

 GIG CYMRU NHS WALES	lechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru Public Health Wales	Name of Meeting Board
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		Agenda item PHW 5.1a

Chair's Report to the Board concerning the matters considered in the Private Board meeting of the 26 May 2022.

Chair	Jan Williams
Date of last meeting	26 May 2022

Summary of the key matters that the Board considered when meeting in private session, on 26 May 2022, together with any related decisions made:

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.

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.

Public Health Wales has a Protocol for Reserving Matters to a Private Board (or Committee) meeting, which can be seen here - [Microsoft Word - 5.6 BOARD 270521 Protocol for private meetings.docx \(nhs.wales\)](#)

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 26 May 2022.

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 approved the financial commitment for the **procurement** of reagents and consumables, linked to the Public Health Wales COVID-19 response, as set out in the Annual Plan 2022/23 and in line with Welsh Government funding arrangements.

The Board received and discussed an update on relevant (non-COVID related) **health protection** issues, including an update on the Tuberculosis Outbreak in Llwynhendy. The Board welcomed the development of a Tuberculosis Strategy (through the Health Protection Action Group and Welsh Government). The Board went on to consider an update on Monkeypox in Wales, reflecting on the importance of communication and the sensitive approach needed in messaging specific groups at risk. The update was of a confidential nature and added detail to the report in the public session that was not yet in the public domain.

The Board considered a progress report on the preparedness for the **COVID-19 Public**

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Inquiry, including the collection and collation of supporting evidence, and assessment of lessons learnt from the pandemic. The Board approved the setting up of subgroup of the Board to consider the Board's role in the decision making process. The Board considered this report in private because it included sensitive information about the Organisation's preparations for the Public Inquiry and set out privileged legal advice.

The Board considered and approved the **Strategic Risk related to Cyber Security**. Members considered this in private due to the confidential nature of cyber security risks.

The Board went on to consider a verbal update on a recent **data breach** related to Public Health Records held in an offsite storage facility and managed by an external company. The Board noted that an investigation was on-going, and agreed to remit oversight and consideration of the final report to the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee. The continuing nature of the investigation warranted discussion in the private Board meeting.

The Board considered and approved **minutes** and **action logs** of the Private Board meeting on the 31 March 2022 and the Board Development Session held on 24 February 2022.