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Introduction of the draft Clinical Governance Framework

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Approval/Scrutiny route:	Business Executive Team 5 July 2023 (Draft) The Draft Clinical Governance Framework will be considered by the Business Executive Team on 19 July 2023 for final approval.

Purpose

The purpose of this cover paper is to introduce the draft Clinical Governance framework that support the introduction and compliance with the Health and Social Care Act (Quality & Engagement) (Wales) Act (2020) and align to Quality as an Organisational strategy and the Duty of Quality with an emphasis on continuous improvement and learning.

Recommendation:

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The Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee is asked to:

- **Consider** the newly developed draft Clinical Governance framework that supports the introduction and compliance with the Health and Social Care Act (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act (2020).
- **Note** the Draft Clinical Governance framework is in the final stages of development and is being submitted for approval to the Business Executive Team on 19 July 2023.
- **Take assurance** on the direction and development of the Clinical Governance Framework in support of Public Health Wales' compliance with the Health and Social Care Act (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act (2020).

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:

Strategic Priority/Well-being Objective	All Strategic Priorities/Well-being Objectives
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Summary impact analysis

Equality and Health Impact Assessment	Internal Report only
Risk and Assurance	This paper details the contribution these frameworks have to provide the Board with assurance of effective and sustainable management of quality healthcare
Health and Care Standards	This report supports and/or takes into account the Health and Care Standards for NHS Wales Quality Themes Theme 2 - Safe Care Theme 3 - Effective Care Theme 7 - Staff and Resources
Financial implications	Staff who facilitate clinical supervision may require further training in facilitation skills therefore there may be some financial outlay required. Any training needs will need to be funded through existing Directorate and POD learning and development budgets
People implications	These frameworks support the development of safe clinical practice along with staff professional development and retention.

1. Purpose / situation

The purpose of this paper is to introduce the newly developed draft Clinical Governance framework that supports the introduction and compliance with the Health and Social Care Act (Quality & Engagement) (Wales) Act (2020). The framework aligns to Quality as an Organisational strategy and the Duty of Quality with an emphasis on continues improvement and learning.

The Committee is asked to note the introduction of the framework for use in Public Health Wales to support staff to evidence that high quality services are being delivered by the right staff, with the right skills, and at the right time. The framework has not yet been formally approved by the Business Executive Team and have been shared in draft format for consideration.

2. Background

Clinical governance can be defined as a framework through which NHS Wales organisations and their staff are accountable for continuously improving the quality of services and care. It covers a range of activities that help sustain and improve high standards of patient care and service delivery.

Clinical governance is a combination of structures and processes, to lead and support quality performance and requires organisations to develop a culture where staff are supported to work safely and to be their best.

There are seven pillars of clinical governance which form the framework, which healthcare organisations are accountable for:

1. Evidence base care and effectiveness
2. Risk Management
3. Patient and Public Involvement
4. Clinical Audit
5. Staff and Staff Management
6. Education and Training
7. Information and IT

To this end three Clinical Frameworks have been developed to facilitate and demonstrate a culture of excellence in practice enabling the delivery of safe, high-quality services that are evidenced by good outcomes with positive service user/patient feedback. The latter two draft frameworks in particular relate to clinical governance pillars six and seven, namely staff and education and training and have not yet been discussed by the Business Exectutive Team.

The three Frameworks are:

- Clinical Governance Framework
- Clinical Supervision Framework
- Career Framework for NMC and HCPC regulated Health Professionals

This paper is focused on the Clinical Governance Framework.

3. Clinical Governance Framework

In the development of the framework below, there has been significant engagement across the organisation including

- Workshops
- Tailored engagement with senior professionals
- Internal consultation

The Clinical Governance Framework provides a structure through which Public Health Wales can demonstrate compliance with the Duty of Quality and Quality Standards (2023)

There are seven components to clinical governance, and all are key to:

- Promoting safety and excellence in service user /patient care.
- Identifying, prioritising, and managing risks arising from clinical care and services.
- Ensuring the effective and efficient use of resources through evidence-based clinical practice; and
- Protecting the health and safety of service users and employees.

4. Clinical Governance Framework

The Clinical Governance Framework is awaiting further discussion with the Business Executive Team alongside the two additional frameworks. Pending agreement these will be brought back to the Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee for further discussion and assurance.

5. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015



Organisational frameworks provide the organisation with long-term controls for risks and continuous improvement



Organisational frameworks provide staff with guidance to practice safely and effectively.



These organisational frameworks are interdependent and integral with PHW Strategies



These frameworks have been developed in collaboration with Public Health Wales health professional staff



During development and review these frameworks have been made available to Public Health Wales staff so that they can provide comment for consideration

6. Recommendation

The Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee is asked to:

- **Consider** the direction and development of the Clinical Governance Framework