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Report Title	Audit Committee Work Programme during Covid-19		
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Freedom of Information	Open		
Purpose of the Report	The purpose of the report is to set out a proposed work programmes for the Audit Committee to seek the assurance required during the Covid-19 pandemic.		
Key Issues	In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, it was agreed to streamline the board governance arrangements in order to give focus to the key priority areas. Consideration now needs to be given as to whether some arrangements need to be reinstated. In addition, guidance has been received from Welsh Government as to how boards and committees should be working and this has also been incorporated.		
Specific Action Required (please choose one only)	Information	Discussion	Assurance
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Recommendations	Members are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTE the report; • APPROVE the revised work programme for the Audit Committee 		

AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME DURING COVID-19

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the report is to set out proposed work programmes for the board and its committees to seek the assurance required during the Covid-19 pandemic.

2. BACKGROUND

On 1st April 2020, chair's action was taken to streamline the board and committee arrangements to reduce the pressure on the organisation. The board ratified the approach at its meeting in April 2020. Specifically this meant moving to monthly board meetings lasting no more than three hours and bi-monthly Audit and Quality and Safety committees focussing on Covid-19 and essential services. All other committees were stood down. Following this, guidance has been received from Welsh Government which mirrors the approach taken by the health board. A copy of the guidance is available at (**appendix one**).

3. GOVERNANCE AND RISK ISSUES

The approach agreed by the board was that a review of these arrangements would take place on a monthly basis. A review of the guidance has been undertaken and a revised work programme for the Audit Committee is attached at **appendix two**.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications of which members need to be aware.

5. RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to:

- **NOTE** the report;
- **APPROVE** the revised work programme for the Audit Committee

Governance and Assurance		
Link to Enabling Objectives (please choose)	Supporting better health and wellbeing by actively promoting and empowering people to live well in resilient communities	
	Partnerships for Improving Health and Wellbeing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Co-Production and Health Literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Health and Wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Deliver better care through excellent health and care services achieving the outcomes that matter most to people	
	Best Value Outcomes and High Quality Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Partnerships for Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Excellent Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Outstanding Research, Innovation, Education and Learning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Health and Care Standards		
(please choose)	Staying Healthy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Safe Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Effective Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Dignified Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Timely Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Individual Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Staff and Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Quality, Safety and Patient Experience		
Good governance will ensure that quality, safety and patient experience is being delivered as well as identifying areas for improvement.		
Financial Implications		
There are no financial implications.		
Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)		
There are no legal implications.		
Staffing Implications		
There are no staffing implications.		
Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)		
Good governance will ensure the long-term working of the health board to achieve to what is expected.		
Report History	First report.	
Appendices	Appendix one – Welsh Government guidance Appendix two – proposed work programmes for board and committees	