

 <p>lechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru Public Health Wales</p>	<p><b>Name of Meeting</b> Board</p> <p><b>Date of Meeting</b> 28 May 2026</p> <p><b>Agenda item</b> 6.1</p>
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<b>Chair's Report to the Board concerning the matters considered in the Private Board meeting of the 26 March 2026</b>	
<b>Chair of the meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pippa Britton, Chair</li> </ul>

<b>Summary of the key matters that the Board considered when meeting in private session, on 26 March 2026, together with any related decisions made:</b>
<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 - <a href="https://phw.nhs.wales/about-us/board-and-executive-team/protocol-for-private-meetings/">https://phw.nhs.wales/about-us/board-and-executive-team/protocol-for-private-meetings/</a></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 <a href="#">Public Health Wales' Standing Financial Instructions</a>.</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 <b>Private Board meeting of the 26 March 2026</b>.</p> <p>The Board <b>approved</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The twelve-month extension of an agency framework agreement for a locum consultant who provides clinical support for North Wales Microbiology.</li> <li>The two year, direct call-off contract with Mast Group Ltd, for the supply of kits and consumables to be used on Seegene analysers for respiratory testing.</li> <li>The proposal for the new 3-year Managed Service Contract with Abbott Laboratories Ltd.</li> <li>The Terms of Reference for the Sexual Health Service External Review.</li> <li>The "Commitment to Participate" paper.</li> </ul>



### Summary of the key matters that the Board considered when meeting in private session, on 26 March 2026, together with any related decisions made:

- The minutes and action logs of the Private Board meeting on the 29 January 2026.
- The minutes of the Board Development Session on the 17 March 2026.

#### The Board:

- **Agreed** the updated reporting format changes for Strategic Risk 6 and **ratified** the change of score reported at the Board in January 2026.
- Took **assurance** on the work of the Committee meetings held in private session.
- **Considered** an update on current public health matters.
- **Noted** the debrief from an accountability meeting with Welsh Government.
- **Noted** a Nursing and Midwifery update.
- **Noted** an update on inflation pressures and the world environment.
- **Noted** the Infection Division Temperature Monitoring Business Case.
- **Noted** the proposal to implement screening for Hereditary Tyrosinemia Type 1 as part of the Newborn Bloodspot Screening Wales Offer.

### Summary of communication items circulated to Board members electronically (via e-mail) since the Board meeting held on 26 March 2026:

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 5 May 2026) was as follows:

- Weekly Comms Forward Look information sheets
- Draft March 2026 Public and Private Board minutes for Review
- Weekly SitRep from the Management Team
- Changes to remuneration rates for NHS Wales Public Appointees
- Link to the Listening to people: NHS Wales Complaints, Incidents and redress process for Organisations.
- Draft Annual Governance Statement