

 <p>lechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru Public Health Wales</p>	<p>Name of Meeting Board Date of Meeting 25 January 2024 Agenda item: 7.1</p>
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<p>Chair's Report to the Board concerning the matters considered in the Private Board meeting of the 28 September 2023</p>	
<p>Chair</p>	<p>Jan Williams</p>
<p>Date of last meeting</p>	<p>30 November 2023</p>

<p>Summary of the key matters that the Board considered when meeting in private session, on 30 November 2023, together with any related decisions made:</p>
<p>In line with Public Health Wales' Standing Orders, the Board conducts its meetings in public. Public Health Wales' Standing Orders make provision, at paragraph 7.5.2, for the Board to meet and discuss certain matters in private.</p> <p>The Public Bodies Act (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, section 1 (2) provides the legal basis for such Private Board Meetings to ensure that the matters under consideration are not prejudicial to the public interest – that they do not cause undue harm or influence the public unfairly.</p> <p>Public Health Wales has a Protocol for Reserving Matters to a Private Board (or Committee) meeting, which can be seen here - https://phw.nhs.wales/about-us/board-and-executive-team/protocol-for-private-meetings/</p> <p>This Chair's Report is a standing agenda item, for the purposes of transparency and accountability. This report sets out the matters that the Board considered during the Private Board meeting of the 30 November 2023.</p> <p>The Standing Financial Instructions confirm that any financial decisions above £500,000 are a matter for the Board and require Board approval. Further details about financial delegations can be seen in Public Health Wales' Standing Financial Instructions here - Microsoft Word - PHW Standing Orders and delegation of powers - v9 - Approved May 2021.docx (nhs.wales). The Board did not consider any procurement requests.</p> <p>The Board considered an update on current issues, including health protection matters. The update was confidential in nature and added detail to the report in the public session that was not yet in the public domain. The Board also considered an update on the Welsh Government request in respect of financial savings. The Board agreed to</p>

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report on the matter at the next Public Board meeting, subject to receipt of the Welsh Government response.

The Board **considered** a verbal update on the current arrangements in the **NHS Executive**. The Board considered the subject matter in private due to the confidential nature of the workforce implications.

The Board **considered** an **NHS finance update**, which included an overview of the current financial position across NHS Wales. The Board considered the subject matter in private as the information was not yet in the public domain.

The Board **considered** an update on a recent Remuneration and Terms of Service Committee, which included cover arrangements for the **Accountable Officer Role at Module 2b Public Hearings**. The Board considered this update in private due to the confidential nature of the workforce subject matter, noting that it supplemented information provided in the Chief Executive Report in the public session.

The Board **considered** the **Cyber Security Strategic Risk**. The Board considered this item in private due to the confidential nature of the subject matter.

The Board considered and **approved** the:

- Minutes and action logs of the Private Board meeting on the 28 September 2023,
- Board Briefing Notes of the 27 July 2023 and 10 August 2023,
- Board Development notes of the 26 October 2023,
- PHW Board Covid-19 Public Inquiry Preparedness Subgroup meeting minutes of the 15 November 2023.

Summary of communication items circulated to Board members electronically (via e-mail) since the last Board meeting held on 30 November 2023

Public Health Wales has a system of Board-level communications outside formal meetings, to ensure that directors have up to date information and to support the Board in discharging its role.

A summary of information sent to the Board since the November Board meeting (up 11 January 2024) was as follows:

- Month 7 Finance Report (Appendix A)
- Notification of the Board appointment of Tamsin Ramasut
- Briefing Note on Shaping Places for Well-being in Wales
- [A link to Healthcare Inspectorate Wales Annual Report for 2022-2023](#)
- Publication of the [Educational Achievement in Wales](#) resources by the Wider Determinants Team
- Final version of Skills for Public Health Leadership via hyperlink
- Draft minutes for 30 November 2023 for review (open and private)