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Clinical Governance Framework				
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Approval/Scrutiny route:	Business Executive Team – 5 December 2022			
Purpose				
To provide a progress update in relation to the activity that has taken place in the development of the Public Health Wales Clinical Governance Framework and an outline the next steps for the organisation.				
Recommendation:				
APPROVE <input type="checkbox"/>	CONSIDER <input type="checkbox"/>	RECOMMEND <input type="checkbox"/>	ADOPT <input type="checkbox"/>	ASSURANCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive assurance on progress on the development of the Public Health Wales Clinical Governance 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:

Strategic Priority/Well-being Objective	6 - Supporting the development of a sustainable health and care system focused on prevention and early intervention
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Summary impact analysis

Equality and Health Impact Assessment	An equality and health impact assessment is not required as there is no impact on policy or decisions relevant to Race, Disability and Gender duties
Risk and Assurance	Clinical Governance is the system through which NHS organisations are accountable for continuously improving the quality of their services and safeguarding high standards of care by creating an environment in which clinical excellence will flourish. Risk is a key component of clinical governance and is one of its foundational pillars.
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 Theme 2 - Safe Care Theme 3 - Effective Care
Financial implications	There are currently no financial implications identified.
People implications	There is no anticipated impact on the workforce of Public Health Wales NHS Trust

1. Purpose / situation

The purpose of this paper is to provide an update in relation to the activity that has taken place in the development of the Public Health Wales Clinical Governance Framework and outline the next steps for the organisation for reporting year 2022/23.

The Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee are asked to receive assurance on the development of the PHW Clinical Governance Framework.

2. Background

Clinical Governance is the system through which NHS organisations are accountable for continuously improving the quality of their services and safeguarding high standards of care by creating an environment in which clinical excellence will flourish.

The Health and Care Standards 2015 were developed by Welsh Government to provide the governance and assurance across NHS Wales in relation to NHS services across Wales and stated that "Every person in Wales who uses health services or supports others to do so, whether in hospital, primary care, their community or in their own home has the right to receive excellent care as well as advice and support to maintain their health. All health services in Wales need to demonstrate that they are doing the right thing, in the right way, in the right place, at the right time and with the right staff"¹. The Health and Care Standards provided the framework to help teams and services to demonstrate this, identify improvements and provide assurance/ accountability for our services and functions.

PHW has utilised the Health and Care Standards as a framework for overarching clinical governance but recognised that many of the Standards within the document were not relevant to the organisation. However, Health and Care Standards are no longer in use and will be replaced with 6 Quality Standards and 5 Key Enablers with the implementation of the Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act 2020 in April 2023. These have recently been identified in the guidance for the Duty of Quality that is currently out for consultation². Therefore, PHW has taken the opportunity following this publication to develop a Clinical Governance Framework, based on the 6 Quality Standards and 5 Key Enablers that are

¹ Welsh Government. (2015). Health and Care Standards 2015. http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/documents/1064/24729_health%20standards%20framework_2015_e1.pdf accessed 30 November 2022.

² Welsh Government. (2022). The Duty of Quality. <https://gov.wales/duty-quality> accessed 30 November 2022.

appropriate to their services and functions whilst encouraging improvement activity to ensure that clinical excellence will flourish.

3. Description/Assessment

Activity achieved to date in the development of the PHW Clinical Governance Framework includes:

- Scoping and horizon scanning
- Review of best practice across the UK including National Institute of Clinical Excellence and Care Quality Commission, other Health Boards and Trusts across NHS Wales
- Interim scoping across the organisation commenced to understand any gaps against the 7 pillars of Clinical Governance prioritising key clinical areas
- Formulation of draft gap analysis and improvement matrix
- Delivery of a workshop on 02 November 2022 with key personnel from Health Protection and Screening Services and Quality, Nursing and Health Professionals Directorate to approve the use of 6 Quality Standards and 5 Key Enablers to develop the Clinical Governance Framework and Standards. The 6 Quality Standards are:
 - Safe
 - Timely
 - Effective
 - Efficient
 - Equitable
 - Person-Centred

The Next Steps in the development of the PHW Clinical Governance Framework are:






- To agree the definition of a clinical service
- Engage across the organisation to identify clinical services
- Further workshop(s) to include services/ functions that have been identified as a clinical service to contribute to the development of a driver diagram and support in the development of the Clinical Governance Framework
- Draft Clinical Governance Framework to be developed and circulated for consultation

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

Note: This section is for inclusion in reports where a request is made to **approve** a particular course of action/a policy or procedure etc.

This section should also consider how the five ways of working have been / will be addressed to apply the sustainable development principle, and should be challenging and not a tick box exercise. If a way of working has not been met please explain why.

This work has been put together following the five ways of working, as defined within the sustainable development principle in the Act, in the following ways:

Hirdymor		Long Term	<i>Explain how this way of working has been met.</i>
Atal		Prevention	<i>Explain how this way of working has been met.</i>
Integreiddio		Integration	<i>Explain how this way of working has been met.</i>
Cydweithio		Collaboration	<i>Explain how this way of working has been met.</i>
Cynnwys		Involvement	<i>Explain how this way of working has been met.</i>

4. Recommendation

The Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee is asked to:

- **Receive assurance** on progress on the development of the Public Health Wales Clinical Governance Framework