

Audit and Corporate Governance Committee Update – Public Health Wales NHS Trust

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About this document

- 1 This document provides the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee with an update on our current and planned accounts and performance audit work at Public Health Wales NHS Trust. We presented our most recent Audit Plan to the committee in March 2023.
- 2 We also provide additional information on:
 - Other relevant examinations and studies published by the Audit General.
 - Relevant corporate documents published by Audit Wales (e.g., fee schemes, annual plans, annual reports), as well as details of any consultations underway.
- 3 Details of future and past Good Practice Exchange (GPX) events are available on our [website](#).

Accounts audit update

4 Exhibit 1 summarises the status of our current and planned accounts audit work.

Exhibit 1 – Accounts audit work

Area of work	Executive Lead	Focus of the work	Current status	Planned date for consideration
Audit of the 2022-23 Accountability Report and Financial Statements	Huw George	Audit of the 2022-23 Accountability Report and Financial Statements	Whilst initial planning work has commenced, for reasons explained in our previous update paper, our financial audit work at all NHS Wales bodies, including PHW, is experiencing slippage. As a result the audit deadline (as confirmed in recent letters from the Auditor General our Executive Director of Audit Services) has been moved to 31 st July 2023.	July 2023

Performance audit update

5 Exhibit 2 summarises the status of our current and planned performance audit work.

Exhibit 2 – Performance audit work

Area of work	Executive Lead	Focus of the work	Current status	Planned date for consideration
Structured Assessment 2022	Rhiannon Beaumont-Wood	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.	We shared a draft with the Trust late December 2022. We are working with the Trust to finalise the report.	To be confirmed
All-Wales thematic on workforce planning arrangements	Neil Lewis	The work examines the workforce risks that NHS bodies are experiencing currently and are likely to experience in the future. It looks at how local and national workforce planning activities are being taken forward to manage those risks and address short-, medium- and longer-term workforce needs.	We have finished our fieldwork and intend to share the draft report with the Trust in spring 2023.	To be confirmed
Review of the Trust's arrangements to recover its	Meng Khaw	The work examines the Trust's approach to recovering its screening programmes from the impacts of the pandemic, with a particular focus on Breast Test Wales,	We have finished our fieldwork and intend to share the draft report with	To be confirmed

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screening arrangements		Diabetic Eye Screening Wales and the Wales Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening Programme.	the Trust in spring 2023.	
Review of the Trust's approach to setting its Well-being Objectives	Nathan Jones	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 was postponed to late autumn 2022 to coincide with the Trust's review of its strategic priorities. We will incorporate our review of the Trust's review of its Well-being Objectives into our 2023 Structured Assessment work.	To be confirmed

Other relevant publications

- 6 **Exhibit 3** provides information on other relevant examinations and studies published by the Audit General in the last six months. The links to the reports on our website are provided. The reports highlighted in **bold** have been published since the last committee update.

Exhibit 3 – Relevant examinations and studies published by the Auditor General

Title	Publication Date
<u>Digital Inclusion in Wales and supporting Key questions for public bodies</u>	March 2023
<u>Orthopaedic Services in Wales – Tackling the Waiting List Backlog and supporting local comparative reports for each Health Board</u>	March 2023
<u>Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board – Review of Board Effectiveness</u>	February 2023
<u>‘Time for Change’ – Poverty in Wales and supporting Poverty in Wales data tool</u>	November 2022

Additional information

- 7 **Exhibit 4** provides information on corporate documents published by Audit Wales since the last committee update. Links to the documents on our website are provided.

Exhibit 4 – Audit Wales corporate documents

Title	Publication Date
Our <u>Annual Plan 2023-24</u> outlines our priorities for the next 12 months	April 2023

8 There are no relevant Audit Wales consultations currently underway.



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