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Digital and Data Design Authority Assurance – August 2026	
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Purpose The purpose of this paper is to provide assurance to The Knowledge Research and Information Committee (KRIC) through Business Executive Group (BET) on the implementation and delivery of PHW's Digital and Data Route map.
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Recommendation:				
APPROVE ☐	CONSIDER ☐	RECOMMEND ☐	ADOPT ☐	ASSURANCE ☒
The Committee is asked to: Receive assurance that Public Health Wales (PHW) is delivering its Digital and Data Strategy through the agreed Route map and has robust governance in place for managing digital and data work.				

Link to Public Health Wales [Strategic Plan](#) and [Digital and Data Strategy](#)

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
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Summary impact analysis

Equality and Health Impact Assessment	No decision is required.
Risk and Assurance	Detailed in the assurance report
Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act	This report supports the Health and Care Standards for NHS Wales quality themes, because the portfolio of work is dedicated to improving quality of care and service, including through creating accessibility for everyone, promoting wellbeing in a reliable, continuous, and sustainable way.
Financial implications	No direct financial implications. These are managed at relevant Directorate level, through IMTP planning or through individual programmes and business cases.
People implications	No direct implications

1. Purpose / situation

The purpose of this paper is to provide assurance to the Knowledge Research and Information Committee (KRIC) on the implementation of the Digital and Data Strategy (including Artificial Intelligence, or AI).

2. Governance and Assurance of delivery of the strategy

The Digital and Data Strategy is supported in its delivery by several different governance and assurance mechanisms.

- The Digital and Data Design Authority (DDDA) is a cross-organisation group which provides support, challenge, and assurance for digital, data, and technology work within, or affecting, Public Health Wales. It seeks alignment with the Digital and Data Strategy, visibility and understanding of the landscape and compliance with the standards. The DDDA oversees the digital and data portfolio and reports to Change Board. It also ensures compliance with the adopted digital standards of NHS Wales and Public Health Wales.
- The Artificial Intelligence Design Authority (AIDA) is a cross-organisation group with delegated authority from BET to provide support, challenge, and assurance of AI across PHW. It is responsible for the oversight of the specific risks and opportunities that artificial intelligence (AI) brings to digital and data, as part of the suite of governance and guidance activities set out in the paper [Guidance and Governance for AI](#) (February 2025). It will embed governance, develop business processes for managing AI and drive the adoption of good practice frameworks across PHW.
- Programme and Project Boards have been established to lead and plan the delivery of our agreed priorities
 - Data, Analysis, Registers and Cloud (DARC) programme
 - Digital Health Protection programme
 - Lung Screening programme IT workstream
 - Sexual Health Case Management
 - Gambling Prevention
 - Digital Weight Management

AI is managed through the AI Design Authority. An update from AIDA is included in this paper.

- Knowledge Research and Information Committee (KRIC) has oversight of the exploitation of Digital and Data to maximise impact against our long-term strategy. The Audit and Corporate Governance Committee (ACGC) have

oversight of the Cyber Improvement Plan (a Digital and Data route map priority) as well as monitor progress against cyber and digital resilience audits and reviews, for example reviews against the Cyber Assessment Framework.

- Internal and external audits.

The Digital and Data Design Authority ensures delivery of our Data and Digital Route-map, digital needs in line with an agreed set of standards. The current core standards in PHW are:

- [Welsh Digital Public Service Standard](#)
- [Welsh Language Standards](#)
- [Accessibility Standards](#) (WCAG 2.2)
- [Code of Practice for Statistics](#)
- [HL7 FHIR](#) ([WHC/2023/018](#))
- [ONS Geographic Codes](#) ([WHC/2024/014](#))
- [SCCI0052 Dictionary of Medicines and Devices \(dm+d\)](#) ([WHC/2024/042](#))

No new standards have been proposed for agreement since the last update.

3. Digital and Data Route map and overview of Delivery

Since the update to BET in June 2026, and the most recent monthly programme reports at the beginning of August 2026, some significant milestones have been completed:

- In the Data, Analysis, Registers and Cloud (DARC) Programme, Monthly Real-Time Suspected Suicide Surveillance outputs are the first to be run in production on the GCP. Primary Care Clusters was signed off week commencing 22 June, and Medusa awaits final sign off for their systems. We have also stood up the first ad hoc analysis on the platform. The RDD outputs completed phase 1 of the migration at the end July 2026.
- The Lung Screening Programme team have completed the procurement process for the participant administration system (PAS), with a preferred supplier identified and approvals for contract award to be sought through the appropriate groups in PHW through August. The procurement process for the 4 x mobile CT scanning units has commenced, with supplier visits under way and evaluation panels planned for late August. A specification for the radiology reporting solution (computer aided detection / volumetry software plus outsourcing capacity) is complete and will be presented to AIDA on 05.08.26, in advance of seeking approvals to commence the procurement process. Two independent Thoracic Radiologists have been recruited to support this process.

- The Digital Health Protection Programme delivered Phase 1 in July as scheduled. The main element of Phase 1 is building the underlying infrastructure for DHP and proving cloud connectivity. Development pace has increased to ensure go-live of Phase 2 in January 2027 as scheduled with close attention being given to product development, readiness and upcoming testing. An alternative source of LIMS2 data has been identified that removes the dependency on the NDR programme. An interim solution has been identified to ensure a January 2027 DHP go live with a longer-term strategic solution being scoped and commissioned - subject to approval. The DHP change plan has been approved by the DHP Programme board and a detailed training plan is being developed.

The key challenges for delivery remain our dependency on DHCW and Welsh Government with confused governance and need to ensure delivery. This is being managed through PHW Strategic Risk 5.

The main programmes impacted by this are:

1. LIMS2 which is a national programme being delivered by DHCW and timelines are very tight. Tranche 3 is planned for go live on August 10th. Defect resolution is challenging and generally 'to be confirmed' or undeliverable to allow safe testing which is affecting overall confidence. CSIMS, Datastore and TARIAN all ready but there may be no Live-Live testing feasible before the planned go live date. Signoff fully complete and 3 UAT reports completed and accepted by DHCW 29/07/2026. Hypercare arrangements are being discussed with DHCW and there is currently no assurance in place for access to legacy data.

Additionally, there is concern that additional demands for support from the Research, Data and Digital Directorate risk destabilising delivery and could render the portfolio undeliverable. The directorate already has a significant portfolio of work to deliver by March 2027 and there are several national programmes that will also require support from the directorate. There is a risk to delivery if all programmes are added to the portfolio at the same time. A portfolio review that will involve the digital and change portfolio teams is scheduled for Aug-26.

Managing the scale of change is difficult due to constraints in technical expertise, limited availability of senior management, and inconsistent levels of change management maturity across different business areas. These factors collectively increase the complexity and vulnerabilities of delivering initiatives. This risk is managed as part of the Public Health Wales Strategic Risk Register (SRR 5). Strategic Risk 5 has recently been updated to include change management across the organisation, in addition to the digital delivery risks and have been taken for formal approval through BET and Board in July 2026.

4. Major programmes

4.1. Digital Health Protection Programme:

Phase 1 completed delivery in July 2026. Phase 2 requires close attention to remain on track for delivery in Jan 2027. Completion of the programme remains Jan 2028. Benefits, readiness and an approach to roll out still need close attention. Whilst the dependency on the NDR has been removed and an alternative route for accessing LIMS data has been identified, this has not been fully scoped or commissioned. DCA remains 'amber'. The work to move Datastore to the cloud for DHP to access LIMS data needs to be commissioned and monitored closely to ensure timely delivery. The roll out approach needs to be finalised. Phase 2 requires attention to remain on schedule.

4.2. Lung Cancer Screening Programme:

Procurement activities continue to be a key area of focus for the programme. The procurement process for the participant administration system (PAS) is now complete, with a preferred supplier identified and approvals for contract award to be sought through the appropriate groups in PHW through August. The procurement process for the 4 x mobile CT scanning units has commenced, with supplier visits under way and evaluation panels planned for late August. A specification for the radiology reporting solution (computer aided detection / volumetry software plus outsourcing capacity) is complete and will be presented to AIDA on 05.08.26, in advance of seeking approvals to commence the procurement process. Two independent Thoracic Radiologists have been recruited to support this process.

Progress has continued with the integration prototype, focusing on the scheduling and reporting interfaces. The prototype now demonstrates the end-to-end "happy path" workflows, validating the exchange and processing of information through the agreed event-driven architecture. Planning has also commenced for the next phase of development, which will expand the prototype to support exception handling and alternative workflow scenarios. Work has started to incorporate user journey considerations into the prototype, initially focusing on cohort ingestion. This will help demonstrate how technical integrations align with operational processes across the screening pathway and provide greater confidence that the solution meets both user and system requirements. Significant progress has also been made in developing testing standards and the wider testing strategy.

It is understood that a review of mobile connectivity has been undertaken by the digital team and that a paper is due to be presented to the DDDA in relation to this, however it is not yet clear what the outcome/ implications will be for the lung cancer screening programme. As noted above, the feedback from the NHS Wales Leadership Board was clear in relation to expectations relating to the digital enablement of the programme, and so any decisions in relation to this would need to be considered in this context.

There has also been discussion with WAST in relation to the handheld devices that they use and follow up discussions are planned in relation to this.

4.3. Data, Analysis, Registers, Cloud (DARC) Programme:

The DARC Programme is currently amber/red.

Monthly Real-Time Suspected Suicide Surveillance outputs were the first to be run in production on the GCP. Primary Care Clusters was signed off week commencing 22 June, and Medusa awaits final sign off for their systems. We have also stood up the first ad hoc analysis on the platform. All the RDD outputs completed phase 1 of the migration by the end July 2026.

A Programme Manager for Registers was confirmed and joined the team in Jun-26 with the first action to define the plan and any key dependencies for the register's teams.

Resources continue to be a challenge. The cost pressure arising from the WG pause and review of digital funding has now (end July) been resolved, although we still await the formal funding letter. The pause and review meant we could not recruit the additional data engineers we had hoped so we are operating at 60-75% data engineering capacity. In addition, for both CDSC and RDD repeated rounds of recruitment for data engineers have failed to appoint, so we are considering alternative options.

For the Genomics Phase 1b development work, this work has paused due to a resource issue in the cloud team. The digital team will spend the rest of Jul-26 defining the proposed development plan and the remaining work in phase 1b will be added to phase 2. Planning meetings for phase 2 are scheduled for W/C 3-Aug-26.

Delays to the programme have also occurred due to pre-requisite work to understand planning, scope and ways of working with business areas taking longer than anticipated.

In August, additional support for planning and project / programme management in key areas, and the creation of evidenced longer term plans will support a request for an extension to the DARC completion deadline, from March 2027 to March 2028. The new plan will take account of the volume and complexity of the work still to be done, and the challenges we have had with resourcing over the summer leading to delays to expected delivery. The revised plan is due to be reviewed at DARC Programme Board in Aug-26.

4.4. Update from the Artificial Intelligence Design Authority (AIDA)

AIDA continues to operate as Public Health Wales' governance and assurance mechanism for artificial intelligence (AI), providing oversight of AI technologies, organisational risks, governance arrangements and AI-enabled initiatives across the organisation. During the reporting period, AIDA's focus has continued to mature from establishing governance foundations towards implementation of organisational controls, adoption activities, assurance of operational use cases and active management of AI-related risks. Significant progress was made during the period through the formal adoption of the AIDA Governance Process, providing a structured end-to-end operating model for AI governance, assurance and ongoing oversight across Public Health Wales.

AIDA also reviewed the organisation's approach to AI Governance and Shadow AI risks, endorsing the proposed risk management approach and establishing ongoing oversight arrangements through its regular governance processes. Assurance activity continued across several AI-enabled initiatives, including GitHub Copilot, Ambient Voice Technology (AVT) and Lung Cancer Screening AI assurance. The Oversight & Forward Look Tracker remain the primary mechanisms through which AIDA maintains visibility of AI-related activity, assurance outcomes, governance priorities and emerging organisational risks.

4.4.1. AI tools approved since July 2026

During the reporting period, AIDA undertook assurance and governance activity across several AI-enabled initiatives, supporting both organisational governance and programme delivery.

GitHub Copilot was reviewed and approved for use within defined software engineering and analytical coding activities. Discussions focused on balancing productivity benefits with appropriate governance controls, including management of code quality, security, sensitive information and responsible use of AI-generated outputs. Follow-up work has commenced to strengthen organisational guidance and control measures for AI-enabled software development activities.

AIDA also reviewed the proposed use of **computer-aided detection and volumetry technologies within the Lung Cancer Screening Programme**. Members supported the proposed testing and assurance approach and agreed that procurement activity could proceed. Additional work was commissioned to strengthen statistical validation, assurance thresholds and ongoing monitoring arrangements before final approval is completed through correspondence.

Assurance activity relating to **Ambient Voice Technology (AVT)** within Breast Test Wales also progressed during the period. Evidence provided has strengthened assurance across both the medical secretary and Breast Care Nurse use cases, supporting continued progression of the initiative and movement towards closure of outstanding approval requirements.

4.4.2. Oversight and Assurance Tracker

The AI Oversight & Assurance Tracker continues to provide visibility of AI-related governance, assurance, policy, programme and risk activity across Public Health Wales. During the reporting period, a few governance foundations transitioned further into operational implementation, including adoption of the AIDA Governance Process and progression of Shadow AI mitigation activities. The organisation has also begun to formalise management of AI-related risks through established governance and reporting arrangements, supporting a more structured approach to monitoring AI adoption and associated risk exposure across Public Health Wales.

Current oversight activity remains focused on implementation of the approved Shadow AI action plan, delivery of communications and training activities, progression of AI incident reporting arrangements, development of the organisation-wide AI Policy and ongoing assurance of active AI-enabled initiatives. Work also continues to strengthen governance processes, clarify assurance pathways and further embed AI governance within organisational processes and decision-making activities.

4.4.3 Current Position:

- **Governance foundations established:** AI Register, AI Assurance Framework & FAQs, Generative AI Guidance, AI Research Governance, and the AIDA Governance Process & Operating Model.
- **August assurance outcomes:** Approval of GitHub Copilot for defined software engineering and analytical coding use cases; progression of Lung Cancer Screening AI assurance activity; and continued advancement of assurance activity relating to Ambient Voice Technology within Breast Test Wales.
- **Active governance priorities:** Shadow AI implementation and risk management, AI Policy development, AI Incidents & Datix Integration, Procurement & AI Governance, and implementation of the AIDA Governance Process.
- **Communications and adoption:** Communications, training and adoption activities are progressing to support awareness, capability development and safe adoption of approved AI technologies across Public Health Wales, including mitigation of Shadow AI risks.
- **Emerging governance topics:** Priorities for the coming period include implementation of the approved AIDA Governance Process, progression of Shadow AI mitigation activities, development of genomics-related AI assurance

arrangements, review of Detected X evaluation findings, continued progression of AI Policy development, and completion of outstanding assurance activities relating to Ambient Voice Technology and Lung Cancer Screening.

The tracker reflects AIDA's increasing focus on maintaining organisational oversight of AI adoption, associated risks and emerging use cases. Priorities for the coming period include progressing the AI Policy towards approval, implementing the approved Shadow AI action plan, advancing AI incident reporting arrangements, reviewing the AIDA Governance Process, and maintaining assurance oversight of active programme submissions and emerging AI use cases.

5. Digital and Data Risks

Work continues in building an organisational Digital and Data Risk Register via Datix Web. Currently 38 live risks have been initially identified, and work has commenced with the risk owners to obtain further clarity on the risk and its digital and/or data dependency.

As programme and project risks are identified through programmes, more risks may be identified.

RDD have implemented a risk management process where all risks raised are reviewed to ensure appropriate mitigations are in place and to ensure any risks that require escalation, are managed appropriately.

A review of all live risks in PHW will be undertaken in September 2026 to assess if there are any requirements on RDD or if any support can be provided to mitigate any digital risks that may not be on the RDD Risk register.

Corporate Risks

1648 This risk relates to the loss of Primary Care Data due to the discontinuation of Audit+. The risk is currently scored at 12, due to the significant reliance on DHCW. DHCW have committed to continue to support all existing and current Audit+ use cases, but the detail regarding how remains unclear. DHCW have now confirmed an extension to the Audit + contract to Apr-27. A new design for the audit+ replacement has been developed, outside the NDR. The NDR option was rejected by the GPC (General Practitioner Council). The GPC Agreed the alternate proposal in July and DHCW have begun building the solution for the Audit + replacement and DHCW have reported there are currently no blockers in the way of delivery by Apr-27. Additionally, following a meeting held on 25-Aug-26, discussions have re-commenced between PHW and DHCW to complete an agreed design for the data provision and integration for the cohort identification workstream.

6. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

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DDDA Portfolio Delivery Confidence Narrative August 2026
(Reporting period is Jul-26)

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DP01 Digital health protection system replacement	A programme to put in place a new digital health protection service, including replacement of Tarian and a CRM which is interoperable and suitable for the needs of a post-COVID Wales	Amber	Amber	Phase 1 completed delivery in July 2026. Phase 2 requires close attention to remain on track for delivery in Jan 2027. Development effort has significantly increased and will be tracked closely for the next reporting period. Benefits, readiness and an approach to roll out still need close attention. Whilst the dependency on the NDR has been removed and an alternative route for accessing LIMS data has been identified, this has not been fully scoped or commissioned. A funding source for this (repurposing of existing DHP allocated budget) must first be approved. DCA remains amber with close attention on the increased development effort in readiness for phase 2 delivery in January 2027.
DP02 Newborn Screening Enhancements	Public Health Wales (PHW) host a legacy system that is used by clinical professionals for a variety of tasks, including the data entry of newborn screening results. The system consists of an Oracle database to record screening results and	Green	Green / Amber	Work to finalise phase 2 developments remains on pause in line with the plan to deploy the remaining changes at the same time as the LIMS2.0 system is deployed within the newborn bloodspot laboratory (C&VUHB). C&V LIMS deployment date is currently estimated as week commencing 28/09/26, hence amber status (based on end date linked to this project. No

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	an Oracle Forms front-end. The current Newborn system is end of life and requires redevelopment so that it can continue to support clinical service delivery. The service is hosted on PHW infrastructure; however, the system is supported by DHCW.			concerns around timely completion of remaining works, issue is merely associated with scheduling of these due to external LIMS changes.
DP06 All Wales sexual health case management system	Following completion of discovery work in March 2025 on the needs for a sexual health case management system, a Business Case has been requested by Welsh Government.	Red	Red	Funding has not yet been agreed. As the alpha has been completed, the work to complete a business case has begun. Following meetings with the supplier in Jun-Jul--26, an Internal review of the proposal is underway. Further scoping is required into the All-Wales position and requirements, and the team have agreed to discuss next steps and requirements with Health Boards. Exploration of the options to complete the business case are underway.

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DP06B All Wales sexual health case management system	This programme will deliver the improvements required for the current sexual health case management system	Amber	Amber	The Data Protection and Digital Group has agreed the objectives for delivery with the service. The objectives have been agreed within the programme, and the governance is currently being redefined with the group ToR to be updated in line with programme governance. Workstream Two – The MDT Review for cohort 2 has now completed. Workstream two is now closed. Workstream Three - Automation of end-to-end manual data processing and creation of service database – Commenced Test and Post Service improvements A requirements gathering session has been scheduled with the team for 17-Aug-26 with requirements to be confirmed by end of Aug-26. Meetings with the suppliers to discuss integrations and process enhancements including costs are scheduled for w/c 3-Aug-26 and w/c 16-Aug-26. C-Card A paper to propose the commission of an ISO review for C-Card is currently with HPSS SMT



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				for review and approval before submitting to PHW SIRO for review. - The programme has agreed to an objective of defining the service requirements and explore the requirements needed to reduce/remove the risks and for improvements. Risk Assessments - Risk assessment on C-Card and underage orders through the test and post service have been rescheduled for 1-Jul-26. Workstream Four - Support to maintain the telephony lines until the HEP C MDT is completed is expected to be closed in Aug-26. Workstream One Setup the Helpline and enquiry forms for the initial issues raised and Workstream Five – The process review of the HEP C process. Workstreams are now closed.
DP08 PHW Web estate transformation	This Web Transformation is a complex transformation project. Our aim with the Web Estate Transformation Programme to create a consistent, user-centred, compliant web estate in	Green	Green	The programme was formally closed at the June programme board, which is due to be confirmed at September Change Board.

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	line with our brand strategy. Within this are a set of statutory requirements that must be met including meeting Welsh Language Standards and WCAG.2.2 Accessibility Standards. Healthy weight, Healthy you and Healthy Working Wales are now included in this programme			
DP09 Lung Cancer screening	Scoping project to inform a recommendation to Welsh Government as to how a targeted lung cancer screening programme could be delivered in Wales in the future. This will include all elements of the pathway, including IT requirements, phasing strategy, estimated cost etc	Green / Amber	Green / Amber	Procurement activities continue to be a key area of focus for the programme. The procurement process for the participant administration system (PAS) is now complete, with a preferred supplier identified and approvals for contract award to be sought through the appropriate groups in PHW through August. The procurement process for the 4 x mobile CT scanning units has commenced, with supplier visits under way and evaluation panels planned for late August. A specification for the radiology reporting solution (computer aided detection / volumetry software plus outsourcing capacity) is complete and will be presented to AIDA on 05.08.26, in advance of seeking approvals to commence the procurement process. Two independent Thoracic Radiologists have been recruited to support this process.



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				The 2 critical risks on the programme risk register remain unchanged in terms of scoring, both 4 x 4 = 16 ('critical' risk). In relation to 'cohort identification', it is understood that DHCW have made an internal recommendation regarding the Audit+ replacement system and this is now being approved internally before being shared. Once that is confirmed, it will be possible to progress discussions around how this will be used to extract the required cohort data for lung cancer screening. Progress has been made with the legal basis for the processing of data for lung cancer screening, with Welsh Government sharing a draft of the Directions letter and noting that this has been shared with the Information Commissioners Office for review. Work has continued with the DHCW Primary Care Data Team on the population sizing exercise. At present, data is only available at cluster level; however, a request to provide data at Lower Layer Super Output Area (LSOA) level has now been approved by the DQS Board. Cluster-level data is expected to be available in early August, with LSOA-level data to follow. Integrations:



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				It is understood that a review of mobile connectivity has been undertaken by the digital team and that a paper is due to be presented to the DDDA in relation to this, however it is not yet clear what the outcome/implications will be for the lung cancer screening programme. As noted above, the feedback from the NHS Wales Leadership Board was clear in relation to expectations relating to the digital enablement of the programme, and so any decisions in relation to this would need to be considered in this context. In the meantime, the proof of concept testing has not progressed over the previous month, with the team focussed on infrastructure upgrades that would ultimately help to facilitate mobile connectivity. There has also been discussion with WAST in relation to the hand held devices that they use and follow up discussions are planned in relation to this.
DP10 Cyber Action Plan	The aim of the Cyber Improvement Plan is to make use of the Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF) to plan our approach to cyber security priorities and inform how we are managing risks associated with our digital infrastructure. Key areas include threat intelligence, risk management, managing our	Green	Green	Good progress being made on key Cyber Improvement initiatives: Firewall's - FW replacement programme nearing completion - 1 outstanding FW left to deploy. Firewalls - Mass update/ grade of PHW FW's to ensure latest secure/ stable release and remediate known vulnerabilities.

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	legacy estate and cyber security resources.			SIEM - More log sources ingested into our national logging platform, coverage now extends fully to our Azure Environments. SIEM - Integration with the PHW web filtering solution to assist with automation and efficiency of restricting/block malicious domains. Phishing - additional phishing simulations have been undertaken and user awareness initiated.
DP11 Data, Analysis, Registers, Cloud	A programme to • Use the right infrastructure, so that our use of data and analysis is safe, efficient and demonstrates value for money, and • Improve our data and data quality, so that we make the best use of our data for service, monitoring, analysis and research.	Amber / Red	Amber / Red	Monthly Real-Time Suspected Suicide Surveillance outputs are the first to be run in production on the GCP. Primary Care Clusters was signed off week commencing 22 June, and Medusa awaits final sign off for their systems. We have published the first official statistics – cancer mortality – produced from NDAP. We have also stood up the first ad hoc analysis on the platform. All the RDD outputs are on track to have completed phase 1 of the migration by end July 2026. Resources continue to be a challenge, with a current pause on the Genomics Phase 1b development work due to a resource risk escalating to an issue in the cloud team. The digital team will spend the rest of Jul-26 defining the proposed development plan and



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				the remaining work in phase 1b will be added to phase 2. Planning meetings for phase 2 are scheduled for W/C 3-Aug-26. In Jun-26, WG confirmed the review of the DHCW NDR Programme would end and most of the funding for the programme was agreed to be released. This is currently being assessed and will be used to reduce the resource risk in the programme. A Programme Manager for Registers was confirmed and joined the team in Jun-26 with the first action to define the plan and any key dependencies for the register's teams. The cloud resource recruitment was successful, and we are awaiting confirmation of a start date. For finance, we have a good understanding of our current cloud and cloud-associated software costs and can model these as more work migrates to our cloud infrastructure. Questions remain about what will be required for BAU, both in terms of cloud costs, and supporting functions, such as FinOps. We will work through these in the coming weeks. Given the recent delays in the programme and the



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				resource issues that have continued, this has impacted the delivery of the programme, an extension of the programme completion date from Mar-27 to Mar-28 is requested to support delivery of the programme. In August, additional support for planning and project / programme management in key areas, and the creation of evidenced longer term plans will support a request for an extension to the DARC completion deadline, from March 2027 to March 2028. The new plan will take account of the volume and complexity of the work still to be done, and the challenges we have had with resourcing over the summer leading to delays to expected delivery. The revised plan is due to be reviewed at DARC Programme Board in Aug-26.
DP15 ICNET Wales implementation		Amber / RED	Amber / Red	No Update in DCA

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DP16 Diabetic Eye Screening transformation	This is the digital part of the wider programme of transformation for Diabetic Eye Screening in Wales	Amber / Red	Amber / Red	The programme is likely to be continued as screening improvement, pending an expected decision at September Change Board.
DP26 LIMS	Implementation of LIMS 2.0 system to replace WLIMS which goes out of support Dec 2025. Includes data migration from numerous legacy systems.	Red	Red	Tranche 3 is planned for go live on August 10th. Defect resolution is challenging and generally 'to be confirmed' or undeliverable to allow safe testing which is affecting overall confidence. CSIMS, Datastore and TARIAN all ready but there may be no Live-Live testing feasible before the planned go live date. Signoff fully complete and 3 UAT reports completed and accepted by DHCW 29/07/2026. Hypercare arrangements are being discussed with DHCW and there is currently no assurance in place for access to legacy data.
DP28 Infection Services & Genomics	Develop and implement a roadmap for Public Health Wales to transition to the use of cloud services for genomics, aligning this with the Genomics Partnership Wales digital blueprint and approach of other UK Public Health Agencies.	Amber	Amber	No Update in DCA

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Gambling Related Harm Reduction Programme	Gambling Related Harm Reduction Programme is currently being established following a requirement for Public Health Wales to manage the gambling prevention programme for Wales	Amber	Green / Amber	Launch announcement of grant scheme took place 26th July. Information webinar planned 12th August with application window open from 31st August to 19th October. Excellent relationship with WCVA established to progress this work. BET approval for service design given 21st July. Procurement now proceeding with competition running in August and evaluation of bids early September. Ministerial approval given for access to funds of £1.45m for 26/27 via a remit letter to Tracey Cooper sent 27th July. The letter mentions £2m for grants to be spent by March 2029, this will need discussion with Welsh Gov. Letter of intent has been sent for additional questions in September prevalence survey.
DP15 ICNET Wales recontract		Green	Amber / Red	DHCW have reviewed the New Service Request for the WPAS Surgery interface and responded 24/07 that they require further clarification on a number of points. PHW HARP team are currently seeking information from Supplier, CDSC Clinical scientist and digital colleagues before responding.



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OPIP - Obesity Pathway Innovation Programme	Design, build, and operate a bilingual national digital service that provides a single point of entry for self-referral, assessment and automated triage, while ensuring seamless interoperability with core NHS Wales systems The programme aims to create a unified, digitally enabled and community-led healthy-weight pathway for Wales.	N/A	Amber	The WP2 Digital workstream is progressing, has established scrum cadence and team ceremonies and governance is under development, has improved alignment with the Governance team. The service design approach was agreed through the 30 June requirements workshop. However, noted are several dependencies and issues that are affecting progress, including the availability of the clinical triage questionnaire, access to programme documentation, confirmation of authority for September milestone acceptance. The current RAG status set to Amber whilst the team confirm achievability of September milestone in the report. The digital team continues to progress the WP2 Digital workstream through governance development, requirements activities and service design planning. Work is focused on establishing delivery foundations, progressing stakeholder engagement and defining requirements to support agreement of the workstream deliverables, and achievement of the workstream actions, subject to identified dependencies and decisions. Contact has been made with Hywel Dda. Meeting required to establish support for initial discovery work. Proposal for September milestone is being drafted with prototypes for triage form to be tested with users.



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				Progress this reporting period - Alignment to Governance team with Digital Workstream to improve and sustain regular communications and continuity across both the Programme Team & Digital Project Team - WP2 Digital Governance development; in progress and drafted to define key roles & responsibilities, reporting and project assurance (RAID in place) - Service design approach agreed in requirements workshop 30th June - Requirements workshop(s); (27th July booked) to discuss the triage questionnaire (pre supplied by Clinical team to Digital Team by no later than 22nd July for timely review in advance of the meeting), with a follow-up requirements workshop on the 18th August 2026; Key Dependency. - Planned Progress next reporting period - Delivery approach and outputs for the Digital workstream to be formalised – digital workstream proposal being drafted; to establish what can be delivered (MVP) within the timelines (see WM_RSK 10 to be clarified also).



Project name	Description	Previous Month RAG	Current Month RAG	Assurance Narrative
				- Full alignment of governance from both a Workstream and Programme perspective, with clearly established roles & responsibilities, management approach, reporting arrangements and requirements - Quarterly plan (Q2 26/27) for digital workstream to be approved - Requirements review (28/07/26) to review triage/assessment tool requirements - Hywel Dda engagement to commence discovery activities (reliant on service design resource to plan discovery) - UCD/Product owner to attend DHCW Public and Patient engagement group to facilitate awareness and assistance in user panel creations
North Wales Lab Replacement	To deliver a new automated testing platform in the PHW microbiology laboratory in Ysbyty Glan Clwyd,	Red	Red	Digital Portfolio RAG Status is red due to lack of agreed funding. Programme status is currently Amber. Note - RAG Status for previous month also amended from green to Red as per above



Project name	Description	Previous Month RAG	Current Month RAG	Assurance Narrative
				Headlines Business case approved at BET on 21 July and submitted to Board for information on 30 July. Note from BET discussion and further queries raised: <i>PL and LF presented the revised business case, noting strengthened five-case model structure, clearer strategic option narrative, confirmation that the proposal was a full replacement rather than partial refresh, a formal benefits register, and revised financial assumptions. LF advised that the capital ask had increased to £3.25m to reflect a higher optimism bias and uncertainty on digital/data capacity costs.</i> <i>Iain Bell queried whether IT and infrastructure staffing costs were included, noting broader cumulative pressure on digital and infrastructure teams from multiple business cases.</i> <i>Zoe Pietrzak supported the increased capital cost but asked to be involved early in productivity and efficiency discussions to manage future revenue pressures.</i> <i>Sumina Azam requested clearer totals in the summary table and queried a possible figure</i>

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				<i>error for option three.</i> • Neil Lewis requested clearer articulation of workforce and ways-of-working benefits rather than simply headcount reduction. • Tracey Cooper supported the proposal subject to amendments, including provision for digital support in revenue costs. Subsequent meetings with Iain Bell and digital colleagues revealed misunderstanding about server and hosting requirements, which were likely to require significant additional capital and revenue funding than had been allocated in the Business Case. Agreement to submit as Outline Business Case to Board and to increase capital request to £3.85m and uplift revenue projections to show a potential annual revenue shortfall of between £150k and £280k over the lifetime of the contract. Changes discussed with Tom Fowler and approved by Meng Khaw prior to submission to Board. Procurement colleagues have confirmed that a call off award from the Framework to the incumbent supplier is a compliant route, but justifications for this

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				will still need to be approved by NHS Supply Chain. This will include incompatibility of consumables (liquid swabs) required by alternative suppliers, and undeliverable digital and IT requirements of a transfer to alternative servers and system software and middleware. The request to escalate risks 2036 (risk of total failure) and 2248 (financial impact) were due to be discussed at DMT on 14 July – an update has been requested from DOT on the outcome. The amended Outline Business Case was taken to PHW Board on 30 July. Concerns were raised about: - a lack of “due diligence” relating to the proposal for a call off award, which suggested that the market was not being sufficiently tested - a lack of evidence relating to Kiestra breakdown frequency and impact of equipment failures on service delivery. The outline business case approved in principle, but it was agreed that these areas of the business case would be strengthened and that the business case would be recirculated to Non-Executive



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				Directors and Board members via email, for final review before it was submitted to Welsh Government. Key Achievements • Business Case approved at BET and taken to Board • Business case has been updated to incorporate feedback from BET and update costs for associated digital and IT requirements • Digital and IT colleagues have been in discussion with Supplier to clarify technical requirements and server specification Next Period • Update Outline business case to incorporate additional points raised at Board relating to Kiestra breakdown frequency and appropriate procurement due diligence • Submit business case to Welsh Government, following approval at Board (30.07.26). • Obtain quotes from BCU HB for associated lab reconfiguration, estates and enabling works • Once confirmation on funding and procurement routes has been confirmed, arrange site visits with potential suppliers to view proposed solutions in operation.



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				• Slippage and remedial action • Submission of business case to Welsh Government has been delayed by requirement to update and re-submit to BET and Board in July. Capital planning group colleagues are aware and keeping Welsh Government contacts updated on progress and anticipated date of submission. • Work to progress total failure business continuity planning has been delayed whilst work focused on completing the business case, and also to accommodate LIMS testing and annual leave over the summer which has meant colleagues have not had sufficient capacity to provide necessary data and updates to support information gathering. Issue or concerns • Escalating costs relating to digital and IT solution required as part of transfer to a new platform • Capacity concerns remain for essential involvement of IT, Estates and Facilities colleagues to support project development • Potential demand from other laboratories within the UK for imminent system upgrade

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				may limit supplier capacity and availability to manage multiple concurrent upgrade projects
NHS Wales App PHW steering Group	Define and agree the PHW Prioritisation and requirements for the NHS Wales App	Amber	Amber	An NHS Wales Steering group is currently being established. Lead of the steering group to be changed and confirmed in Aug-26.
Smoking and Vaping System Improvement	To develop a vaping cessation module for the Smoking Cessation app	Green	Green	- The HMQ smoking cessation app launched on No Smoking Day, 11 March 2026 - App is available on the Apple store and Google Play - Comms has highlighted app availability across the smoking cessation and wider system, we are continuing to ensure visibility across a range of settings though updating materials, ensuring signposting from health and social care services etc - Our supplier, ICE Creates have developed real time dashboards which we can access, and we check in with them regularly on progress - The vaping module has been commissioned and expected delivery is in Sept 2026

Project name	Description	Previous Month RAG	Current Month RAG	Assurance Narrative
				We are working with PHW R&E on plans for evaluation
Power BI - Fabric	Migration of Power Automate tools to Fabric	Amber	Green	Transfer completed 2-Jul-26. Review of Power BI Reports underway.
Service Desk Software Replacement	Replacement of Service desk software	Red	Green	- Funding for the licenses and implementation fee has been agreed to proceed - DHCW has confirmed that ServicePoint will remain available until 31 March 2027, removing the risk associated with the previously proposed December 2026 read-only date. - Digital Services has completed and submitted all procurement documentation required by NWSSP Procurement Services and is awaiting progression through the remaining approval stages. - A draft Project Board Terms of Reference is currently being finalised to establish governance and oversight arrangements for the HaloITSM implementation

Project name	Description	Previous Month RAG	Current Month RAG	Assurance Narrative
ESR Replacement	Transformation programme with digital and data requirements	Amber	Amber	Programme brief development ongoing, working group constitution request sent to Change Board, while awaiting additional details from the central programme.
Datix Replacement	Replace Datix risk management module is due to expire in Nov-27	N/A	N/A	Datix risk management module is due to expire in Nov-27. PHW will require a risk management tool. An options paper is due to be submitted to DDDA; date TBC.
NBSS	Enhancements to the Breast Test Wales System which is required to ensure the system runs as required for the service to be maintained.	N/A	Amber	Added to Digital portfolio Aug-26 following approval at DDDA Jul-26 Workstream 1 – NBSS Software Update - NBSS base changes review is coming to an end with a summary of the report having been delivered on the 10/08/2026 from Mike. - Mike and Peace will now work to identify any areas that require clinical digital assurance before going to the service with their recommendations. Workstream 2 – new Daybook development - Basic form structures have been built



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				- Adherence to the NHS Digital Service Manual is currently taking place with Jack building out Figma styling files - Authentication work is taking place to ensure security concerns are handled NBSS ongoing support - There are still concerns and risks surrounding the future support of the NBSS software post-Jan 2026, these should be answers once we meet with the supplier.
Cervical Screening Self-Sampling	A pilot to introduce cervical screening self-sampling for the patients of Wales. This is a regulated requirement.	N/A		Added to Digital portfolio Aug-26 following approval at DDDA Jul-26

Appendix B: AI Register - August 2026

Excerpt from the AI Registers, including some of the associated information. The full details can be found in the AI Register.

Title	Purpose/Function	Use Case Description	Benefit / Intended Outcome	AIDA Assurance Outcome	Decision Date	Deployment Status	Risk Classification
Microsoft Copilot (Enterprise)	AI productivity assistant embedded in Microsoft 365 applications	Used by staff to summarise emails, generate documents and assist in meeting preparation	Increases efficiency in document creation, improved meeting productivity and supports digital literacy	Approved	N/A	In Use	Low
ChatGPT (Team Version - Pilot)	Generative AI chat assistant for text generation, summarisation and research support	Used by select pilot group for drafting, summarising and exploring AI-assisted research ideas	Explores efficiency gains in communication, and supports staff innovation and experimentation	Approved	N/A	Retired	Medium
Google Gemini (Enterprise)	Secure generative AI platform supporting analytics and data summarisation within NHS Wales	Used for structured data analysis, summarising reports and internal	Enhances efficiency in research data handling, and supports NHS Wales analytics and insight	Approved	N/A	In Use	Low



		knowledge discovery					
Smoking Cessation App (Help Me Quit)	An all-Wales application to supports smokers to quit smoking, and if they cannot with the app, link into the Help Me Quit (HMQ) service.	For smokers who do not want or are not ready or face obstacles from accessing the full service and wants support to quit smoking	To help smokers quit smoking	Approved	Feb 11, 2026	In Use	Low
Gamban (Gambling Harms Prevention)	Translation of customer support queries and agent responses. Local Firefox translation models are used for both customer tickets and agent responses, and DeepL is only used for agent responses to fill quality gaps	Incoming user support queries are automatically translated to English using a privacy-preserving local tool and presented to support agents. When agents who do not speak the language of the incoming query have to respond to it, they will translate their response from English back to	Service improvement, user satisfaction	Approved	Mar 10, 2026	In Use	Low



		the language of the user					
Ambient Voice Technology - Breast Test Wales	AI-enabled ambient voice transcription and summarisation of MDT discussions to support creation of structured clinical documentation, operating in shadow mode alongside existing processes	AVT is used during weekly Breast Test Wales MDT meetings to transcribe and summarise discussions in real time, supporting secretaries in producing structured MDT documentation while existing processes remain authoritative	Reduce administrative burden on medical secretaries, improve consistency and timeliness of MDT documentation, and assess value, accuracy, and safety of AVT in a real-world MDT environment before any wider adoption	Approved with conditions	Mar 10, 2026	Pilot	Medium
Detected X Radiology Learning Platform	AI-supported adaptive learning platform for radiology education and CPD. Uses performance analytics to tailor	BTW radiologists and film readers use the platform during Supporting Professional Activity (SPA) time for CPD, reviewing training	Improve diagnostic skills, confidence, and ongoing CPD for Breast Test Wales radiologists and film readers;	Approved	Apr 14, 2026	Pilot	Low



	educational case mix to individual users	cases and receiving AI-assisted recommendations to target learning gaps	support appraisal and revalidation requirements through validated educational resources				
GitHub CoPilot	AI-powered coding assistant providing code suggestions, code generation, debugging assistance, explanations and conversational support through development-environment integrations and chat functionality	Used by analysts and data scientists to support software development through AI-assisted code generation, explanation, debugging and development guidance, including repetitive coding activities and National Data & Analytics Platform (NDAP) migration work	Improve developer productivity, reduce repetitive coding effort, accelerate software development, support code understanding and provide on-demand coding assistance for analysts and data scientists	Approved	Aug 5, 2026	In Use	Low

Appendix C: Oversight and Assurance Tracker – August 2026

Excerpt from the AI oversight and assurance tracker. This lists items that have or will come to AIDA for discussion, assurance and approval. This includes guidance and policy, as well as AI tools. Full details can be found via the link.

Item ID	Item / conversation title	Item description / notes	AIDA's role	Decision status	Decision Date	Does AIDA need to act again	What's the latest?	Blockers / risks / drifts, if any	Next checkpoint / Trigger for AIDA re-touch
AID A-001	AI Register: Establishment & Operation	Establishment and operation of the PHW AI Register, including ownership model, mandatory assurance fields, and integration with standards and clinical digital safety	Approve	Approved	10-Mar-26	No	Framework and ownership model for the AI Register are established, with supporting assurance guidance and an agreed governance process. Ongoing operation is now managed	Risk of incomplete or inconsistent assurance if supporting guidance, clinical digital safety requirements and operational processes are not maintained.	Re-touch only if material changes to the governance model, assurance requirements or operation of the AI Register arise.

							through the AI Register and the AIDA Governance Process.		
AID A-002	AI Assurance Framework & FAQs	Reusable assurance framework and FAQs to standardise evidence expectations and reduce bespoke AIDA requests	Endorse	Approved		No	The Assurance Framework and FAQs are embedded within the AI Register and supporting assurance process and are being used to guide submissions .	Risk of guidance becoming outdated if it is not maintained alongside changes to standards, policy and governance arrangements.	Re-touch only if the regulatory, standards, policy or assurance landscape changes.
AID A-003	Generative AI Guidance	Organisation -wide guidance on approved generative AI tools, conditions of	Approve	Approved		No	Guidance was approved and published on the PHW Policies and	Rapid changes in AI technologies and available tools may require the guidance and	Re-touch following a material change to approved tools, organisation

		use and pilot arrangements					Procedures page on 29 April 2026, setting out approved tools and conditions of use.	associated communications to be refreshed.	al tenancy arrangements, policy or governance requirements.
AID A-004	Shadow AI	Identification and management of unapproved AI use, including awareness, monitoring options and policy alignment	Assure	Approved	08-Jul-26	Yes	The Shadow AI action plan was approved in July. Baseline analysis of current use has been completed, and mitigation activity is progressing through ongoing monitoring, communications, use-case discovery,	Visibility of unapproved AI use remains limited. Effective mitigation depends on communications, implementation of governance controls, availability of approved alternatives and organisational adoption activity.	Progress update on implementation of agreed mitigation activities, ongoing monitoring outputs, communications activity and linkage with organisational AI risk management.



							approved alternatives, technical controls and organisational risk-management arrangements. The associated AI governance and Shadow AI risk-management approach was endorsed by AIDA in August.		
AID A-005	AI Policy (Organisation-wide)	Development of a single organisation-wide AI policy aligned to the AIDA governance	Assure	Deferred		Yes	A revised AI Policy has previously been reviewed by AIDA, with further refinement	A governance gap remains while policy consultation, refinement and formal approval activities	Return following stakeholder engagement, revision and resolution of outstanding

		model and supporting artefacts					required in relation to scope, governance, AI definitions, procurement and supporting content. The policy was scheduled for discussion in August but was not reached due to time constraints. No further AIDA decision was taken.	continue. Interim guidance, communications and controls remain important as organisational AI adoption grows.	comments, with a verbal progress update scheduled for the September AIDA meeting.
AID A-006	AI Incidents & Datix Integration	Definition of AI incidents and integration into Datix and	Approve	Approved with conditions	10-Mar-26	Yes	The AI incident definition has been approved, but	Progress depends on national Datix redesign and approval processes.	Update following national Datix discussions and

		organisation al risk and incident- reporting processes				integration into Datix remains in progress. The planned July demonstrati on of the redesigned national incident form did not take place and was moved to a subsequent Local System Leads meeting. A PHW development request can be prepared once the new incident design and flow are understood.	The proposed change is not currently considered system- critical, which may delay implementatio n and prolong inconsistent capture of AI- related incidents.	confirmation of the redesigned incident form, followed by submission of the PHW developmen t request for AI incident categorisati on.
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AID A- 007	Procurement & AI Governance	AI-specific procurement guidance to ensure early identification , proportionat e assurance and alignment with national standards	Assur e	Pendin g		Yes	Procurement and AI Governance remains a standalone governance priority. Previous activity has stalled and the item has not materially progressed during the current reporting period. It is expected to be revisited as AIDA's governance arrangement s mature and further AI-enabled procurement s arise.	Risk of inconsistent handling of AI procurement and unclear entry routes across AIDA, DDDA/TDA, IGNITE and procurement processes. Progress depends on renewed ownership, coordination and alignment with the adopted AIDA Governance Process.	Re-touch when procuremen t guidance activity is revived, ownership is confirmed and the relationship between procuremen t and wider AI governance pathways is clarified.
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AID A-008	Smoking Cessation App (Help Me Quit / Stop for Life)	Assurance and approval of AI-enabled behavioural support within the smoking cessation app ahead of service launch	Assured	Approved	11-Feb-26	No	The application is live, with dashboard information on usage and AI interactions available. Evaluation activity is underway with identified leads, and the initiative has transitioned into BAU monitoring.	Low risk. Evaluation outputs should be captured and proportionate monitoring maintained.	Re-touch only if evaluation findings raise assurance concerns or future AI-enabled modules or material functionality changes require AIDA review.
AID A-009a	Ambient Voice Technology: Breast Test Wales, Medical Secretaries	Assurance and approval of an AVT digital-scribe pilot supporting medical secretaries	Assured	Approved with conditions	10-Mar-26	Yes	Cyber assurance requirements have been satisfied. Cyber has confirmed that the Cyber Risk	Pilot progression remains dependent on completion and approval of the DPIA and confirmation	Confirmation of DPIA approval and formal closure of the outstanding assurance conditions,

		in Breast Test Wales MDT documentation processes					Assessment provides sufficient assurance for the medical-secretary element of the project. The DPIA remains outstanding and is the principal remaining approval dependency.	that the remaining assurance conditions are closed.	followed by confirmation of the pilot and evaluation arrangements.
AID A-009 b	Ambient Voice Technology: Breast Test Wales, Breast Care Nurses	Assurance and approval of an AVT pilot supporting Breast Care Nurses during patient consultations and associated	Assur e	Deferre d		Yes	Supplement ary information has been provided covering the proposed evaluation approach and patient-satisfaction feedback.	DPIA approval remains the principal outstanding dependency. Patient consent, Welsh language arrangements and the final evaluation	Completion and approval of the DPIA and confirmation of outstanding assurance evidence, followed by consideratio

		administrative processes					Cyber has confirmed that the Cyber Risk Assessment provides sufficient assurance for the patient-facing Breast Care Nurse use case. The DPIA remains outstanding.	approach must remain clearly evidenced within the assurance record.	n of approval through the agreed correspondence or approval-by-exception route.
AID A-010	Gamban: Gambling Harms Prevention	Assurance and procurement discussion for Gamban within the Gambling Harms Prevention Programme	Assure	Approved with conditions	10-Mar-26	Yes	AIDA approved the proposal subject to completion of the DPIA, cyber assurance and required procurement waivers. No confirmed	Risk of delay or non-compliance if the outstanding approval conditions are not formally completed and evidenced.	Confirmation of DPIA approval, cyber sign-off and procurement status, followed by closure or transition into programme

							change to the recorded assurance position has been provided during the current reporting period.		and BAU governance as appropriate.
AID A-011	Lung Cancer Screening: AI Assurance	Oversight of AI assurance within Lung Cancer Screening, including CAD and volumetry technologies, procurement, testing and standards alignment	Assure	Pending		Yes	AIDA reviewed the procurement specification and proposed testing approach on 5 August 2026. The testing approach was supported, and procurement activity may proceed. Further work	Statistical significance, testing thresholds, representativeness of the test dataset, bias monitoring and procurement-assurance requirements require further refinement before assurance can close.	Receipt of the revised testing plan, statistical review and updated procurement-assurance requirements, followed by final AIDA review and approval by correspondence or the agreed approval-by-



						was commission ed to strengthen statistical validity, power and sample-size calculations, sensitivity and specificity assessment, testing thresholds, bias consideratio ns, algorithmic transparenc y and ongoing performance monitoring. Final assurance will be completed by		exception route.
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AID A- 012	Detected X Radiology Learning Platform	Assurance discussion for an AI- enabled radiology learning platform used for education and continuing professional development , with no patient data used	Assur e	Approv ed	14- Apr-26	Yes	The revised submission was approved following incorporatio n of required updates. A 12-month educational pilot and evaluation approach were agreed, with findings intended to inform the longer-term position. Evaluation findings are scheduled for consideratio n at the September	Risk is limited to ensuring the evaluation is completed, findings are clearly reported and any longer- term use or procurement decision is subject to proportionate assurance.	Return to AIDA with evaluation findings on 9 September 2026 to confirm the ongoing assurance and governance position.

							AIDA meeting.		
AID A-013	Reading Age Calculator	Requested use of the Hemingway App reading-age assessment tool for accessibility purposes	Assure	Pending		Yes	The item remains pending and is expected to return to AIDA with updated evidence and greater clarity on applicable compliance requirements. No substantive progression has been confirmed during the current reporting period.	Risk of piecemeal approval without a complete assurance narrative or sufficient evidence of compliance, benefit and appropriate use.	Return to AIDA when an updated submission and supporting assurance evidence are available. If progression is no longer active, consider moving the item to Paused status.
AID A-014	AI in Research & Development Governance	Governance model for AI within research, aligned to	Approve	Approved		Conditional	The governance process was approved through	Risk arises only if the agreed review cadence is not maintained,	Scheduled annual review, or earlier re-touch if a

		PHW research-governance processes and the AI Register					correspondence, with an annual review agreed. The item has transitioned into BAU research-governance arrangements.	ownership becomes unclear or material governance requirements change.	material change to research, ethics, assurance or AI governance requirements occurs.
AID A-022	NHS Wales eLibrary: AI Policy and PHW Implications	NHS Wales eLibrary AI policy covering AI use for information discovery, copyright and licensed content, including implications for PHW	Endorse	Approved		Conditional	The policy and proposed approach were endorsed by AIDA, including communication through AIDA channels. Further consideration may be required if PHW-	Risk of limited staff awareness or misapplication of the policy. The position also depends on external policy updates and the effectiveness of internal communications.	Re-touch only if PHW-specific guidance is required or the external policy materially changes.

							specific guidance is needed beyond the eLibrary context.		
AID A-023	AIDA Governance Process & Operating Model	Development and adoption of a structured end-to-end governance process for AI within PHW, covering submission, intake, triage, assurance, approval and ongoing monitoring	Approve	Approved	05-Aug-26	Yes	AIDA Governance Process v1.2 was reviewed and adopted in August, subject to minor feedback and agreed implementation actions. Follow-up work covers communications and training, the formal publication and approval route,	Risk of inconsistent application until the process is formally published, communicated and embedded across business areas. Dependencies remain on alignment with the AI Policy, clinical digital safety requirements and existing organisational	Update on communications and training integration, publication route, enhanced intake requirements and implementation support. Progress update scheduled for the September AIDA meeting.



							enhanced intake requirements, consideration of non-AI alternatives, justification of AI use and assessment of expected value and outcomes.	governance routes.	
AID A-024	AI Usage in Recruitment	Consideration of AI use within recruitment, including job applications, assessment activities and interviews, and the implications for fairness, transparency and	Advice	Pending		Conditional	The topic has been identified for future AIDA consideration following emerging questions about AI use in recruitment and candidate-assessment activities. No	Absence of an organisational position or guidance may lead to inconsistent approaches across recruitment activities.	Return to AIDA when a proposal, paper or organisational position is available for discussion.



		organisational guidance					formal proposal or organisational position has yet been presented.		
AID A-025	AI Communications, Training & Adoption	Development and implementation of communications, learning resources, awareness activity and adoption support to promote safe and effective use of approved AI tools, including mitigation of Shadow AI risks	Endorse	Pending		Yes	AIDA has endorsed a phased communications and training approach. Internal Communications has been briefed and detailed planning and delivery activity is progressing, with further alignment expected around communications capacity.	Delivery depends on communications capacity, staff engagement and alignment with the emerging AI Policy, Shadow AI mitigation activity and AIDA Governance Process.	Progress update on Phase 1 communications and training delivery, supporting resources, uptake and proposed refinements at the September AIDA meeting.



							The workstream also supports implementati on of the approved AIDA Governance Process.		
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AID A-026	GitHub Copilot for VS Code	Assurance review of GitHub Copilot Free for software engineering and analytical coding use cases, including security, governance, quality and operational controls	Assured	Approved	05-Aug-26	Yes	AIDA reviewed and approved GitHub Copilot for the proposed software-development and analytical-coding use case. Benefits were recognised in relation to productivity, repetitive coding and development support. Follow-up actions were agreed to update the AI Register entry, define technical	Risks include insecure or inaccurate code generation, over-reliance on AI outputs, use of code not fully understood by developers, inadvertent disclosure of sensitive information, model-training concerns and inconsistent governance across AI-enabled development tools.	Update on agreed technical controls, AI Register and guidance updates, security mitigations, repository and file exclusions, model-training controls and development of wider organisational guidance for AI use in software engineering.
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