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Finance Delivery Unit Annual Assurance Statement 2020-21

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Approval/Scrutiny route: Audit and Corporate Governance Committee

Purpose

This report presents the Finance Delivery Unit Annual Assurance Statement to Public Health Wales (Annex 1).

Recommendation:

APPROVE

CONSIDER

RECOMMEND

ADOPT

ASSURANCE

The Committee is asked to:

- **Receive assurance** that the Finance Delivery Unit is compliant with the arrangements as stipulated in the Hosting Agreement.

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	6 - Supporting the development of a sustainable health and care system focused on prevention and early intervention
Strategic Priority/Well-being Objective	7 - Building and mobilising knowledge and skills to improve health and well-being across Wales

Summary impact analysis

Equality and Health Impact Assessment	The report is provided for assurance. No decision required.
Risk and Assurance	The paper is an Assurance Statement produced by the Finance Delivery Unit for the Public Health Wales Audit and Corporate Governance Committee. It covers the key obligations of the Finance Delivery Unit under the Hosting Agreement.
Health and Care Standards	This report supports and/or takes into account the Health and Care Standards for NHS Wales Quality Themes Governance, Leadership and Accountability
Financial implications	There are no financial implications.
People implications	There are no people implications.

1. Purpose / situation

This report presents the Finance Delivery Unit's Annual Assurance Statement to Public Health Wales (Annex 1).

2. Background

In 2017, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services announced the intention to create a Finance Delivery Unit ('the Unit'). The purpose of the Unit is to enhance the capacity to:-

- Monitor and manage financial risk in NHS Wales and to respond at pace where organisations are demonstrating evidence of potential financial failure; and
- Accelerate the uptake across Wales of best practice in financial management and technical and allocative efficiency.

The Unit was formally established in January 2018.

3. Description/Assessment

The Unit is accountable to the Director of Finance, Health and Social Services Group at Welsh Government and the annual work programme is agreed and monitored through regular meetings with Welsh Government.

The Unit is hosted by Public Health Wales and this report provides assurance that the Unit has complied with the terms of the Hosting Agreement.

The Unit is required to provide an Annual Assurance Statement to Public Health Wales to confirm that they have complied with the hosting arrangements, highlighting any areas of concern, risk or non-compliance.

This statement also informs Public Health Wales' Annual Governance Statement.

3.1 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Not applicable as a decision is not required.

4. Recommendation

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