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<b>Quality Safety and Outcomes Sub-Committee</b>
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<b>Annual Review of Terms of Reference</b>
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<b>Dyddiad y Cyfarfod / Date of Meeting</b>	23/02/2026
<b>Statws Cyhoeddi / Publication Status</b>	Open/ Public
	Not Applicable
<b>Awdur yr Adroddiad / Report Author</b>	Helen Tyler Head of Governance and Risk
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<b>Pwrpas yr Adroddiad / Report Purpose</b>	Sub-Committee Endorsement and Recommendation to NWJCC Joint Committee for Approval.
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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.

## 1. SITUATION

Pursuant to paragraph 16.1 of the NWJCC (NHS Wales Joint Committee) Standing Orders, the Quality Safety and Outcomes sub-committee (QSOC) Terms of Reference (ToR) are subject to annual review.

The purpose of this report is to share with QSOC members, updated QSOC ToR for review and recommendation to the NWJCC Joint Committee (JC) for endorsement and recommendation to Health Boards for approval.

## 2. BACKGROUND

Section 5.5 of the NWJCC Standing Orders states that the Joint Committee shall determine, for agreement by Health Boards, a joint sub-Committee structure that meets its own advisory and assurance needs and in doing so the needs of the constituent Health Boards.

Paragraph 5.8 states that "As a minimum, it shall ensure that there are joint sub-Committee arrangements which cover the following aspects of Joint Committee business:

- Audit and Risk
- Quality, Safety and Outcomes
- Planning and Performance

The NWJCC Sub-Committee structure was established in January 2025 with the first QSOC meeting taking place on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025, at which time proposed Terms of Reference were recommended to the JC for endorsement.

Following a year of operation, consideration has been given to the content of the QSOC ToR, and how they align with the NWJCC's governance framework and operational structure, acknowledging that the NWJCC is a maturing organisation, with a recruitment process underway to appoint a new Chief Commissioner, who may have their own view on the role and responsibilities of the QSOC.

A copy of the draft, updated QSOC ToR are presented at **Appendix 1** for review, with proposed changes highlighted as tracked changes.

QSOC Members are requested to note that, whilst Committee membership has been reviewed, taking into consideration Member and Chief Executive attendance it is not considered that it would be appropriate to alter the existing membership or quoracy provisions within the ToR.

Whilst CEO attendance has been regular, it is not proposed that CEO attendance contribute to quoracy until additional CEO attendance is secured. This position remains under review.

Additionally, the updates to the ToR reflect the position that the NWJCC Joint Committee Assurance Framework ("JAF") remains in development. Once finalised, during Q1 of 2026/27 a copy of the JAF will be shared with the QSOC for comment and onward recommendation to the JC.

## 3. ASSESSMENT

Objectives / Strategy	
Dolen i Amcan (au) Strategol CBC / Link to JCC Strategic Objectives(s)	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
	If more than one applies please list below: A Healthier Wales A More Equal Wales
<b>Dolen i Hwyluswyr Ansawdd</b> <i>(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) /</i> <b>Link to Enablers of Quality</b> <a href="#">(Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))</a>	Whole-systems Perspective
	If more than one applies please list below:
<b>Dolen i Feysydd Ansawdd</b> <i>(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) /</i> <b>Link to Domains of Quality</b> <a href="#">(Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))</a>	Effective
	If more than one applies please list below: Person Centred Timely Safe
<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:  N/A
<b>Cydraddoldeb</b>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<p><i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Aseiad o'r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb? /</i>  <b>Equality</b>  <i>Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment Screening?</i></p>	Outcome:	If no, please include rationale below:  N/A
<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> <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.	

#### 4. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Quality, Safety and Outcomes Sub-Committee are asked to:

- **Consider** the proposed changes to the existing ToR; and
- **Endorse** the proposed revised ToR for recommendation to the Joint Commissioning Committee for endorsement and onward approval by Health Boards.