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Corporate Risk Register

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Approval/Scrutiny route:	Corporate Risks are scrutinised and updated by the relevant Directorate Senior Leadership Teams. All Executives have had sight of the Corporate Risk Register via BET. Business Executive Team – 21 June 2026 Leadership Team – 20 August 2026

Purpose

The Leadership Team have delegated responsibility to scrutinise the Corporate Risk Register on behalf of the Business Executive Team and ensure the ongoing management of corporate risks. This paper provides the corporate risks and any notable updates.

Recommendation:

APPROVE	CONSIDER	RECOMMEND	ADOPT	ASSURANCE
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The Committee is asked to:

- Take **assurance** on the management of Corporate Risks within the remit of the Committee.

Link to Public Health Wales Strategic Plan	
Public Health Wales has an agreed strategic plan, which has identified seven strategic priorities and well-being objectives. This report contributes to the following:	
Strategic Priority/Well-being Objective	All Strategic Priorities/Well-being Objectives

Summary impact analysis	
Equality and Health Impact Assessment	No decision required.
Risk and Assurance	This submission is the Corporate Risk Register.
Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act	This report supports the implementation of the Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act, in relation to the Duty of Quality and Candour by ensuring that the organisations most significant risks are being managed appropriately. They relate to all the Health and Care Quality Standards.
Financial implications	The financial implications of failing to manage corporate risk effectively are significant, both in terms of the potential for loss and also the failure to capitalise on opportunities.
People implications	The people implications of failing to manage corporate risk effectively are significant, both in terms of the potential for loss and also the failure to capitalise on opportunities.

1. Purpose / situation

This paper summarises the organisation's corporate risks highlighting any significant updates that require further discussion and any proposals for the escalation/de-escalation of risks onto or from the Corporate Risk Register. The Corporate Risk Register details the highest-level operational risks that are being managed on a day-to-day basis by relevant Directorate Senior Leadership Teams and their associated Executives. Leadership Team consideration provides assurance to the relevant Committees and the Board that corporate risks are being effectively identified and managed.

2. Background

The Corporate Risk Register is submitted to the Leadership Team to ensure compliance with the organisation's Risk policy and procedure. Where corporate risks are in part addressing any strategic risks, these linkages are referenced through the risk reporting template on the electronic risk management system. If further assurance or detail is required in respect of interdependencies between strategic and corporate risk registers, this can be requested through the risk management team.

3. Description/Assessment

The following significant points have been summarised to support the consideration of the Corporate Risk Register.

Current Risks on the Corporate Risk Register

- **1648** - There is a risk that Public Health Wales will lose access to Primary Care data.

  This is caused by Audit+ (the current tool) used to gather primary care data having been discontinued in July 2024 and there has been no further support of Audit+ from March 2026.

  This results in the loss of Audit+ without a replacement equivalent service leading to PHW being unable to meet its statutory responsibilities.

Inherent Risk Rating	Residual Risk Rating	Target Risk Rating
20	12	2

Progress Update
While no formal communication has been released, it is understood that the decision on the solution that was required from GPC Wales was approved in Jul-26. PHW have contacted DHCW for details regarding the planned implementation so that an assessment on the dependencies within the organisation can be completed. It is proposed that the review of the Audit plus risk is submitted to DDDA in Sep-Oct-26 once further details are available from DHCW.

- **2315 -** There is a risk that PHW will not be able to deliver an optimal and sustainable sexual health services to meet population requirements.

  This is caused the risk originated from Sexual Health IMT. Due to insufficiently robust processes and service issues, this risk was identified in IMT as the overarching risk that addresses wider service risk. These issues are: lack of appropriate use of technologies to improve storing, processing and sharing of patient information, and lack of appropriate infrastructure to enable information to be used to provide assurance, support effective quality control and risk management. Delivery of this is reliant on resources and support from the wider organisation (i.e. IG, Safeguarding, Digital Services).

  The impact will be a loss of public confidence, inability to sustain the service which may lead to service users harm and reputational damage to PHW.

Inherent Risk Rating	Residual Risk Rating	Target Risk Rating
20	16	6

Progress Update
Update from Senior Service Manager HW:
1) Recruited for Improvement Manager role to embark on improvement plans; completed and awaiting start date.
2) IMT closure pending Hep C report sign off. SRG approved an Improvement Plan to support assurance of governance in the service.

3.1 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

This work has been put together following the five ways of working, as defined within the sustainable development principle in the Act, in the following ways:

The effective management of corporate risks supports the longevity of the organisation

The effective management of corporate risks reduces the likelihood or consequence of harm being realised.

The identification and management of risks are integrated into decision making activities.

Owners of corporate risks collaborate within their areas and any relevant Directorates to manage risks effectively.

Senior Managers engage with relevant colleagues to ensure staff are empowered to raise risks.

4. Recommendation

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