



**AGENDA ITEM**

3.2.4 Appendix 6

**CTM BOARD**

**HIGHLIGHT REPORT FROM THE HOSTED BODIES AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE**

**DATE OF MEETING**

24/11/2022

**PUBLIC OR PRIVATE REPORT**

Public

**IF PRIVATE PLEASE INDICATE REASON**

Not Applicable - Public Report

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**PRESENTED BY**

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**EXECUTIVE SPONSOR APPROVED**

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**REPORT PURPOSE**

NOTING

**ACRONYMS**

WHSSC | Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee

EASC | Emergency Ambulance Services Committee

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This report had been prepared to provide the Board with details of the key issues considered by the Hosted Bodies Audit & Risk Committee at its meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

1.2 Key highlights from the meeting are reported in section 3.

**2. PURPOSE OF THE AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE**

2.1 The Committee will function in accordance with the NHS Audit Committee Handbook as appropriate.

The Committee will also consider issues in respect of the roles and

responsibilities of Committees hosted by the CTMUHB on behalf of NHS Wales as appropriate. These are the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee and the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee. The meeting will be split into two parts with Cwm Taf Morgannwg CTMUHB business and hosted Committee business discussed and recorded separately.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise and assure the Board on whether effective arrangements are in place – through the design and operation of the Health Board system of risk and assurance – to support it in its decision taking and in discharging the accountabilities for securing the achievement of the Health Board objectives in accordance with the standards of good governance determined for the NHS in Wales.

Where appropriate, the Committee will advise the Board and the Accountable Officer on where, and how, its system of assurance may be strengthened and developed further.

### 3. HIGHLIGHT REPORT FROM THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING

<b>ALERT / ESCALATE</b>	There were no items requiring escalation.
<b>ADVISE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee received a detailed update from the <b>Emergency Ambulance Services Committee (EASC)</b>, highlighting the following key matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>EASC Risk Register</b> noting the update on the work being undertaken to address red performance, amber performance and patient safety concerns.</li> <li>○ <b>EASC Assurance Framework</b></li> <li>○ <b>Service Development Proposal</b> involving the Emergency Medical Retrieval &amp; Transfer Service (<b>EMRTS Cymru</b>).</li> <li>○ <b>Welsh Ambulance Service performance levels.</b></li> <li>○ <b>EASC Action Plan</b> - It was noted that the EASC Team are working with Health Boards to develop local Integrated Commissioning Action Plans which will also be incorporated in the Commissioning Framework activity and would form part of the Health Board's Integrated Medium Term Plan (IMTP).</li> <li>○ Two further areas of focus were noted in the update from EASC: <b>Alternative Pathway Admission Avoidance</b> and <b>Post Production Lost Hours.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• The <b>Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC)</b> presented an update on the WHSSC Corporate Risk Assurance Framework noting that it had been received by the Integrated Governance Committee (IGC) on 11 October 2022. Members noted that as at 31 July 2022 there were 17 risks comprising of 15 commissioning risks and two organisational risks.</li> </ul>

<b>ASSURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>WHSSC Audit Recommendations Tracker</b> report was received and noted.</li> <li>• The Committee received the following assurance on the <b>WHSSC Internal Audit Reviews</b>:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WHSSC <b>Quality Assurance Reporting</b> which had been allocated a '<b>Substantial</b>' assurance rating.</li> <li>○ WHSSC <b>Neurosurgery</b> which had been allocated a '<b>Substantial</b>' assurance rating.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>EASC Assurance Framework</b> noting that the EASC Integrated Medium Term Plan (IMTP) was confirmed as acceptable by Welsh Government subject to some accountability conditions, many of which have already been completed.</li> </ul>
<b>INFORM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee received for approval a review of <b>WHSSC Financial Limits and Reporting</b>, following detailed discussion Members considered that they were unable to approve the review at this time. Whilst the members were supportive of the rationale for initiating the review and seeking the permanency of the current arrangements, it was considered that that due to the significant detail captured in the reports further assurance was required that Joint Committee Members were supportive of the approach and have had an opportunity to review the position and consider their impact in terms of their respective Health Boards. This report will be brought back to the Committee in due course.</li> <li>• <b>Farewell to George Galletly, Director of Corporate Governance.</b> On behalf of the Committee the Chair formally noted her thanks to George Galletly for all her hard work, and in particular her ability to clearly articulate and advise on the purpose of this Committee in terms of its hosting responsibilities and the assurance it provides to other Health Boards. George was wished all the very best in her new role as she leaves imminently on Secondment to Welsh Government.</li> </ul>
<b>APPENDICES</b>	<b>NOT APPLICABLE</b>

#### 4. RECCOMENDATION

4.1 The Board is requested to **NOTE** the report.