

**PWYLLGOR ARCHWILIO A SICRWYDD RISG
AUDIT AND RISK ASSURANCE COMMITTEE**

DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:	24 June 2025
TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:	Audit & Assurance Services Progress Report
CYFARWYDDWR ARWEINIOL: LEAD DIRECTOR:	Head of Internal Audit
SWYDDOG ADRODD: REPORTING OFFICER:	Head of Internal Audit

Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas)

Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)

Er Sicrwydd/For Assurance

ADRODDIAD SCAA

SBAR REPORT

Sefyllfa / Situation

The Audit & Assurance Services progress report provides the Audit & Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC) with an update in relation to the delivery of the approved Internal Audit Plan and outcomes from audit work.

Cefndir / Background

The work undertaken by Internal Audit is in accordance with its annual plan, which is prepared following a detailed planning process and subject to Committee approval.

The progress report provides the Committee with information regarding the progress of Internal Audit work in accordance with the agreed plan, amendments to the agreed plan and outcomes of any audits completed since the previous meeting of the committee.

Asesiad / Assessment

The findings and assurance ratings from the Internal Audit Reports provides the Committee with a level of assurance as to the adequacy of the risk, governance and control environment in the areas audited. The report also confirms conclusion of all 24/25 audit work.

Argymhelliad / Recommendation

The Audit & Risk Assurance Committee is asked to take assurance with regard to the delivery of the Internal Audit plan and the outcomes of the finalised audit reports.

Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau) Objectives: (must be completed)	
Committee ToR Reference: Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor:	<p>3.16 The Committee shall ensure that there is an effective internal audit function established by management that meets mandatory Internal Audit Standards for NHS Wales and provides appropriate independent assurance to the Committee, Chief Executive and Board.</p> <p>3.17 This will be achieved by:</p> <p>3.17.1 review and approval of the Internal Audit Strategy, Charter, operational plan and more detailed programme of work, ensuring that this is consistent with the audit needs of the organisation;</p> <p>3.17.2 review of the adequacy of executive and management responses to issues identified by audit, inspection and other assurance activity, in accordance with the Charter;</p> <p>3.17.3 Regular consideration of the major findings of internal audit work (and management's response), and ensure co-ordination between the Internal and External Auditors to optimise audit resources;</p> <p>3.17.4 ensuring that the Internal Audit function is adequately resourced and has appropriate standing within the organisation; and</p> <p>3.17.5 annual review of the effectiveness of internal audit.</p>
Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol: Datix Risk Register Reference and Score:	Internal Audit reports cover a range of organisational risks.
Parthau Ansawdd: Domains of Quality Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)	Not Applicable
Galluogwyr Ansawdd: Enablers of Quality: Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)	Not Applicable
Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	All Strategic Objectives are applicable
Amcanion Cynllunio Planning Objectives	All Planning Objectives Apply

Amcanion Llesiant BIP: UHB Well-being Objectives: Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives Annual Report 2021-2022	10. Not Applicable
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Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol: Further Information:	
Ar sail tystiolaeth: Evidence Base:	Internal Audit Plan & Charter. Individual Internal Audit reports. Evidence gathered from the Health Board as part of the delivery of audit assignments. Health Board Risks.
Rhestr Termiau: Glossary of Terms:	Contained within the reports.
Partïon / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Pwyllgor Archwilio a Sicrwydd Risg Parties / Committees consulted prior to Audit and Risk Assurance Committee:	Director of Corporate Governance Executive Directors and Senior Managers relevant to the individual audits.

Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed)	
Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service:	n/a
Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care:	n/a
Gweithlu: Workforce:	n/a
Risg: Risk:	n/a
Cyfreithiol: Legal:	n/a

Enw Da: Reputational:	n/a
Gyfrinachedd: Privacy:	n/a
Cydraddoldeb: Equality:	n/a

Hywel Dda University Health Board Audit & Risk Assurance Committee

June 2025

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Audit and Assurance Services conform with all Public Sector Internal Audit Standards as validated through the external quality assessment undertaken by the Institute of Internal Auditors

Please note

This report has been prepared for internal use only. Audit & Assurance Services reports are prepared, in accordance with the Service Strategy and Terms of Reference, approved by the Audit & Risk Assurance Committee.





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1. Introduction and Background

1.1 This progress report provides the Audit & Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC) with the current position in relation to the delivery of the 2024/25 Internal Audit Plan. The report also includes details of the progress with the delivery of individual audits, outcomes from finalised audits and any updates required to the plan.

2. Outcomes from Finalised Audits

2.1 The Internal Audit Reports finalised since the previous meeting of the Committee are highlighted in the table below along with the allocated assurance ratings, where applicable. The full versions of these reports are included on the agenda as separate items.

ASSIGNMENT	ASSURANCE RATING	
Discharge Management – agreed action follow up	n/a	--
All Wales Advisory - Contract Management	n/a	--
Cleanliness Standards	Limited	
Agreed action tracking and follow up	Reasonable	
Withybush RAAC	Reasonable	
CHC Database Maintenance and Finance Processes	Substantial	

3. Internal Audit Planning and Delivery Update

- 3.1** The assignment status schedule at Appendix A sets out the current position of all audits in the 24/25 plan. All audit work from the current year plan has been completed for inclusion within the Annual Report and Opinion.
- 3.2** The Head of Internal Audit Opinion and Annual Report for 24/25 is on the agenda for ARAC providing an overall Reasonable Assurance Opinion.
- 3.3** Work to progress the delivery of the Internal Audit Plan for 2025/26 has commenced, with audit planning work already underway for a number of the audits in the plan, along with some early fieldwork.
- 3.5** Regular meetings with the Director of Corporate Governance have continued, along with meetings taking place with Executive Directors and senior managers in relation to individual audits currently being planned and delivered. The UHB Board meeting was recently observed. Ongoing liaison meetings have continued including a recent joint meeting with Audit Wales and Health Inspectorate Wales.

Appendix A – HDUHB Internal Audit Plan 2024/25 – Assignment Status Schedule

Audit Output	Outline timing	Planned ARAC	Executive Lead	Progress Status	Assurance	H	M	L
Executive Team Working Governance	Q2-3	May	CEO/Corporate Governance	FINAL	Substantial		2	
Targeted Intervention Governance	Q1-3	Feb	Chief Executive	FINAL	Reasonable		2	
Annual Planning	Q3	May	Strategy & Planning	FINAL	Reasonable			
Cash Management	Q2/3	Oct	Director of Finance	FINAL	Substantial	-	-	-
Financial Management	Q2/3	Feb	Director of Finance	FINAL	Reasonable	1	4	
ALL Wales Advisory - Contract Management	Q3/4	June	Director of Finance	FINAL	n/a	-	-	-
Performance Management Arrangements	Q3/4	Feb	Director of Finance	FINAL	Reasonable	-	2	
Speaking up safely	Q3/4	Oct	Nursing, Quality & Patient Experience	FINAL	Reasonable	1	3	
Learning lessons	Q3	Feb	Nursing, Quality & Patient Experience	FINAL	Reasonable	-	4	
Falls Management	Q2	Oct	Nursing, Quality & Patient Experience	FINAL	Reasonable	1	4	
Cleanliness / Cleaning Standards	Q3/4	Apr	Chief Operating Officer	FINAL	Limited	2	4	-
Discharge Management	Q3/4	Dec	Chief Operating Officer	FINAL	Limited	2	2	-

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Management of Bed Capacity	Q2/3	Feb	Chief Operating Officer	FINAL	Limited	4	1	
Medical Workforce (Medical Locums)	Q3	Feb	Medical Director	Defer 25/26				
Nursing Management	Q2	Oct	Nursing, Quality & Patient Experience	FINAL	Limited	3	1	-
Estates Facilities directorate			Chief Operating Officer	Defer 25-26				
Revised Operational Governance Arrangements			Chief Operating Officer	Defer 25-26				
Nurse staffing Act	Q2	Aug	Nursing, Quality & Patient Experience	FINAL	Reasonable		3	
Job Planning	Q4	Apr	Medical Director	FINAL	Reasonable	1	1	
Elective Waiting List Management	Q3/4	Feb	Chief Operating Officer	FINAL	Substantial	-	-	
Mortuary Services (Joint SBUHB)	Q3	Feb	Allied health Professionals & Health Sciences	FINAL	Limited	4	5	
Primary Care Strategy including Managed Practices	Q4	Apr	Primary, Community and Long Term Care	Defer 25/26				
Health & Safety	Q2	Feb	Allied health Professionals & Health Sciences	FINAL	Limited			
Ultrasound Corporate Risk	Q2	Aug-oct	Chief Operating Officer	FINAL	Reasonable	-	2	
Emergency and Business Continuity Planning	Q2	Oct	Director of Public Health	FINAL	Reasonable	1	2	-

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Digital Strategic Partner	Q3/4	May	Director of Finance	FINAL	Substantial			
IT/Digital - benefits realisation	Q2/3	Oct	Director of Finance	FINAL	Substantial	-	-	-
IT/Digital – Data Quality/Use of Data	Q2/3	Feb	Director of Finance	FINAL	Limited	3	1	
Withybush General Hospital RAAC.	Q3/4	June	Chief Operating Officer	FINAL	Reasonable	-	6	-
Estates Assurance – Energy Management	Q3	Feb	Chief Operating Officer	FINAL	Reasonable	-	8	-
Capital Systems	Q2/3	Dec	Chief Operating Officer	FINAL	Reasonable	-	4	-
Discharge Management Agreed Action Follow Up		June	Chief Operating Officer	FINAL	n/a	-	-	-
Additional follow up and recommendation tracking.		June		FINAL	Reasonable	-	-	-
Continuing Health Care - Database Maintenance & Finance Processes		June	Finance/COO	FINAL	Substantial	-	1	-



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