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# Opening Messages from Welsh Government

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# Reflections on 2020-21

- Significant additional expenditure - £1.1 billion more than “normal”
- Establishment of field hospital network, testing and tracing, mass vaccination and procurement and distribution of PPE
- Good governance maintained
- Year-end outturns delivered in line with plans
- Clean set of accounts delivered on time



# 2021-22 – the story so far

- Additional core funding of £420m allocated for health and social services - £385m for the NHS
- Further £1.1 billion funding for Covid and recovery
- Plans to deliver balance or improvement on 2020-21
- Significant pressure on the NHS and social care system
- Financial plans still on track
- Mid-year review FDU/WG



# Capital Programme 2021-22

- £383m +++
- Covid Recovery funding
- Discretionary / named schemes split
- Estates Funding Advisory Board
- Covid and significant material price inflation
- Fixing CRL/CEL's



# Capital Programme going forward

- Programme for Government focus

- Further integrate health and social care planning and delivery;
- Rebalance care and support;
- support further work to deliver change with local accessible services in a primary and community based setting;
- improvements in mental health services;
- the provision of treatments delayed by the pandemic; and
- faster effective access through digital investment.

- Statutory, legal commitments and keeping the lights on emphasised.



# Ministerial Priorities

1. Covid 19 response

2. NHS Recovery

3. Working alongside social care

4. A Healthier Wales

5. NHS finance and managing within resources

6. Mental health and emotional well-being

7. Supporting the health and care workforce

8. Population health, through the lens of the pandemic experience and health inequity, is fundamental



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## Key Messages

- Strong messages about need for long term planning (recognising the need to make short and medium term decisions)
- Prioritisation!!!
- Recovery and impact on waiting lists
- Care in the right setting

# Welsh Government Policies

- Community Benefits
- Town Centre First Principles
- Economic well-being – jobs, training, apprenticeships – Foundation economy
- Environmental wellbeing – net zero public sector by 2030
- Support and promote biodiversity
- Social wellbeing – improving clinical outcomes
- Connectivity and access to services



# What can you do to help?



- Early engagement is key.
- Continued focus on Ministerial priorities.



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- NHS Infrastructure Investment Guidance – Welsh Health Circular 2018 043

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-03/nhs-wales-infrastructure-investment-guidance.pdf>

*The coronavirus pandemic is a public health emergency. But it is also an economic emergency. We have never, in peacetime, faced an economic fight like this one.*

*Rishi Sunak MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer*

# Looking ahead

- Comprehensive Spending Review
- Three-year budget
- Ministerial priorities
- Recovery
- Value
- Sustainability



Chart 12: Number of patient pathways waiting more than 36 weeks, by month and weeks waited, July 2016 to July 2021



Source: Referral to treatment times (RTT), Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW)





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# Thank You

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