics recycling

CTM has been collaborating with ELITE (a Merthyr Tydfil based social enterprise), and Pulse Plastics, on an innovative plastic waste separation project called FeedCycle.

The CTM waste team worked with the innovation team, to identify the areas within the health board needing support to improve their recycling rates and to identify waste suitable for repurpose.

Two separate projects, FeedCycle and Lab Bench to Park Bench, were identified in Maternity Services/ Catering Services and Pathology. Both areas required significant support from infection control, waste management and consent from Natural Resources Wales to allow clean plastic items to be diverted from their current clinical waste streams.

The CTM waste team identified plastic items at the Prince Charles Hospital site, including adult and infant feeding bottles, reagent bottles, tip trays and catering plastics, which are suitable for recycling and repurposing.

Once separated and collected, the plastics are added to bins provided by ELITE. The plastics are then washed and aggregated on site before being collected by ELITE Paper Solutions for sorting at the ELITE facilities. The separated plastics are then delivered to Pulse Plastics in Ebbw Vale, where the material is granulated into pellets for further use to create a range of new plastic products. The plastic pellets can be manufactured into furniture that is being used by a range of hospitals across the UK.



CTM Board meeting – 26 September

A meeting of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board will be held on **Thursday 26 September 2024 at 9:00am in The Hub, Royal Glamorgan Hospital Site, Gwaun Elai, Llantrisant, CF72**

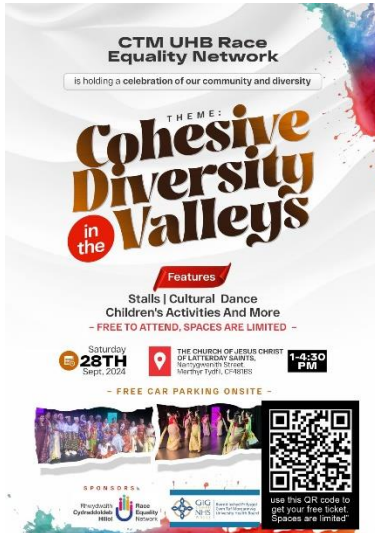
8XR. Meetings of the Health Board will be held in public and therefore members of the public are welcome to attend in person and observe the meeting.

The Board meeting will also be recorded and uploaded to our website as soon as possible following the meeting. If you would like more information or if you are interested in observing our public Board meeting in person we ask that you register your interest beforehand by contacting us at CTM_Corporate_Governance@wales.nhs.uk.

As the Health Board will be 'meeting in public' it is important to note that this is not a public meeting. In a public meeting, questions may be asked during the course of the meeting, whilst questions are taken after the completion of consideration of all agenda items during a meeting in public.

To this end, we accommodate questions in advance up to three working days prior to the meeting, in order to allow accurate responses to be provided in a timely manner. Please send us any questions relating to items on the agenda by email to: CTM_Corporate_Governance@wales.nhs.uk. The questions will be responded to at the end of the meeting.

4th CTMUHB Annual Cohesive Diversity in Valleys



CTMUHB's Race Equality Network will be hosting the **4th CTMUHB Annual Cohesive Diversity in Valleys** on Sat 28 Sep 2024, 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, CF48 1BS.

This multicultural event will include stalls, dance, and will give you the opportunity to make new friends.

You can find [full details of the event here](#) and you can find out more about [the Race Equality Network here](#).

Bridgend Social Enterprise Marketplace Event – 20 September

Connecting buyers with social and other enterprises offering products and services in Bridgend. This in-person event is for procurement teams and buyers from public and private sectors will have an opportunity to find out about what the social enterprise sector has to offer.

This is an unique opportunity to connect with social enterprises, trading charities, community organisations and many others across the County and beyond. 10am-1pm – Friday, 20 September 2024 (arrival at 9:30am) Bryncethin Community Centre

Register for free online.



QUICK LINKS

- CTM latest news – [News - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)
- [Help Us Help You - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)
- Latest information on hospital services, visiting, appointments and community services- <https://cwmtafmorgannwg.wales/.../serv.../hospital-services/>

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