

**Audit and Corporate Governance
Committee Update – Public Health
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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 May 2024.
- 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 2024-25 Accountability Report and Financial Statements	Huw George	Audit of the 2024-25 Accountability Report and Financial Statements	Planning	June 2025

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	Sumina Azam	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	Report in clearance	March 2025
Structured Assessment – Deep Dive – Financial Efficiencies	Huw George	This work has examined the approaches NHS bodies are taking in respect of achieving cost improvements, efficiencies, and financial sustainability.	Final Report	January 2025
Structured Assessment - Core	Paul Veysey	Our structured assessment work is designed to examine the existence of proper arrangements for the efficient, effective, and economical use of resources. Our 2024 Structured Assessment will review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board and committee cohesion and effectiveness; • Corporate systems of assurance; • Corporate planning arrangements; and • Corporate financial planning and management arrangements. 	Final Report	January 2025

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Structured Assessment – Deep Dive – Digital Transformation	Iain Bell	This review will examine digital arrangements, with a particular focus on how NHS bodies are investing in digital technologies, solutions, and capabilities to support the workforce, transform patient care, meet demand, and improve productivity and efficiency.	Planning	May 2025
Quality Governance Follow-up Review	Claire Birchall	The work will assess the extent to which previous audit recommendations arising from our thematic review of Quality Governance arrangements have been implemented and are delivering the intended outcomes / benefits.	Project brief to be issued in January 2025	May 2025

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>The National Fraud Initiative in Wales 2022-23</u>	October 2024
<u>Active Travel</u>	September 2024
<u>Affordable Housing</u>	September 2024

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
<u>Equality Report 2023-24</u>	November 2024
<u>Estimate of Income and Expenses for Audit Wales for the year ended 31 March 2026</u>	November 2024
<u>Interim Report 2024-25</u>	October 2024

Title	Publication Date
<u>Welsh Language Report 2023-24</u>	September 2024
<u>Annual Report and Accounts 2023-24</u>	August 2024

8 **Exhibit 5** provides information on relevant Audit Wales consultations currently underway.

Exhibit 5 – Audit Wales consultations

Title	Publication Date
<u>Consultation on revision of the Code of Audit Practice of the Auditor General for Wales</u>	November 2024



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