

<b>Agenda Item</b>
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<b>Joint Commissioning Committee</b>
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<b>Highlight Report from the Hosted Bodies Audit &amp; Risk Committee 22 May 2025</b>
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<b>Dyddiad y Cyfarfod / Date of Meeting</b>	15/07/2025
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	Not Applicable
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<b>Pwrpas yr Adroddiad / Report Purpose</b>	For Noting Choose an item.
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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>
N/A		Choose an item.

## 1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

This report had been prepared to provide a summary of the key issues considered by the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (CTMUHB) Hosted Bodies Audit & Risk Committee (ARC) which took place on 22 May 2025.

Key highlights from the meeting are reported in Section 3.

## 2. PURPOSE

The Purpose and Role of the Joint Committee and the Sub-Committees are set out in Paragraphs 2.18 and 2.20 of the JCC [Standing Orders](#).

The CTMUHB Hosted Bodies Terms of Reference can be found [here](#) (Schedule 3.1 ARAC ToR).

## 3. HIGHLIGHT REPORT

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<p><b>Advise</b></p>	<p>The Chair welcomed members and attendees.</p> <p><b>NWJCC Update</b></p> <p>The Interim Chief Commissioner for the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (NWJCC) provided an update on the following key matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Huw George took up appointment as interim Chief Commissioner on 1 April 2025 for a 12-month period</li> <li>• An advisory internal audit review to assess the implementation of the new governance arrangements at the NWJCC had been undertaken. The report outlined that the first year of operation of the NWJCC was regarded very positively by those interviewed as part of the review and that the full report was on the agenda for assurance</li> <li>• The NWJCC were currently running with a 29% vacancy rate and a prioritised recruitment plan was in place. There were pan Wales discussions with CEOs on how the NWJCC and Health Boards (HBs) can work together to support this capacity gap and to offer secondment opportunities for professional development</li> <li>• The Joint Committee (JC) meeting 20 May 2025 approved an updated Scheme of Delegation for decision-making and funding to continue with the Syndrome Without a Name (SWAN) service</li> <li>• An independent governance review of the Welsh Kidney Network (WKN) had been undertaken by Steve Combe and will be reported to the JC in July 2025.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assure</b></p>	<p><b>NWJCC Organisational Risk Register</b></p> <p>The Risk Register was approved by the JC on 20 May 2025. As at 31 March 2025 there were <b>13</b> risks with a score of 15 and above (high risks) on the transitional Risk Register. A number of activities occurred in April 2025 which will enable the NWJCC to review and adjust the risk ratings and mitigation plans for some of the risks.</p>

	<p>The Chair requested that the agenda for future meetings be led by the highest scoring risks relating to Utilisation of emergency ambulance capacity and neonatal workforce.</p> <p><b>NWJCC Integrated Medium Term Plan (IMTP)</b>  Members received a presentation from the Director of Corporate Planning and Strategy which provided an overview of the NWJCC IMTP process. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NWJCC Foundation Annual Plan 2025-2026 was approved by the JC in March 2025</li> <li>• An Implementation Framework had been agreed for the delivery and monitoring of the Foundation Plan</li> <li>• Work was ongoing to develop a NWJCC Strategy in collaboration with HBs and engagement with Llais</li> <li>• Work had commenced to develop the IMTP 2026-2029.</li> </ul> <p><b>Internal Audit Advisory Review – Governance Systems</b>  Internal audit colleagues presented the advisory Internal Audit Review Report which assessed the arrangements that have been put in place at the NWJCC for embedding the statutory governance framework and the establishment of operational governance arrangements to provide effective oversight in the new organisation. The first year of operation of the NWJCC was regarded very positively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The governance framework has largely been established</li> <li>• The revised JC had met regularly throughout the year</li> <li>• Meetings have generally been well attended by HB Chief Executive Officers (CEOs)</li> <li>• The appointment of the Chair and five Lay Members was viewed positively</li> <li>• One area of concern was quoracy for the newly established Collaborative Commissioning Leadership Group (CCLG) and this had been discussed with HB CEOs.</li> </ul> <p>It was also recognised that there was a need to develop an organisational development plan to ensure that the required values and behaviours, and the new ways of working of the organisation, were effectively embedded.</p>
<p><b>Inform</b></p>	<p><b>NWJCC Audit Tracker</b>  A NWJCC Audit Tracker update was received and the following key matters were highlighted:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The advisory internal audit assessment on the governance framework for the establishment of the NWJCC had been concluded,</li> <li>• The internal audit of the Traumatic Stress Wales (TSW) service was being finalised and will be presented to the ARC in June 2025,</li> <li>• The internal review of the Welsh Kidney Network (WKN) was being finalised and will be presented to the JC in July 2025</li> <li>• The Director of Finance and Value and the Committee Secretary met with internal audit colleagues on 14 May 2025 to discuss the internal audits relating to TSW and the finance systems audit, and to discuss the internal audit programme for 2025-2026.</li> </ul>
<b>Appendices</b>	None

#### 4. 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 / 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 Resilient Wales
<b>Dolen i Hwyluswyr Ansawdd</b> <i>(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) / Link to Enablers of Quality</i> <a href="#">(Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))</a>	Learning, Improvement & Research
	If more than one applies please list below:
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<b>Dolen i Feysydd Ansawdd</b> <i>(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) /</i> <b>Link to Domains of Quality</b> <i>(<a href="#">Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales)</a>)</i>	If more than one applies please list below:
<b>Effaith Amgylcheddol/ Cynaliadwyedd (5R) / Environmental /Sustainability Impact (5Rs)</b>	No - Not Applicable
	If more than one applies please list below:

Impact Assessment		
<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:
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome for Equality (delete as appropriate): POSITIVE/NEUTRAL/NEGATIVE  Outcome for Welsh Language (delete as appropriate): POSITIVE/NEUTRAL/NEGATIVE	If no, please include rationale below:
<b>Cyfreithiol / Legal</b>	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.	
<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>	Yes (Include further detail below)	

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**Resource Impact**  
*(People / Financial)*

The performance of the services will be used to develop the IMTP and identify the areas where resources may be required.

## 5. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Joint Committee is asked to:

- **Note** the highlights outlined in Section 3 of this report.