



### Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board



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Recommendations	Members are									
	Note the report and the management response.									

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#### MANAGEMENT RESPONSE FOR STRUCTURED ASSESSMENT

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the report is to set out the management response to Wales Audit Office's 2017 structured assessment.

### 2. BACKGROUND

Wales Audit Office's structured assessment report examines the health board's arrangements that support good governance and the efficient, effective and economic use of resources. Structured assessment work in 2017 has again reviewed the health board's financial management.

### 3. GOVERNANCE AND RISK ISSUES

As in previous years, the 2017 structured assessment work has reviewed aspects of the health board's corporate governance and financial management arrangements, and, in particular, the progress made in addressing the previous year's recommendations. Recognising the growing financial pressures faced by many NHS bodies and the challenge of meeting the financial breakeven duties set out in the NHS Wales Finance Act (Wales) 2014, Wales Audit Office has also reviewed the health board's arrangements to plan and deliver financial savings.

Recommendations are contained within the structured assessment report 2017 and the management response has now been finalised for consideration by the Audit Committee (appendix 1).

### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for the committee to consider.

### 5. RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to:

Note the report and the management response.

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The report outlines work undertaken by the board to address the governance review, compliance with which will improve the short term performance and

finance position of the health board as well as focus on the longer term sustainability. The governance structure aims to identify issues early to prevent escalations and the committees integrate into the overall board arrangements.

Report History	The structured assessment was received by the committee at its meeting in March 2018.
Appendices	The management response is attached at appendix 1.

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# The Health Board's management response to 2017 structured assessment recommendations

The Health Board's management response will be inserted into Exhibit 14 once the response template has been completed. The appendix will form part of the final report to be published on the Wales Audit Office website once the report has been considered by the board or a relevant board committee.

Exhibit 14: management response

Recommendation	Intended outcome/ benefit	High priority (yes/no)	Accepted (yes/no)	Management response	Completion date	Responsible officer
Financial savings planning and delivery  R1 We found the Health Board's approach to savings and wider financial planning has remained broadly the same for a number of years despite the declining trend in financial performance. To foster a more sustainable approach to managing savings, the Health Board should:	controls over	Yes	Yes	The Board has begun to change its approach to Financial Planning for 2018/19. However it will take more than a single financial planning cycle to fully mature and embed a different approach. The Board is committed to driving this change which requires changes to financial planning and management techniques and tools, as well as a cultural and behavioural change. The Board has agreed a Reserves Policy. The Board is committed to establishing a Financial Strategy and a Medium Term Financial Plan, which will underpin a more mature and sustainable approach financial management and budgeting.	Sept 2018	Director of Finance

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a. b.	set realistic savings targets.  Make better use of benchmarking data and internal performance				targets based on the levels of opportunities and investments. The Board is also committed to taking a system-wide view of service, quality and financial management which means that it will, by		
	intelligence to better identify inefficiencies (and efficiencies) to feed into savings planning.				definition, not only examine 'each Delivery Unit'.  The Finance team is currently exploring how we		
C.	Link financial budgets to activity through zero based budgeting to identify efficient and inefficient areas and to effectively benchmark against good practice				could use zero based budgeting approaches to examine key areas of spend.		
d.	Ensure savings schemes are not planned in isolation but are linked to wider programmes of work or changes in activity.				The Board's approach to 18/19 One Year Service Planning, 18/19 Financial Planning and delivery of the Recovery and Sustainability Programme is designed to address this. However it will take more than a single financial planning cycle to fully mature and embed a different approach.		
e.	Adequately profile savings over the course of the year so that delivery is not concentrated in the last six months of the year.						
f.	Reduce reliance on short-term transactional savings in favour of						

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long-term and transformational savings which aim to reduce pressure on future budgets. For example by ensuring savings related to pay are linked to longterm service change.						
R2 We found the Health Board has improved its arrangements for monitoring, reporting and scrutiny of savings. However, to further strengthen arrangements, the Health Board should:  a. Improve the ownership of budgets and savings plans by budget holders through strengthened corporate leadership and improving the relationship between delivery units and the corporate centre.	Greater budget control and stronger scrutiny of savings delivery	Yes	Yes	The Board's approach to 18/19 Financial Planning and delivery of the Recovery and Sustainability Programme is designed to address this. A more robust approach to budget (including benefits realisation) allocations and delegations, linked to operational performance will be introduced for 2018/19. This will be cascaded via CEO allocations and delegations to Unit Directors and Executives Directors. At Unit level the Finance Business Partners, reporting directly to their line managers in Finance, will continue to take a more proactive role in support of budget holders. Monitoring will take place via fortnightly Financial and Performance Recovery Meetings	September 2018	Director of Finance
b. Ensure that Financial Recovery meetings within Delivery Units have a more explicit focus on the actions needed and are sufficiently long enough to allow good coverage of issues.				For 18/19 the Board is planning a more integrated approach, led jointly by the DoF and the COO at Recovery Meetings to focus on both financial recovery and performance improvement.		

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C.	Improve operational scrutiny of savings by encouraging senior finance business partners to be more proactive in holding Delivery Units to account in respect of managing budgets, and both the development of, and delivery against savings plans.				The Finance Business Partnering team, reporting to their Finance team line managers, will take a more proactive approach. The operating model of the Finance Business Partnering (FBP) team is being examined to ensure it is as effective as it needs to be.		
d.	Standardise the monitoring of financial performance of Delivery Units both in terms of the approach and reporting which is currently inconsistent.				Standard templates have been produced, with input from the Finance Business Partners, and issued to Units to ensure consistency and standardisation of reporting. It will be used formally from 1 April 2018 and reviewed after 6 months.		
gov The and issu spe- and Wel	Reviewing and strengthening ernance arrangements ere have been a number of reviews reports on governance related es in recent years (Health Board cific and wider), that offer learning have resulted in many action plans. sh Government has proposed that Health Board undertake a more	Robust governance arrangements	Yes	Yes	The Health Board has agreed to undertake a Governance Stocktake that consolidates all the actions from previous reviews, focusses on an improved governance structure and an integrated work programme for 2018-19.	September 2018	Director of Corporate Governance

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general governance review. In preparation, the Health Board should draw together the messages from all recent governance reviews and develop a consolidated action plan to address the issues raised by the reviews, and to help identify whether any further governance review would be of value. Consolidation of action plans should include the findings and recommendations from this structured assessment, the current Welsh Government Delivery Unit review of serious incidents management, and those of the Deloitte's financial governance review.						
Scheme of Delegation  R4 The Health Board should further develop its scheme of delegation arrangements by agreeing a scheme of delegation for capital project approvals.	Clarity in terms of the approval limit for capital projects	Yes	Yes	This has been highlighted as an area of focus for the forthcoming year and will be addressed as part of the review of the Standing Orders.	June 2018	Director of Corporate Governance
Governance Structures  R5 With full board membership in place for 2018, the Health Board is	Clear understandin g of the arrangements	Yes	Yes	The Board is reviewing the current committee structures to ensure that the committees specifically focus on assurance.	June 2018	Director of Corporate Governance

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a.	revising its committee structure and memberships. In doing this the Health Board should:  Ensure clarity and organisational understanding of the new structure and specifically, about what is a management group, partnership forum or scrutiny function as the current mapping groups them collectively.	and assurances provided by the different components of the supporting governance structure.			This is being addressed through the governance stocktake.		
b.	Reassess any gaps or duplication in the operation of the new arrangements once introduced.  As part of the development of the Board Assurance Framework, determine whether further simplification of governance structures and reporting lines is required.				The Board Development Framework will provide an opportunity to review the assuring committee structures.		
Qua R6	lity and Safety governance arrangements  The Executive-led Quality and Safety Forum, which was formed in January 2017 has focussed its attention on strengthening quality	Robust quality governance arrangements and assurance	Yes	Yes	A review of all the reporting structures for the Quality and Safety Forum is underway to ensure improved consistency and assurance arrangements are in place.	September 2018	Director of Therapies and Health Science

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	assurance arrangements. As part of this important work, the Health Board needs to ensure that:	flows					
а.	All management groups, which are required to report into the Forum, do so on a regular basis to avoid gaps in assurance.				The review of the Quality and Safety Forum arrangements will ensure regular reporting to the Committee.		
b.	Assurance reports from the Forum to the Quality and Safety Committee meet the Committee's requirements in terms of discharging its scrutiny role				The Governance Stocktake has reviewed the reporting templates to the Board Committees and this will ensure that appropriate reporting takes place.		
C.	It keeps the quality and safety sub- structures under review to determine whether further simplification of current structures would be desirable.				The Groups reporting to the Quality and Safety Forum will review their terms of reference on an annual basis.		
d.	There is clarity on the relationship between the Quality and Safety Forum and other groups, particularly the Assurance and Learning Group and the Clinical Outcomes Steering Group.				The review of the reporting structures to the Quality and Safety Forum will address this recommendation.		

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Worl R7	corposition shows and Com	kforce issues are a top orate risk; the Health Board ald strengthen the Workforce Organisational Development imittee and Board assurance	Robust governance arrangements for effective workforce scrutiny and assurance	Yes	Yes	As part of reviewing the committee structure, proposals on how to receive assurance on workforce and OD are being considered.	June 2018	Director of Workforce and OD
	by: a.	ensuring committee meetings are held as planned				The committee arrangements are being considered as part of the Governance Stocktake and currently being held bi-monthly.		
	b.	making sure there is a greater focus on strategic risks, as opposed to operational matters				This has already been addressed since the appointment of the new Director of Corporate Governance.		
	C.	Improve the timeliness of data reported to the Committee, ensuring the Board is also appropriately sighted of performance information.				The Health Board has recently reviewed the committee structure and agreed that workforce metrics are to be considered by the Performance and Finance Committee.		
	d.	Improve administration and reporting by ensuring completion dates and responsibilities for actions				The Health Board has been reviewing the governance arrangements for it's committees and this will be incorporated into the functioning of the committee going forward.		

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are provided and reports highlight risks more effectively.						
R8 Work to revise the Health Board's clinical strategy is underway, recognising the changes to the landscape within and outside of the Health Board since the Changing for the Better strategy was developed in 2013. The Health Board now needs to:  a. Produce a clear timetable for completing the development of its revised clinical strategy.	Robust governance arrangements , with an updated clinical strategy clearly aligned to supporting strategies, plans and change programmes	Yes	Yes	The Health Board determined in 2017/18 that a two-stage approach would be taken to revise Changing for the Better (C4B), the Health Boards clinical strategy, which is still extant.  The first stage would be a stock take of the implementation of the current strategy. The second phase would be a revised clinical services strategy to reflect further work required to C4B.  The stock take is nearing completion.  The second phase is subject to discussion with the new Chief executive on timescales and resource required to develop.  The Board is committed to the development of an organisational strategy which is underpinned by	1 <sup>st</sup> review to be completed end of March 2018  2 <sup>nd</sup> phase proposed date is to complete September 2018, but subject to discussion with new CEO	Director of Strategy

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strategy align	s and change within the			the Clinical Strategy and other enabling strategies.		
supporting st	derpinned by rategies and areas such as tates and					
focus solely of targeted intersecondary ca	pard gove arran with Health so ge the Health so ge the Health so and repo lines on areas of vention in re, and that gove arran solution in the investment of the solution in t	ponsibilitie	Yes	Service Improvement Boards have been established for Cancer, Planned Care and Unscheduled Care.  The Programme Boards will take responsibility for:  - Short term performance improvement actions against the Targeted Intervention Areas  - Performance managing implementation of the Service Improvement Plans for the	May 2018	Director of Strategy (responsible for the strategic development) Chief Operating Officer (responsible for the operational delivery)

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	other service areas and improvements	scrutiny arrangements			respective areas contained in the 2018/19 Annual Plan, taking corrective action where necessary if plans are not being delivered.  Developing the equivalent plans for the 2019/20 element of the IMTP/Annual Plan		
1	Re-map the Changing for the Better strategic change programmes formerly overseen by the Commissioning Boards and determine how they align to the new Programme Boards;				The Executive Team will review the governance arrangements for developing the organisational and clinical services strategy, and how the outcomes will then be implemented.		
	Ensure the new arrangements and interfaces between the Programme Boards and the delivery unit structures are clear and better understood than the previous arrangements;				Each has an Executive lead or sponsor, and appropriate senior clinical and managerial membership from corporate and Delivery Unit structures which will ensure clarity of interface and alignment of decision making and planning arrangements.		
	Clarify reporting lines for the new Programme Boards				Reporting lines to Performance & Finance Committee and Strategy Planning and		

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and the relationship to the Strategy and Planning, and Performance and Finance Committees				Commissioning Group to be confirmed as Terms of Reference are finalised.		
Risk management  R10 In taking forward its plans to improve risk management, the Health Board needs to ensure that:  a. It more clearly identifies risks to the achievement of objectives on the corporate risk register, rather than just listing issues such as "unscheduled care" and "public health".  b. It critically reviews the number of risks on the corporate risk register, as there are too many for proper collective scrutiny.  c. It re-maps risks to committees to reflect the new committee structure	Improved governance and risk management	Yes	Yes	As part of the Board Development Workshop Board members commented and identified risks to the objectives being achieved. This is part of work which is being undertaken led by the Director of Governance in terms of the development of a Board Assurance Framework and the role of the Corporate Risk Register.  This is part of work which is being undertaken as mentioned in the response to a) above. The development of Executive Director Risk Registers will support the reduction of risks on the Corporate Risk Register.  The re-mapping will be undertaken as part of the review of the Committee Structures.	June 2018	Director of Nursing and Patient Experience

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	d. All committees provide oversight and scrutiny for the risks assigned to them.				The development of the Board Assurance Framework is an opportunity to ensure that all committees have the clarity in terms of their responsibilities.		
R11	In taking forward its Recovery and Sustainability Programme, the Health Board needs to ensure that it facilitates greater ownership of performance improvement actions by the Delivery Units.  The establishment of a	Robust performance management and scrutiny arrangement underpinned by enhanced performance reporting	Yes	Yes	Work is in hand to introduce from April 2018 a new format of Recovery Meetings. We will replace and strengthen the fortnightly Financial Recovery meetings that have taken place during 2017/18 with Finance and Performance Recovery Meetings. There will be two meetings with each Unit per month, one meeting focusing on the financial position and savings targets and a second integrating all of our Targeted Intervention performance indicators, including finance.	April 2018	Director of Finance
	Performance and Finance Committee has been a positive development. Whilst the Committee's work to date has necessarily focused on the specific challenges related to the Health				It is proposed to bring a paper to the Performance and Finance Committee which sets out proposed performance reporting arrangements to Committees and Board. This will be prepared once the Board's revised governance arrangements are approved. The proposal is to bring an initial	July 2018	Director of Finance

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Board's targeted intervented status, the Committee notes that this approach result in insufficient scrute Health Board's wider pe	eeds to th does not tiny of the			paper to Performance and Finance Committee in April		
R13 As part of the Performan Management Framework the Health Board should performance dashboard there is a greater focus of trajectories, and outcome	k update I review its , so that on targets,			Through the Performance & Finance Committee a Digitally-enabled Balanced Scorecard is being prepared which will give greater insight across a balanced scorecard of indicators. This will enable interrogation of performance at a Health Board and Unit level. It will also introduce a fixed date each month to "lock down" data for reporting.	June 2018	Director of Strategy
R14 Generally, the performar to Board provides suffici information to support so However, the current for be further strengthened a. Making it easier to determine perform against target,	ient could by:			The Board Performance Report has been reviewed which begins to address the points raised here. With the strengthening of the Performance and Finance Committee all performance reporting arrangements are being reviewed. This will include addressing the content of the performance report as detailed in 14d.		
b. Providing more classified being considered,	,					
c. Better linkage bet reported actions, of and timescales for	outcomes					

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R15	improvement, and d. More performance reporting on commissioned, primary care and partner provided services.  In progressing the planned work to develop a more integrated approach to the provision of management information, the Health Board needs to clarify: a. Executive accountabilities for performance information and management, where business intelligence sits and how it relates to informatics.				The Chief Executive will review the Executive Directors responsibilities which will also clarify where the responsibilities and accountabilities sit.  Following the review of the responsibilities clarity will be required in relation to the respective roles to ensure an integrated approach to performance reporting.	June 2018	Chief Executive
	The Health Board has taken steps to increase information governance training for staff and independent members alike, but compliance as at December 2017 was 52%. The Health Board	Compliance with Data Protection Act /GDPR	Yes	Yes	Improvement in mandatory IG training is overseen by the Information Governance Board (IGB) chaired by the SIRO. Unit and corporate IGB leads have been required to implement plans to improve the compliance of IG training in their SDU / Department.	December 2018	Medical Director/ SIRO

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therefore needs to take action to increase information governance training compliance rates.				A targeted programme is being created for staff with poor digital literacy, with trainers to be appointed and external digital inclusion consultancy to support staff with their online learning.  ABMU expects to achieve the required standard of compliance by December 2018.		
Strategic change management and Programme Management Office R17 Acknowledging that the Programme Management Office (PMO) is currently focused on supporting the Recovery and Sustainability Programme, the Health Board should prospectively consider programme management arrangements and the future role of the PMO in supporting wider strategic plans and change programmes.	Clarity on the arrangements to support strategic change programmes, and the future	Yes	Yes	The Board agrees that the PMO, in its support of the Recovery and Sustainability Programme, needs sufficient capacity and capability to discharge the functions expected of it. The Board intends to address that requirement as a priority. The Board also agrees that going forward its broader change capacity and capability, including the role of a PMO needs to be examined.	June 2018	Director of Finance
Learning and development  R18 Mandatory training rates are low and not meeting the Health Board's target of 85%. The Health Board should therefore:  a. Take steps to increase	Improved levels of Information governance training compliance	Yes	Yes	The Health Board will address the mandatory training rates by the rollout of ESR and addressing the access issues to ESR.  a) Mandatory training framework will be reviewed in June 2018. Awareness programme to be	July 2018	Director of Workforce and OD

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mandatory training rates to meet the Health Board target of 85%.				developed to encourage compliance. Compliance will be monitored through performance reviews. Mandatory training available via e-learning. E-learning drop-in sessions are being run.		
b. Address access issues with the Electronic Staff Record to allow accurate recording of compliance.				<ul><li>b) Continued training for ESR administrators to ensure accurate recording of data.</li><li>c) Review of this committee arrangement will be undertaken by the Director of Workforce and</li></ul>		
Governance Committee  meets. The committee was established in October 2016 to monitor the mandatory training framework, but to date has not met.				OD a recommendation will be made about the future of the committee.		