

**Audit and Corporate Governance
Committee Update – Public Health
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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	Complete	N/A

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
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.	Fieldwork in progress	December 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.	Final report	September 2025
Structured Assessment Core 2025 (2025 Audit Plan)	Paul Veysey	Our structured assessment work is designed to examine the existence of proper arrangements for the efficient, effective, and economical use of resources. Our 2024 Structured Assessment will review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board and committee cohesion and effectiveness; • Corporate systems of assurance; • Corporate planning arrangements; and • Corporate financial planning and management arrangements. 	Fieldwork in progress	December 2025

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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.	Project brief to be issued in September 2025	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
<u>Temporary accommodation, long-term crisis?</u>	July 2025
<u>Cost Savings Arrangements – a checklist for NHS Board Members</u>	June 2025
<u>The Wales Infrastructure Investment Strategy</u>	May 2025
<u>No time to lose: Lessons from our work under the Well-being of Future Generations Act</u>	April 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
<u>Annual Report and Accounts 2024-25</u>	June 2025

- 8 Audit Wales is currently consulting on the [fee scales for 2026-27](#). The consultation is due to close on 19 September 2025.



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