

 <p> GIG CYMRU NHS WALES </p> <p> Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru Public Health Wales </p>	<p> Name of Meeting Board </p> <p> Date of Meeting 29 January 2026 </p> <p> Agenda item: 7.1 </p>
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Chair's Report to the Board concerning the matters considered in the Private Board meeting of the 27 November 2025	
Chair of the meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pippa Britton, Chair

Summary of the key matters that the Board considered when meeting in private session, on 25 September 2025, together with any related decisions made:
<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>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>This Chair's Report is a standing agenda item, for the purposes of transparency and accountability.</p> <p>This report sets out the matters that the Board considered during the Private Board meeting of the 27 November 2025.</p> <p>The Board approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes and action logs of the Private Board meeting on the 25 September 2025. The minutes of the Board Development Session on the 11 December 2025. <p>The Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considered an update on current public health matters. Considered an update on the recent publication of the Module 2 Public Inquiry Report. Considered the organisation's current financial position.



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- **Approved** the Deed of Novation between Chrystal Consulting Limited, Chrystal Medical Limited and Public Health Wales NHS Trust*.
- **Approved** the Contract Revision between Public Health Wales NHS Trust and Chrystal Medical Limited, and received **assurance** that the contract revision maintains continuity of service, cost-effective pricing, and alignment with Public Health Wales' strategic objectives.
- **Approved** the award of the Self Sampling STI Testing contract to HSL, subject to confirmation of the extension grounds, and noted that Welsh Government would be the final approver of the requested contract extension.
- **Approved** the extension of Contract T128 for 9 months, with an option for a further 3-month extension.
- **Considered** an update on the Web Transformation Programme.
- **Approved** the change requests to the Strategic Risks.
- **Noted** that the Business Executive Team approved the Business Justification Case for Lung Cancer Screening for submission to Welsh Government.

Summary of communication items circulated to Board members electronically (via e-mail) since the Board meeting held on 25 September:

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 November Board meeting (up to 06 January 2026) was as follows:

- Weekly Comms Forward Look information sheets
- Month 6 Performance Report and Budget Report
- Summary Report of the Covid19 Staff Learning Event
- Briefing for Non-Executive Directors on Sexual Health Service Incident
- November Public and Private Board Minutes for review
- Pre-reading for the Board Development session in Early Years
- Copy of the presentation at the Board Development Session on Early Years
- Response to query at the Board Meeting in November relating to the STI Self Sampling Tender Award.
- A reminder to complete the Chairs Peer Review Survey