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## Finance Delivery Unit Annual Assurance Statement 2022-23

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**Approval/Scrutiny route:** Audit & Corporate Governance Committee

**Purpose**

This report presents the Finance Delivery Unit Annual Assurance Statement to Public Health Wales (Annex 1)

**Recommendation:**

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The Committee is asked to:

- Receive **assurance** that the Finance Delivery Unit is compliant with the hosting arrangements as stipulated within the Hosting Agreement

**Link to Public Health Wales [Strategic Plan](#)**

Public Health Wales has an agreed strategic plan, which has identified seven strategic priorities and well-being objectives.

This report contributes to the following:

<b>Strategic Priority/Well-being Objective</b>	6 - Supporting the development of a sustainable health and care system focused on prevention and early intervention
<b>Strategic Priority/Well-being Objective</b>	7 - Building and mobilising knowledge and skills to improve health and well-being across Wales

**Summary impact analysis**

<b>Equality and Health Impact Assessment</b>	This report is provided for assurance, no decision is required.
<b>Risk and Assurance</b>	The Finance Delivery Unit Annual Report covers the assurance statement produced by the Finance Delivery Unit for the Public Health Wales Audit & Corporate Governance Committee. It covers and provides assurance on the key obligations of the Unit under the terms of the Hosting Agreement.
<b>Health and Care Standards</b>	This report supports and/or takes into account the <a href="#">Health and Care Standards for NHS Wales</a> Quality Themes Governance, Leadership and Accountability
<b>Financial implications</b>	None
<b>People implications</b>	None

## **1. Purpose / situation**

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## **2. Background**

The Finance Delivery Unit was established in January 2018 with a purpose to:

- Monitor and manage financial risk in NHS Wales and to respond at pace where organisations are demonstrating evidence of potential financial failure; and
- Accelerate the uptake across Wales of best practice in financial management, and technical and allocative efficiency

Since its inception the demands and work programme of the Unit has grown exponentially, and the Unit plays a key role in supporting NHS Wales and Welsh Government across six key strategic areas, namely:

- Best Practice Financial Management
- Financial Intelligence & Insight
- Value Based Healthcare
- Financial management support and challenge
- Financial planning & monitoring
- Leadership & Development

The Unit is hosted by Public Health Wales.

## **3. Description/Assessment**

The Finance Delivery Unit is accountable to the Director of Finance, Health & Social Services Group Welsh Government and the annual work programme is agreed and monitored through frequent engagement with Welsh Government.

The Unit is hosted by Public Health Wales and this report provides assurance that the Unit has complied with the terms of the Hosting Agreement.

The Unit is required to provide an Annual Assurance Statement to Public Health Wales to confirm they have complied with the hosting arrangements, highlighting any areas of concern, risk, or non-compliance. This Assurance Statement is set within the context of the Finance Delivery Unit's Annual Report which is included for information. This statement also informs Public Health Wales' Annual Governance Statement.

### **3.1 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

Not applicable as a decision is not required

#### **4. Recommendation**

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