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<b>Joint Commissioning Committee</b>
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<b>Corporate Governance Report</b>
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	Not Applicable
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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>
N/A	Click or tap to enter a date.	Choose an item.

<b>Acronyms / Glossary of Terms</b>	
JC	Joint Commissioning Committee
JCC	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 around specific topic areas. The following WHCs have been received and are available via the WG website, where further details as to the risks and governance issues are available:

- WHC/2025/019 – Changes to routine childhood and selective neonatal hepatitis B vaccinations
- WHC/2025/020 – The national influenza immunisation programme 2025 to 2026
- WHC/2025/021 – Introduction of routine vaccinations for mpox and gonorrhoea
- WHC/2025/023 – PPE stockpile volume in Wales
- WHC/2025/012 – Interim changes to NHS model standing financial instructions
- WHC/2025/022 – The national COVID-19 vaccination programme autumn 2025
- WHC/2025/008 – Licensing scheme for special procedures in Wales
- WHC/2025/028 – Expansion of shingles immunisation for severely immunosuppressed people aged 18 to 49
- WHC/2025/025 – Overseas visitors' eligibility to receive free primary care
- WHC/2025/027 – All-Wales gluten free subsidy card scheme
- WHC/2025/029 – Introduction of a new RSV passive immunisation from autumn 2025
- WHC/2025/026 – The safe and responsible adoption of ambient voice technologies (AI scribes).

### **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.

Work will continue with NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership's Internal Audit department to agree the scopes for each audit.

### 2.3 Committee Secretary

The new Committee Secretary for the JC is due to start on 22 September 2025. An induction programme is being put in place and introductory meetings with all Lay Members and NWJCC Senior Leadership Team Directors is being put in place. Priority areas for focus will be agreed with the Chair and Chief Commissioner and will include the continued development of the Joint Committee's Risk Appetite and the NWJCC's Assurance Framework.

### 2.4 Willowford Closure

The Willowford building was closed for a short period of time at the end of August following advice from Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Estates Department who had detected traces of legionella. Remedial work was carried out to ensure health and safety of staff. A wider review of accommodation for the NWJCC will continue to assess options for improving the efficiency and environment for NWJCC colleagues based in South Wales.

### 2.5 Independent Governance Review – Welsh Kidney Network

Following a review of the governance and reporting of the Welsh Kidney Network (WKN), the report has now been received and finalised. Management actions are being taken in response to clarify and strengthen the arrangements. The report and management response are considered in full later as a separate agenda item at this meeting.

### 2.6 Forward Plan of Committee Business 2025-2026

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

## 3. ASSESSMENT

Objectives / Strategy	
<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>	Leadership

<a href="#">(Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))</a>	
<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

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: 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) 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.	
<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.
	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 Committee are asked to:

- **Note** the report; and
- **Note** the internal audit programme for the NWJCC for 2025-26.