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|  <p> GIG CYMRU NHS WALES </p> <p> Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru Public Health Wales </p> | <p> Name of Meeting Board </p> <p> Date of Meeting 25 September 2025 </p> <p> Agenda item: 6.1 </p> |
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| Chair's Report to the Board concerning the matters considered in the Private Board meeting of the 31 July 2025 | |
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| Chair | Pippa Britton |
| Date of last meeting | 31 July 2025 |

| Summary of the key matters that the Board considered when meeting in private session, on 31 July 2025, together with any related decisions made: |
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| <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 31 July 2025</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.</p> <p>The Board approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The additional expenditure required to continue use of the National Exercise Referral Service platform which included annual licence and maintenance costs. Following the Board's approval, Welsh Government would be notified that the contract value has exceeded £500,000. • The lease of No.3 Parc Dewi Sant, Carmarthen, and supported the use of the Common Seal for this purpose. It was further agreed that, by exception, the Seal |

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could also be applied to any future extensions of the lease, provided they fall within the scheme of delegation.

- The minutes and action logs of the Private Board meeting on the 26 May 2025.
- The Audit Wales Digital Self Assessment for submission to Audit Wales.
- The proposed changes to the Strategic Risk Register (Cyber Security).
- The designation of a WHO Collaborating Centre for Digital Health Equity within Public Health Wales, subject to a formal invitation from WHO Europe.

The Board:

- **Considered** an update on current public health issues.
- Took **assurance** from the report and the work of the Board Committees.
- **Considered** the Digital Health Protection Programme Update.
- **Considered** an update on the progress with the NHS Hosting Agreement.

Summary of communication items circulated to Board members electronically (via e-mail) since the last Board meeting held on 31 July 2025.

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 March Board meeting (up to 17 September 2025) was as follows:

- Weekly Comms Forward Look information sheets
- Performance and Insights Report and Budget report for Month 4
- Breast Test Wales - Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations Inspection Report from Healthcare Inspectorate Wales
- Notice of the live advert for the Non-Executive Director – University position
- background information for the session by the NHS Confederation: Political Landscape in Wales (11.30-13.00)
- Board Development Notes (August)
- Information regarding the Welsh Public Health Conference
- July Public and Private Board minutes, and June Public minutes for review
- Information about the Mind and Nation Festival – Psychology and Public Health Cymru.
- Information regarding forthcoming a WHO announcement.