



**Agenda Item**

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**Joint Commissioning Committee**

**Corporate Governance Report**

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<b>Pwrpas yr Adroddiad / Report Purpose</b>	For Noting
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<b>Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt /consideration at Committee/Group)</b>		
<b>Committee / Group / Individuals</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
NWJCC Senior Leadership Team	21/01/2026	Noted

<b>Acronyms / Glossary of Terms</b>	
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 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 Joint Committee (JC). This report encompasses all such issues as one agenda item.

## **2. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL**

### **2.1 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 November 2025 meeting of the JC the following WHCs have been received and are available via the WG website (<https://www.gov.wales/health-circulars-2024-2027#Circulars2025>) for further detail and an overview of the requirements, risks and governance issues associated with each:

- Routine varicella (chickenpox) vaccination for young children from 1 January 2026 (WHC/2025/046)
- NHS Wales hearing care: future approach to audiology services (WHC/2025/024)
- Safety netting discharge leaflets for adults and children (WHC/2025/051)
- Patient Travel Policy (WHC/2025/049)
- Pneumococcal vaccination: product change (WHC/2025/054)
- Call4Concern: timelines and responsibilities for implementing the patient and family-initiated escalation approach, Call4Concern (WHC/2026/001)

## **2.2 NWJCC Internal Audit Programme 2025-26**

The internal audit programme for the NWJCC for 2025-26 includes:

- Q3 Individual Patient Funding Requests
- Q4 Strategic Planning
- Q4 High-Cost Drugs
- Q4 Budget Management.

Audit work for the Individual Patient Funding Request Audit has been finalised and it is intended that the final report will be shared at the Cwm Taf Morganwg University Health Board (CTMUHB) Hosted Bodies Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025. The detail of this report, once agreed, will be shared with the JC within the Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee Highlight Report.

Work will continue with NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership's Internal Audit department to agree the scopes for each remaining audit scheduled for Quarter 4 of 2025-26.

## **2.3 Hosting Arrangements**

In accordance with the Hosting Agreement between the NWJCC and CTMUHB ("the Hosting Agreement"), a review of hosting arrangements between the two organisations has been scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

The basis of this review will be informed by performance over the last year and will be guided by the recent Welsh Government review of the NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership Accountability and Governance Arrangements (<https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2025-12/review-of-the-nhs-wales-shared-services-partnership.pdf>), including recommendations to ensure that there are practical arrangements in place for both organisations to discharge their governance and accountability responsibilities to each other and adjust them as necessary to ensure effective implementation of the Hosting Agreement.

## **2.4 Work in Progress**

As we approach year end the Corporate Governance team will commence work on the following reviews:

- Standing Orders Annual Review
- Sub Committee Terms of Reference Reviews
- Joint Committee and Sub-Committee annual effectiveness reviews; and
- The Annual Accountability Report, to support CTMUHB's Annual Report and Accounts preparation.

These reviews will be undertaken in accordance with the NWJCC Standing Orders and, for the Accountability Report, in accordance with Audit Wales and CTMUHB timescales.

Substantive progress reports will be shared at our Sub-Committee and Committee meetings between February and May 2026 and JC members are thanked in advance for their support within these processes, which will include the provision of updated Declarations of Interest for Accountability Report submissions.

## 2.5 Forward Plan of Committee Business to March 2027

The Forward Plan of Committee Business is presented as agenda item 5.2.1 for information.

## 3. ASSESSMENT

<b>Objectives / Strategy</b>	
<b>Dolen i Amcan (au) Strategol CBC</b> <b>Link to JCC Strategic Objectives(s)</b>	Ensure Quality
<b>Dolen i Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol – Nodau Llesiant /</b> <b>Link to Wellbeing of Future Generations Act – Wellbeing Goals</b> <a href="#">150623-guide-to-the-fg-act-en.pdf</a> <a href="#">(futuregenerations.wales)</a>	A Healthier Wales
<b>Dolen i Hwyluswyr Ansawdd</b> (Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) / <b>Link to Enablers of Quality</b> <a href="#">(Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance gov.wales)</a>	Leadership
<b>Dolen i Feysydd Ansawdd</b> (Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) / <b>Link to Domains of Quality</b> <a href="#">(Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance gov.wales)</a>	Effective
<b>Effaith Amgylcheddol/ Cynaliadwyedd (5R) / Environmental /Sustainability Impact (5Rs)</b>	No - Not Applicable

<b>Impact Assessment</b>		
<b>Ansawdd</b> <i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Ansawdd? /</i> <b>Quality</b> <i>Have you undertaken a Quality Impact Assessment Screening?</i>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome:	If no, please include rationale below: N/A
<b>Cydraddoldeb</b> <i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb? /</i> <b>Equality</b> <i>Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment Screening?</i>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome:	If no, please include rationale below: N/A
<b>Cyfreithiol / Legal</b>	Yes (Include further detail below)	
	<p>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.</p>	
<b>Enw da / Reputational</b>	There is no direct impact on the reputation of the Joint Committee as a result of the activity outlined in this report.	
<b>Effaith Adnoddau</b> <i>(Pobl / Ariannol) /</i> <b>Resource Impact</b> <i>(People / Financial)</i>	There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.	
	<p>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.</p>	

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The members of the Joint Commissioning Committee are asked to:

- **Note** the report.