

 <p> GIG CYMRU NHS WALES </p> <p> Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru Public Health Wales </p>	<p> Name of Meeting Board </p> <p> Date of Meeting 31 July 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 29 May 2025	
Chair	Pippa Britton
Date of last meeting	29 May 2025

Summary of the key matters that the Board considered when meeting in private session, on 29 May 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>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 29 May 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 2 year extension to the All Wales Enterprise Agreement to 5 years managed by Digital Health Care Wales (DHCW). • The minutes and action logs of the Private Board meeting on the 26 March 2025. • The notes of the Board Development session on the 24 April 2025. • The revised version of the Public Health Wales Emergency Response Plan that had undergone an internal review, and noted that a redacted version would be published in the public domain.

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The Board:

- **Considered** an update on current public health issues.
- Took **assurance** from the report and the work of the Board Committees.
- **Noted** the submission of the business case to Welsh Government for capital funding to replace the portable laptop ultrasound machine systems in WAAASP.

Summary of communication items circulated to Board members electronically (via e-mail) since the last Board meeting held on 29 May 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 20 May 2025) was as follows:

- Weekly Comms Forward Look information sheets
- Public Health Wales Digital Transformation Review
- Performance and Insights Report and Budget report for Month 2
- Update from Health and Wellbeing relating to IMTP milestone (HWB004).
- Notice of the live advert for the Non-Executive Director – University position
- Notification of Staff Conference dates for 2025
- May Public and Private Board minutes, and June Public minutes for review