



AGENDA ITEM

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CTM BOARD

HIGHLIGHT REPORT FROM THE AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING

28 January 2021

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE REPORT

Public

**IF PRIVATE PLEASE
INDICATE REASON**

Not Applicable - Public Report

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REPORT PURPOSE

FOR NOTING

ACRONYMS

CTMUHB

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

EASC

Emergency Ambulance Services Committee

PCH

Prince Charles Hospital

WHSSC

Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report had been prepared to provide the Board with details of the key issues considered by the Audit & Risk Committee at its meeting on 14 December 2020.
- 1.2 Key highlights from the meeting are reported in section 2.
- 1.3 The Board is requested to **NOTE** the report.

2. HIGHLIGHT REPORT

<p>ALERT / ESCALATE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee was alerted to an issue relating to a significant level of debtors relating to reimbursement claims from the Welsh Risk Pool (WRP), as a result of delays in the Health Board submitting claims reports. The Committee noted that a Task Force has been established since July to address the matter not only in financial terms but to also ensure the timely identification of lessons learned. The Committee expressed concerns in relation to two Internal Audit Reviews <i>currently at draft status</i> which are reporting a Limited Assurance Rating – IT Service Management and Data Quality. The Committee tasked the Executive Team to work with Internal and External Audit Colleagues to review the Audit Tracker as concerns were expressed in relation to the timeliness of updates and the delay in implementing actions in response to recommendations that had been on the tracker for a significant period of time. <p>Positive Escalation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee were delighted to note a Substantial Assurance rating in relation to Internal Audit Review – PCH Redevelopment. In the Audit & Risk Committee meeting Part 2, WHSSC were commended for having closed all the recommendations on their Audit Tracker. The Committee received and endorsed for Approval the Risk Management Strategy for onward submission to Board for approval.
<p>ADVISE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee received an update on the balance sheet forecast and related issues for 2020/2021, and resolved the following recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endorsed the proposed accounting methodologies for 2020/2021. Noted the potential risk of a Prior Year Adjustment in 2020/2021 and the associated implications, the

	<p>ongoing review of the projected balance sheet for 2020/2021 and the learning points identified in section 3.3 of the update report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee approved the Financial Control Procedure – Medical Variable Pay.
ASSURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee received assurance that the Health Board is reflecting on the learning from the Internal Audit Review – Covid Governance Review – All Wales Summary Report and building improvements into its approach to the recent resurgence in infections. The Committee received an updated Risk Management Improvement Plan and acknowledged the progress made to date. The Committee received the Organisational Risk Register recognising that further work is underway to review those risks where the trend has remained stagnant to ensure the mitigating action and control measures remain appropriate. A new risk in relation to Ambulance Waiting Times was raised and it was confirmed that a risk assessment had been completed and this will be reflected in the next iteration of the register in January 2021. The Committee welcomed the new approach to the Committee Effectiveness Self-Assessment process and look forward to receiving an action plan in response to the survey outcomes at the next meeting. The Committee noted the new report in relation to Declarations of Interest and Gifts and Hospitality, welcoming the suggestion of further awareness and education being processed in relation to this area of activity across the Health Board. In the Audit & Risk Committee Part 2 meeting, WHSSC and EASC reported on a revised risk management approach aligned to the CTMUHB Risk Management Strategy. The Part 2 meeting also noted an update in relation to the progress the Director of Governance is making in relation to the drafting of a Hosting Assurance Framework.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee received the Local Counter Fraud Progress report and were assured that Counter Fraud continued to move towards more intervention and investigative work in line with Welsh Government standards.
INFORM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee received and noted the following reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procurement and Scheme of Delegation Report Losses and Special Payments Internal Audit Progress Report Internal Audit Review – Head & Neck Directorate – Position Statement Internal Audit 2020/2021 Plan Review Audit Wales Progress Report Audit Wales Report – Operating Theatre Department Review. Audit Wales Report – Annual Audit Report 2020
APPENDICES	NOT APPLICABLE