

£15million for critical care services in Wales

The funding will be used to strengthen critical care so it can continue to deliver the very highest standard of care to those who need it in the future.

It will help to redesign the way critical care services in Wales are delivered and develop a national model of care for those who are critically ill.

This model will look at developing and expanding the workforce, increasing the number of critical care beds and the options for transferring critically ill patients.

Health Secretary, Vaughan Gething, said:

“Critical care is one of the areas of the NHS that has acutely felt the strains and challenges facing the whole system. Despite this, those who require critical support continue to receive high standards of care thanks to the dedication and compassion of staff.

“Last month I published our long-term plan for future health and social care, which set out how services will be adapted to meet future challenges. Today’s funding will help us to do this within critical care, with a firmer central hand in place to ensure the right services are delivered in the right place, at the right time to secure more sustainable services for the future.”

A Task and Finish Group, chaired by the Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Professor Chris Jones, will be established to develop the national model and oversee the allocation of funding.