

Report to	Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting	8 July 2021
Lead Member	Councillor Bobby Feeley
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Title	BCUHB Heart Failure Services in Denbighshire and its impact on the Council's Social Care Services

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1 An elected member at Denbighshire County Council had suggested that a change in Heart Failure Services was pending and this would consequently have a negative impact on local authorities through increased demand for community care services. This report will provide reassurance that there have been no impending negative changes within the service provided by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB).

2. What is the reason for making this report?

- 2.1 To provide information on the current status of the BCUHB Heart Failure Services provided in Denbighshire and across North Wales.

3. What are the Recommendations?

That Members:

- 3.1 note the contents of the report; and
- 3.2 consider and discuss any potential implications for the citizens of Denbighshire with representatives from the Health Board and Council officers.

4. Report details

- 4.1. Some aspects of the BCUHB Heart Failure Service had temporary funding streams attached to them; we understand that this caused some uncertainty for the public around the future provision of these services. **Funding for this service was made available by Health Board from April 2020.**
- 4.2. BCUHB fully recognise the value of the Heart Failure Services across North Wales, and, continue to support the development of them with no plans to reduce the current provision.
- 4.3. BCUHB is actively working with the services so that we can continue to ensure this service remains available to the population of North Wales. We are striving to provide an equitable service across the whole of North Wales, Denbighshire included.
- 4.4. The Strategic Manager for Cardiac Services is working with the Heart Failure teams to future proof the Heart Failure Service and incorporate succession planning, value based health care and Patient Related Outcome Measures (PROMS).

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

- 5.1. The provision of Cardiac Services contributes to the Corporate Priority relating to working with people and communities to build independence and resilience as it promotes people's health and wellbeing.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

- 6.1. There are no planned changes to the Heart Failure Service and therefore no direct impact on Council budgets or services.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?

- 7.1. There are no planned changes to the Heart Failure Service, therefore a WBIA is not required for this report.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

8.1. No consultations have been carried out as there are no changes to the service.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

9.1. Not applicable as there are no changes being made which would impact on Council budgets.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

10.1. There are no risks arising from this report.

11. Power to make the decision

11.1. Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

11.2. Section 7.4.2(e) of the Council's Constitution.