

Agenda Item

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Joint Commissioning Committee

Corporate Governance Report

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Pwrpas yr Adroddiad / Report Purpose	For Noting For Approval
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Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt /consideration at Committee/Group)		
Committee / Group / Individuals	Date	Outcome
N/A	Click or tap to enter a date.	Choose an item.

Acronyms / Glossary of Terms	
AGS	Annual Governance Statement
ARC	Audit & Risk Committee
EASC	(Former) Emergency Ambulance Services Committee
NWJCC	NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee
SO	Standing Orders
SFI	Standing Financial Instructions
WHSSC	(Former) Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee

1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on corporate governance matters 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 Commissioning Committee. This report encompasses all such issues as one agenda item.

2. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL

2.1 Matters Considered In-Committee

In accordance with the Standing Orders (SOs), the Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) is required to report any decisions made in private "In-Committee" session, to the next available public meeting of the JC. An "In-Committee" meeting was held on 21 May 2024 and the following updates were received:

- Minutes of the JCC In Committee Meeting held on 21 May 2024; and
- Any Other Business.

2.2 Welsh Health Circulars (WHCS)

Welsh Government (WG) issue Welsh Health Circulars (WHCs) around specific topic areas. The following WHCs have been received since 1 April 2024 and are available via the WG website, where further details as to the risks and governance issues are available:

- WHC/2024/020 New Treatment fund: directions on the exemptions for health boards and trusts
- WHC/024/024 Anti-violence collaborative obligatory responses document
- WHC/025/24 NHS Wales national clinical audit and outcome review plan 2024 to 2025
- WHC/2024/026 NHS Wales financial monitoring guidance 2024 to 2024
- WHC/2024/029 Certification of vision impairment in primary and community care
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- WHC/2024/028 The national influenza immunization programme 2024 to 2025
- WHC/2024/031 Agency workforce reduction programme and control framework 2024 to 2025
- WHC/2024/027 Critical care escalation guidance
- WHC/2024/032 Introduction of RSV vaccination programme 2024
- WHC/2024/030 Published weight management medication pathway.

2.3 Former Emergency Ambulance Services Committee (EASC) Joint Committee Sub Committee/Advisory Group Annual Reports 2023-2024

The former EASC Joint Committee had established joint sub committees and advisory groups in the discharge of its functions. The Annual Reports for these groups are attached for information and approval:

- EASC Annual Report 2023-2024 (**Appendix 1a**)
- EASC Management Group Annual Report 2023-2024 (**Appendix 1b**)
- Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service (EMRTS) Delivery Assurance Group - Annual Report 2023-2024 (**Appendix 1c**)
- Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services Delivery Assurance Group (NEPTS DAG) Annual Report 2023-2024. (**Appendix 1d**)

2.4 Former WHSSC Joint Committee Effectiveness Survey 2023-2024

In accordance with the former WHSSC Standing Orders which stipulated a requirement to review the performance of the Joint Committee, its joint sub-Committees, Expert Panels and Advisory Groups, specifically that:

"The Joint Committee shall introduce a process of regular and rigorous self-assessment and evaluation of its own operations and performance and that of its joint sub-Committees, expert panels and any other Advisory Groups. Where appropriate, the Joint Committee may determine that such evaluation may be independently facilitated."

For the Annual Committee effectiveness survey for 2023-2024, a questionnaire was disseminated via email to all WHSSC Joint Committee members on 24 April 2024 enabling an efficient yet effective reflection on Committee effectiveness. The findings are presented at **Appendix 2** for information and will be incorporated into discussions to develop the new JCC and its development programme.

2.5 Forward Plan of Committee Business 2024-2025

The forward plan of committee business is presented at **Appendix 3** for information.

3. ASSESSMENT

Objectives / Strategy	
Dolen i Nod (au) Strategol CBC Link to JCC Strategic Goal(s)	Not Applicable
	The JCC was established on 1 April 2024. As yet the JCC strategic goals have not yet been developed.
Dolen i Feysydd Strategol CBC / Link to JCC Strategic Areas	Not Applicable
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Dolen i Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'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	
	If more than one applies please list below:	
Dolen i Hwyluswyr Ansawdd <i>(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) /</i> Link to Enablers of Quality (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Whole-systems Perspective	
	If more than one applies please list below:	
Dolen i Feysydd Ansawdd 4. (Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) / Link to Domains of Quality (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Effective	
	All apply	
Effaith Amgylcheddol/ Cynaliadwyedd (5R) / Environmental /Sustainability Impact (5Rs)	No - Not Applicable	
	If more than one applies please list below:	

Impact Assessment		
Ansawdd <i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Ansawdd? /</i> Quality <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

Cydraddoldeb <i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb? /</i> Equality <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
Cyfreithiol / Legal	Yes (Include further detail below)	
	National Health Service Joint Commissioning Committee (Wales) Directions 2024 National Health Service Joint Commissioning Committee (Wales) Regulations 2024	
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 <i>(Pobl /Ariannol) /</i> Resource Impact <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 JCC's assets and resources. Robust governance arrangements underpinning financial management contribute towards internal control and value for money being achieved.	

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

The JCC is asked to:

- **Note** the report,
- **Approve** the Annual Reports for the Former EASC Sub Committees and Sub Groups as part of the legacy work,
- **Note** the results of the former WHSSC Annual Committee Effectiveness Survey for 2023-2024; and
- **Receive assurance** that the Annual Committee Effectiveness Self-assessment for 2023-2024 was completed for the WHSSC.