



AGENDA ITEM

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EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES COMMITTEE

**EASC FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT – MONTH 4
2020/21**

Date of meeting	(27/08/2020)
FOI Status	Open/Public
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Approving Executive Sponsor	Chief Ambulance Services Commissioner
Report purpose	FOR NOTING

Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt/consideration at Committee/group)

Committee/Group/Individuals	Date	Outcome
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ACRONYMS

APP	Advanced paramedic practitioner
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
IMTP	Integrated Medium Term Plan
WAST	Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust



1. SITUATION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the estimated financial position for EASC for the 4th month of 2020/21 together with any corrective action required.

Table 1 - financial summary

	Annual Budget	Budgeted to Date	Actual to Date	Variance to Date	Movement in Var to date	Current EOYF	Movement in EOYF position
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
WAST (commissioned service)	165,071	54,424	54,424	0	0	0	0
Renal NEPTS	1,167	389	389	0	0	0	0
EASC - EMRTS	4,650	1,550	1,550	0	0	0	0
NCCU	1,454	485	485	0	0	0	0
Sub-total WAST / EASC / QAT	172,341	56,847	56,847	0	0	0	0

Background

1.2 The financial position is reported against the 2020/21 baselines following approval of the 2020/21 IMTP by the EASC Joint Committee in January 2020. There are no corrective actions to report at this point.

1.3 The budget at this point does not include the APP Expansion Plan, unscheduled care allocation nor the National Pay Issues of pension rate increase and holiday pay on voluntary overtime.

1.4 Please note that as LHB's cover any EASC variances, any over/under spends are adjusted back out to LHB's. Therefore, although this document reports on the effective position to date, this value is actually reported through the LHB monthly positions, and the EASC position as reported to WG is a nil variance.

1.5 In relation to the financial position, and following discussion, Members agreed:

1.5.1.1 WAST IMTP figures for 2020/21 would be consistent with the details set out in the Welsh Government allocation letter.

1.5.1.2 Health Boards agreed in principle to fund up to a maximum of £1.8m in additional revenue on a non-recurrent basis for 2020/21. This was the amount that Members would expect to be reflected in the WAST IMTP and presented as such. The draw down from this funding would be made conditional on the delivery of resources in line with the delivery plan and would be provided to WAST when the expenditure had been incurred.



1.5.1.3 The agreement in principle was subject to a detailed implementation/delivery plan being signed off which should include, at both a national level and by health board level, a suite of benefits measures / key performance indicators that demonstrated how the additional funding would be linked to improved outcomes.

2. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THIS MEETING (ASSESSMENT)

Governance & Contracting

2.1 All budgets have been updated to reflect the 2020/21 approved IMTP. The IMTP sets the baseline for all the 2020/21 contract values. Following finalization of baseline reconciliation and the re-evaluation of non-recurrent funding, the total EASC baseline is £172,341k. Funding for the EASC element of Major Trauma will be sought in year from Welsh Government and a 2020-21 agreed allocation for ESCMP will also be drawn down from Welsh Government in year.

2019/20 Planned Income	MTC - NR	ESMCP Control Room Solutions 18- 19 NR RECOVERY	Invest to Save Care Homes for Younger Adults NR	Unscheduled Care Programme NR	Fire Service Equipment NR	Emergency Department Quality & Delivery Framework NR	MH Urgent Care Case Access Review NR	WAST ARRP 19- 20 NR	Adjustment for 20/21 Annual Plan Investment EASC	WAST Frontline - LHB Funded	Risk Share Rebasing Adjustment	NHS Wales Provider Inflation 2%	Paramedic Band 6 Uplift Allocation	Provider Wage Award WAST	2020 /21 Planned Income
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
166,000	-104	200	-575	-300	-57	-600	-236	-643	512	1,800	0	3,246	1,580	1,519	172,341

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - EMS Contract

2.2 The current reported financial position of WAST is a break even at year end. The £1.8m for WAST Frontline funding is included in the baseline but the funding release is yet to be approved by EASC Joint Committee and is subject to the conditions in section 1.5 above.

2.3 The WAST budget is currently reported as the total of the following service lines:



Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust Provider	
Service	
	Annual Budget £'000
Emergency Services - Revenue	119,550
Emergency Services - Capital Charges	16,365
ARRP (18/19 value)	214
NHS Direct	11,098
Paramedic Banding Funding	6,943
Clinical Desk enhancements	1,494
ESMCP project	1,940
ESMCP project Control Room Solution	1,122
ESMCP project Control Room Solution 18-19 NR	- 1,734
WG allocation Re WAST Resources 50%	346
Neonatal Transport	220
APP (full year impact of 18/19 development)	1,186
18/19 & 19/20 Pay Award Through Commissioners	4,905
Healthier Wales WAST (Recurrent)	- 279
Airwaves Reduction	- 99
WAST Frontline - LHB Funded	1,800
Total WAST	165,071
Renal NEPTS	
Service	
	Annual Budget £'000
Renal NEPTS - Hub	468
Renal NEPTS - Increased Capacity	406
Renal NEPTS - Twilight (North East & South East)	293
Total Renal NEPTS	1,167

- 2.4 The funding for Renal Transport has been separated from WAST and will be reported separately. Air Ambulance (EMRTS) has been transferred from WAST and now sits within EASC – EMRTS and will be paid directly to Swansea Bay UHB.



EMERGENCY MEDICAL RETRIEVAL AND TRANSFER SERVICE – EMRTS CYMRU

- 2.5 There is a breakeven position reported against the EMRTS baseline funding of £4,650k.

Core running costs budget

- 2.6 Costs are reported against two separate lines to reflect the original investment by LHB's. Please note that these have not yet been amalgamated in risk-sharing lines due to the different purposes of the two sources of funding at this point.
- 2.7 The total funding for costs running through the WHSSC ledger is £1,454k. This is made up of:
- £795k for the original QAIT
 - £516k for EASC
 - £61k for NCCU Corporate Division
 - £82k for Healthier Wales

Summary of Key Movements and Issues

- 2.8 There are no movements to report in the planned position in month. The overall forecast remains at breakeven.

Actual Year To Date and Forecast Over/Underspend (Provider positions)

WAST:

- 2.9 Position reported to budget level

Direct Running Costs (Staffing and non-pay):

- 2.10 Team costs are based on expected staffing levels, including filling vacancies. The unscheduled care allocation is yet to be received.



Actual Year to Date Over/(under)spend 2020/21 (Commissioner positions)

Table 2 – Year to Date position by LHB

	Allocation of Variance							
	Total	Cardiff and Vale	SB	Cwm Taf Morgannwg	Aneurin Bevan	Hywel Dda	Powys	Betsi Cadwaladr
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Variance M4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Variance M3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Movement	(1)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)

Table 3 – End of Year Forecast by LHB

	Allocation of Variance							
	Total	Cardiff and Vale	SB	Cwm Taf Morgannwg	Aneurin Bevan	Hywel Dda	Powys	Betsi Cadwaladr
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
EOY forecast M4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EOY forecast M3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EOY movement	(1)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)

Income / Expenditure Assumptions

Income from LHB's:

- 2.11 Income for Month 4 was in line with expectations for the EASC element; future months will include a table by LHB.

Overview of Key Risks / Opportunities

- 2.12 None to detail

Public Sector Payment Compliance

- 2.13 The WHSSC/EASC payment compliance target is consolidated and reported through the Cwm Taf Morgannwg monitoring process.



3. KEY RISKS/MATTERS FOR ESCALATION TO THE COMMITTEE

3.1 Any additional funding required by WAST as a result of COVID-19 response will be provided to WAST directly by Welsh Government. WAST have agreed to share financial submissions with the CASC in order to understand how the in-year allocation is being utilised and how it will be impacted as a result of COVID-19.

4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Quality/Safety/Patient Experience implications	There are no specific quality and safety implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
Related Health and Care standard(s)	ALL are relevant to this report
Equality impact assessment completed	Not required
Legal implications / impact	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
Resource (Capital/Revenue £/Workforce) implications / Impact	There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.
Link to Commissioning Intentions	The Committee’s overarching role is to ensure its Commissioning Strategy for Emergency Ambulance Services utilising the five step patient pathway outlined within the National Collaborative Commissioning Quality and Delivery Agreement and the related outcomes for each care standard aligned with the Institute of Healthcare Improvement's (IHI) ‘Quadruple Aim’ are being progressed.
Link to Main WCFG Act Objective	ALL are relevant



5. RECOMMENDATION

5.1 The Emergency Ambulance Services Committee is asked to:

NOTE the current financial position and forecast year-end position.

6. Confirmation of position report by the MD and DOF:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stuart Davies".

Stuart Davies,
Director of Finance, EASC and WHSSC

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Harray".

Stephen Harray,
Chief Ambulance Commissioner, EASC