

**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 2025.
- 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	Angela Williams	Audit of the 2024-25 Accountability Report and Financial Statements	Our audit of the Trust's draft accounts is scheduled to commence on 6 May.	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 (2024 Audit Plan)	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	Final	May 2025
Structured Assessment – Deep Dive – Digital Transformation (2024 Audit Plan)	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.	Project brief issued in March	September 2025
Quality Governance Follow-up Review (2024 Audit Plan)	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.	Fieldwork in progress	September 2025
Structured Assessment Core	Paul Veysey	Our structured assessment work is designed to examine the existence of proper arrangements for the efficient,	Planning	TBC

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2025 (2025 Audit Plan)		<p>effective, and economical use of resources. Our 2024 Structured Assessment will review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board and committee cohesion and effectiveness;</li> <li>• Corporate systems of assurance;</li> <li>• Corporate planning arrangements; and</li> <li>• Corporate financial planning and management arrangements.</li> </ul>		
Follow-up Review of Screening Services	Meng Khaw	This work will consider progress made in response to 2023 recommendations relating to the recovery of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, breast and diabetic eye screening services. It will also consider the arrangements for delivering the wider screening programme.	Planning	TBC

## 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>The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty</u></b>	<b>March 2025</b>
<u>Addressing workforce challenges in NHS Wales</u>	February 2025
<u>Cancer services in Wales</u>	January 2025

## 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>Annual Plan 2025-26</u></b>	<b>April 2025</b>
<u>Fee Scheme 2025-26</u>	January 2025
<u>Audit Quality Report 2024: Strengthening trust in audit</u>	January 2025

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





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