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## Update on the Self-Assessment of Quality Governance Arrangements

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<b>Approval/Scrutiny route:</b>	Business Executive Team (16/8/21)
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### Purpose

Following publication of the Healthcare Inspectorate Wales and the Wales Audit Office report titled 'A review of quality governance arrangements at Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board' (November 2019), the Minister for Health and Social Services requested that all health boards and NHS Trusts in Wales assess themselves against the recommendations and provide plans for future review of arrangements and/or a necessary action to be undertaken.

This paper provides the Executive Team with an update on the actions identified in the self-assessment response, for which the Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee has oversight.

### Recommendation:

APPROVE	CONSIDER	RECOMMEND	ADOPT	ASSURANCE
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The Committee is asked to:

- **Take assurance** that the action plan has been progressed
- **Agree** any outstanding actions will be absorbed into other relevant work streams monitored by the Business Executive Team and Committees. E.g. Integrated Governance and Quality and Improvement Strategy implementation plan, and no ongoing requirement to monitor this specific framework.

**Link to Public Health Wales [Strategic Plan](#)**

Public Health Wales has an agreed strategic plan, which has identified seven strategic priorities and well-being objectives.

This report contributes to the following:

<b>Strategic Priority/Well-being Objective</b>	All Strategic Priorities/Well-being Objectives
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**Summary impact analysis**

<b>Equality and Health Impact Assessment</b>	N/A
<b>Risk and Assurance</b>	Directly related to Board Assurance Framework strategic risk 2
<b>Health and Care Standards</b>	This report supports and/or takes into account the <a href="#">Health and Care Standards for NHS Wales</a> Quality Themes  All themes
<b>Financial implications</b>	N/A
<b>People implications</b>	N/A

## **1. Purpose / situation**

The Board was presented with a paper on 23 January 2020, which explained the ongoing scrutiny and monitoring of the self-assessment findings, in particular the areas to improve or strengthen.

This paper provides the Committee with an update on the actions identified in the self-assessment response, for which the Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee have oversight. The Audit and Corporate Governance Committee, Business Executive Team and Board all have allocated oversight of actions that fall under its remit for which they receive relevant reports. This provides a corporate framework to monitor ongoing progress and in particular incomplete and outstanding actions.

## **2. Background**

Following publication of the Healthcare Inspectorate Wales and the Wales Audit Office report in November 2019, Public Health Wales received a letter from the Minister for Health and Social Service on the 19 November 2019. The letter requested organisations to assess themselves against the fourteen recommendations identified within the review and to provide plans for future review of these arrangements and/or the necessary actions to be taken. The letter asked that the self-assessment include a narrative of current arrangements and the current level of assurance identified as: high, medium or low. The letter sent by Welsh Government did not provide any guidance or definition of how high, medium or low should be interpreted.

Our response to the self-assessment was informed by a range of corporate information sources, including internal audit report findings and evidence included from Welsh Audit Office 2019 Structured Assessment findings, together with other sources of assurance that could support the assessment such as internal or external reviews. Professional judgement also formed part of the assessment process.

## **3. Description/Assessment**

The Quality Governance Plan has been reviewed and updated to include progress and ongoing monitoring arrangements (including outstanding and incomplete actions) by the Business Executive Team, respective Board Committees and Board. Actions highlighted in grey demonstrate progress made.

It is proposed that this specific framework and contained actions have mainly been met and that the remaining actions are absorbed into other work streams, such as the implementation of the Integrated Governance model and the Quality Improvement Strategy. This would therefore suggest that this framework being used for on-going monitoring is no longer required.

#### 4. Recommendations:

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