

**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. The 2024 Audit Plan will be presented to the meeting in May.
- 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 2023-24 Accountability Report and Financial Statements	Huw George	Audit of the 2023-24 Accountability Report and Financial Statements	Planning to commence March 2024.	Opinion prior to 15 July 2024

## 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
Review of the Trust's approach to setting its Well-being Objectives	Huw George Nathan Jones	This work will examine how well the Trust applied the sustainable development principle in its review of its Well-being Objectives under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. We had intended to incorporate this work into our 2023 Structured Assessment work, but this work will now be delivered as a standalone review to enable a more detailed focus to be undertaken, and good practice identified where relevant.	Project brief to be issued in March	September 2024
Structured Assessment – Deep Dive	Huw George	We had previously indicated an intention to undertake deeper dive work to examine digital arrangements. However, given the significantly challenging financial position across NHS Wales, we are now looking at replacing the work on digital with focused work examining the approaches NHS bodies are taking in respect of achieving cost improvements, efficiencies, and financial sustainability.	Fieldwork underway	September 2024

## 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
<b><u>From firefighting to future-proofing – the challenge for Welsh public services</u></b>	February 2024
<b><u>Board Effectiveness Follow-up – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board</u></b>	February 2024
<u>Governance arrangements relating to an employment dispute at National Museum Wales</u>	November 2023

## 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
<b><u>Fee Scheme 2024-25</u></b>	January 2024

- 8 There are no relevant Audit Wales consultations currently underway.



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