

## Audit Committee Update – Public Health Wales NHS Trust

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# Audit Committee Update

## About this document

- 1 This document provides the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee with an update on current and planned Audit Wales work. Accounts and performance audit work are considered, and information is also provided on the Auditor General's wider programme of national value-for-money examinations and the work of our Good Practice Exchange (GPX).

## Accounts audit update

- 2 **Exhibit 1** summarises the status of our key accounts audit work currently underway.

### Exhibit 1 – Accounts audit work

Area of work	Current status
Audit of the 2021-22 Accountability Report and Financial Statements	Completed. The Auditor General for Wales issued his opinion in June 2022

## Performance audit update

3 The following tables set out the performance audit work included in our current and previous Audit Plans, summarising:

- completed work since the last Audit Committee update (**Exhibit 2**);
- work that is currently underway (**Exhibit 3**); and
- planned work not yet started or revised (**Exhibit 4**).

### Exhibit 2 – Work completed

Area of work	Considered by Audit Committee
Review of quality governance arrangements at the Trust	The Review and the Trust's management response was considered in detail at the Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee on 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022. It will go to the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee on 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 as an item to note.

### Exhibit 3 – Work currently underway

Topic and relevant Executive Lead	Focus of the work	Current status and Audit Committee consideration
Structured Assessment (Executive Director of Nursing and Allied Health Professionals)	The work examines the Trust's corporate arrangements for ensuring resources are used efficiently, effectively, and economically. We look at governance arrangements; strategic planning arrangements; financial management arrangements; and arrangements for managing the workforce, digital assets, the estate, and other physical assets.	Fieldwork currently underway. We aim to get a draft report to the Trust in October 2022.

#### Exhibit 4 – Planned work not yet started or revised

Topic and relevant Executive Lead	Focus of the work	Current status and Audit Committee consideration
Operational planning - Head of Strategy and Planning	This work will examine how well the Trust is applying the sustainable development principle in its review of its Well-being Objectives under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.	At the Trust's request, the work has been postponed to late autumn 2022 to coincide with the Trust's review of its strategic priorities.
Locally focussed work	We are discussing the precise focus of the work with the Trust	TBC
All-Wales thematic on workforce planning arrangements (Director of People and Organisational Development)	This work will examine the workforce risks that NHS bodies are experiencing currently and are likely to experience in the future. It will examine how local and national workforce planning activities are being taken forward to manage those risks and address short-, medium- and longer-term workforce needs. The work will be tailored to align to the responsibilities of individual NHS bodies in respect of workforce planning.	TBC

## Good Practice events and products

- 4 In addition to the audit work set out above, we continue to seek opportunities for finding and sharing good practice from all-Wales audit work through our forward planning, programme design and good practice research. Details of future events are available on the [GPX website](#).

## NHS-related national studies and related products

- 5 The Audit Committee may also be interested in the Auditor General's wider programme of national value for money studies, some of which focus on the NHS and pan-public-sector topics. These studies are typically funded through the Welsh Consolidated Fund and are presented to the Public Accounts Committee to support its scrutiny of public expenditure.
- 6 Exhibit 5 sets out relevant reports published since our last committee update.

### Exhibit 5 – NHS related or relevant studies

Title	Publication date
<a href="#"><u>The Welsh Community Care Information System Update</u></a>	July 2022
<a href="#"><u>Public Sector Readiness for Net Zero Carbon by 2030</u></a>	July 2022
<a href="#"><u>Public Sector Readiness for Net Zero Carbon by 2030: Evidence Report</u></a>	August 2022
<a href="#"><u>NHS Wales Data Finances Tool – up to March 2022</u></a>	August 2022
We ran our <a href="#"><u>annual consultation</u></a> on proposed changes to our audit fee over the summer. The closing date was 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2022.	August 2022



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