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Joint Commissioning Committee

Corporate Governance Report

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Pwrpas yr Adroddiad / Report Purpose	For Noting

Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt /consideration at Committee/Group)		
Committee / Group / Individuals	**Date**	**Outcome**
Senior Leadership Team	16/11/2026	Noted

Acronyms / Glossary of Terms	
IPFR	Individual Patient Funding Request
JC	Joint Commissioning Committee
NWJCC	NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee
WG	Welsh Government
WHC	Welsh Health Circular

1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on corporate governance matters relating to the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (NWJCC) that have arisen since the previous Joint Committee (JC) meeting.

There are several corporate governance matters that need to be reported as a regular item in-line with the governance and accountability framework for the NWJCC. This report encompasses all such issues as one agenda item.

2. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL

2.1 NWJCC Internal Audit Programme

2.1.1 26/27 Upcoming Audits

Please see below for an update on the internal audit programme for the NWJCC for 2026-27 includes:

- Annual Planning – Delayed from 2025/26 – Fieldwork started.
- Risk Management – To start in Q3.
- Clinical Escalation – Final report issued 23.10.26 with Reasonable Assurance.
- Contract Monitoring – Fieldwork started 02.10.2026.

Following implementation of the recommendations in the Clinical Escalation Audit, the process will be explored again by Internal Audit during 2027/28 to provide additional assurance that the escalation process continues to operate effectively across commissioning portfolios.

2.2 Register of Interest/Related Parties

The Committee Secretary must establish and maintain a Register of Interests recording all interests declared by JC members. Declaration of Interest forms will be circulated on 1 April 2026, then collated and reviewed on return to inform the Related Parties returns for the Annual Accounts.

2.3 Welsh Health Circulars (WHCs)

Welsh Government (WG) issue WHCs to provide official guidance and mandates to health and care organisations in Wales to ensure compliance with new policies, standards, and procedures. Such updates typically communicate important information, such as updates to national programs, new codes of practice, and policy frameworks.

To ensure that NWJCC colleagues remain aware of the changing policies, procedures or standards set out within WHCs the Corporate Governance team share published WHCs with commissioning and clinical leads for action, as necessary.

Since the July 2026 meeting of the JC the following WHCs have been received and shared with relevant commissioning and clinical leads:

- All Wales Nutrition and Catering Principles and Standards for Food and Fluid Provision for Patients in Hospital (2026) (WHC/2026/030)
- Selective varicella (chickenpox) catch-up vaccination programme from 1 November 2026 (WHC/2026/032)
- Delivery of the Welsh emergency care data set (WHC/2026/031)
- Update to safety-netting discharge leaflets for adults and children (WHC/2026/027)
- Expansion of Pneumococcal Vaccine Eligibility to People Experiencing Homelessness (WHC/2026/023)
- Introduction of Clesrovimab (Enflonsia) as an additional product for passive immunisation against Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) in at risk infants for upcoming 2026/27 RSV Season (WHC/2026/029)
- Update to 'Safety netting discharge leaflets for adults and children' (WHC/2026/027).

All WHCs are available via the WG website (Health circulars: 2024 to 2027 | GOV.WALES) for further detail and an overview of the requirements, risks and governance issues associated with each.

2.4 2026/2027 Forward Plan of Committee Business

The Forward Plan of committee business is presented at **Appendix 1** for information.

3. ASSESSMENT

Objectives / Strategy	
Dolen I Amcan (au) Strategol CBC **Link to JCC Strategic Objectives(s)**	Ensure Quality
Dolen i Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaetha''r Dyfodol – Nodau Llesiant / **Link to Wellbeing of Future Generations Act – Wellbeing Goals** 150623-guide-to-the-fg-act-en.pdf (futuregenerations.wales)	A Healthier Wales
Dolen i Hwyluswyr Ansawdd (Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) / **Link to Enablers of Quality** (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Leadership
Dolen i Feysydd Ansawdd	Effective

(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) / **Link to Domains of Quality** (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	
Effaith Amgylcheddol/ Cynaliadwyedd (5R) / Environmental /Sustainability Impact (5Rs)	No - Not Applicable

Impact Assessment		
Ansawdd *Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Ansawdd? /* **Quality** *Have you undertaken a Quality Impact Assessment Screening?*	Yes: ☐	No: ☒
	Outcome:	If no, please include rationale below: N/A
Cydraddoldeb *Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad ''r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb? /* **Equality** *Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment Screening?*	Yes: ☐	No: ☒
	Outcome:	If no, please include rationale below: N/A
Cyfreithiol / Legal	Yes (Include further detail below)	
	The NWJCC's Standing Orders were issued by Welsh Ministers to Local Health Boards (LHBs) using powers of direction provided in section 12 (3) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006. Each Local Health Board in Wales must agree the Standing Orders for the regulation of the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee's proceedings and business to form part of each LHBs Standing Orders.	
Enw da / Reputational	There is no direct impact on the reputation of the Joint Committee as a result of the activity outlined in this report.	
Effaith Adnoddau *(Pobl /Ariannol) /*	There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.	

Resource Impact *(People / Financial)*	A sound system of financial control enacts robust financial control, safeguards public funds and the NWJCC's assets and resources. Robust governance arrangements underpinning financial management contribute towards internal control and value for money being achieved.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

The members of the Joint Commissioning Committee are asked to:

- **Note** the report, and updates shared, acknowledging the assurance provided.