

 <p> GIG CYMRU NHS WALES </p> <p> Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru Public Health Wales </p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Name of Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Audit and Corporate Governance Committee</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date of Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">23 March 2026</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Agenda item:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9.7</p>
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Compliance with Code of Governance – Self Assessment	
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Purpose
<p>The purpose of this report is to provide assurance to the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee with the annual self assessment of our compliance with the Corporate Governance in Central Governance Departments: Code of Practice 2017.</p>

Recommendation:				
APPROVE <input type="checkbox"/>	CONSIDER <input type="checkbox"/>	RECOMMEND <input type="checkbox"/>	ADOPT <input type="checkbox"/>	ASSURANCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>The Committee is asked to take assurance on Public Health Wales' compliance with Corporate Governance in Central Governance Departments: Code of Practice 2017</p>				
<p>Link to Public Health Wales Strategic Plan</p> <p>Public Health Wales has an agreed strategic plan, which has identified seven strategic priorities and well-being objectives.</p> <p>This report contributes to the following:</p>				
Strategic Priority/Well-being Objective	All Strategic Priorities/Well-being Objectives			

Summary impact analysis	
Equality and Health Impact Assessment	A specific Equality and Health Impact Assessment (EHIA) is not required to support of this report.
Risk and Assurance	This report provides assurance on our compliance with the with the Corporate Governance in Central Governance Departments: Code of Practice 2017,



	<p>which supports good governance arrangements.</p> <p>Assurance is sought on these matters by the Committee on behalf of the Board. The Committee will report this to the Board at the next meeting.</p>
Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act	<p>This paper supports the Quality themes.</p>
Financial implications	<p>There are no financial implications as a result of this report.</p>
People implications	<p>There are no people implications as a result of this report.</p>

1. Purpose / situation

The purpose of this report is to provide assurance to the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee with the annual self assessment of our compliance with the Corporate Governance in Central Government Departments: Code of Practice 2017.

2. Self-Assessment 2025/26 - Compliance with Corporate Governance in Central Government Departments: Code of Practice 2017

Public Health Wales is required to comply with the UK Corporate Governance Code: Corporate governance in central government departments: code of good practice 2017 ('the code').

This report seeks to provide assurance to the Committee that the Governance arrangements in place within the Organisation are in line with UK Standards; and the processes and procedures are in place to manage governance internally and support effective decision making.

On behalf of the Organisation, the Board Business Unit has completed an self assessment against the Code using the "Comply" or "Explain" approach to determine how we believe we are meeting the principles within the code.

The detail within the attached self-assessment asserts that we comply with each of the principles, noting that there have been no reported departures from the Code.

Within the Annual Governance Statement 2023/24, the Organisation is asked to reflect how it complies with the Corporate Governance in Central Government Departments: Code of Practice 2017.

The full self-assessment is provided to the Committee at **Appendix 1** for assurance.

3. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to take **assurance** on Public Health Wales' compliance with Corporate Governance in Central Government Departments: **Code of Practice 2017**.