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# Audit Committee Update

## About this document

This document provides the Audit Committee with an update on current and planned Auditor General's work. Financial and performance audit work is considered, and information is also provided on the Auditor General's programme of national value-for-money examinations.

## Outline of audit work and annual audit report

Area of work	Current status
Annual Audit Report 2018	January 2019 Public Board
Audit Plan 2019	February 2019 Audit Committee Revised plan April 2019 ARAC

## Financial audit update

Area of work 2018-19	Current status
Accounts Audit – ISA 260 Report	Report issued 29 May 2019. Accounts certified 11 June 2019.
Charitable Funds – ISA 260 Report	Accounts audited and approved by Charitable Funds Committee on 20th and signed by the AGW on 31 October.

## Performance audit update

### Work completed

Area of work	Considered by Audit Committee
Wellbeing of Future Generations	October 2019
<a href="#">Integrated Care Fund</a>	August 2019
Review of operational quality and safety arrangements	June 2019
<a href="#">Clinical coding</a>	April 2019
<a href="#">NHS Structured Assessment 2018</a>	January 2019 (Board)
<a href="#">Primary Care</a>	December 2018
<a href="#">Maternity Services – Progress update</a>	August 2018
<a href="#">Operating Theatres – Progress update</a>	August 2018
<a href="#">District Nursing – Progress update</a>	June 2018

## Work currently underway or planned

Topic	Focus of the work	Status	Considered by Audit Committee
<b>Work in progress</b>			
Orthopaedics: follow-up review  Executive lead: Andrew Carruthers, Director of Operations	This review will examine the progress made in orthopaedic services since the 2015 all-Wales review. The work will assess whether Health Boards have effectively responded to the recommendations and areas identified for improvement. It will also seek to determine whether health boards are developing arrangements to help manage the demand on, and supply of, orthopaedic services.	Reporting	February 2020
Structured Assessment  Executive lead: Jo Wilson, Board Secretary	Building on previous years' work, this work will seek to describe the progress that is being made in embedding sound arrangements for corporate governance and financial management, alongside other key processes such as strategic planning, workforce management, procurement and asset management.	Draft report	December 2019 (Board development session – 12 December)
Counter Fraud Phase 2  Executive lead: Huw Thomas, Director of Finance	Earlier in 2019, we set out the counter fraud landscape for the public sector. This work will inform Phase 2 of that review which aims to examine how effective counter-fraud arrangements are in practice across the public sector and to make recommendations for improvement.	Briefing to be issued	February 2020
<b>Planned thematic review work not yet started</b>			
Quality governance  Executive lead: Mandy Rayani, Director of Nursing, Quality & Patient Experience	This work will examine the factors underpinning quality governance such as strategy, structures and processes, information flows and reporting. It will be designed in discussion with Healthcare Inspectorate Wales and will seek to build in an ability to compare approaches to quality governance across NHS bodies.	Not yet started Once scope is developed, the scope of the work within the Health Board will be tailored to take account of local work already undertaken	TBC

Topic	Focus of the work	Status	Considered by Audit Committee
Local work: Review of clinical equipment arrangements	The focus of this work will be on the Health Board's arrangements for managing, procuring and maintaining its clinical equipment.	Not yet started	TBC

## Good Practice events and products

Since the last Audit Committee, we have held the following Good Practice Exchange (GPX) events. Materials are available via the links below.

Event	Details
<a href="#"><u>How technology is enabling collaborative working across public services</u></a> October 2019	<p>The possibilities that digital technologies can provide are endless. This seminar provided better understanding of tools available and how they can improve collaboration and help deliver smarter and higher quality services.</p> <p>This seminar also shared examples of organisations that are maximising the use of digital technology, enabling them to deliver services that promote independence (including through housing services), combat social isolation, promote carbon reduction and community wellbeing.</p>

During the period up to February 2020, we plan to hold the following GPX seminars.

Event	Details
<a href="#"><u>Accountability and governance in partnership services</u></a> 13 February 2020 27 February 2020	Information not yet available
<a href="#"><u>Adverse Childhood Experiences – alternative delivery models</u></a> 19 March 2020 26 March 2020	Information not yet available

## NHS-related national studies and publications

Since the last Audit Committee, we have published the following national value-for-money reports and other products, which have relevance to the NHS in Wales.

Report	Details
<a href="#"><u>A review of quality governance arrangements at Cwm Taf University Health Board</u></a>	This review has highlighted a number of fundamental weaknesses in the Health Board's governance arrangements in respect of the quality of care and patient safety.
<a href="#"><u>Primary Care Services in Wales</u></a>	This report focuses on the main issues and areas of progress found in primary care services in Wales on national level. It draws from the findings of our local work reported in May 2019. The report concluded that while the NHS and Welsh Government are taking a range of steps to strengthen primary care, change needs to happen at greater pace and scale to tackle longstanding challenges and ensure sustainability of these vital services.
<a href="#"><u>Review of Public Services Boards</u></a>	This report examines how Public Service Boards are operating, looking at their membership, terms of reference, frequency and focus of meetings, alignment with other partnerships, resources and scrutiny arrangements. The report concluded that Public Services Boards are unlikely to realise their potential unless they are given freedom to work more flexibly and think and act differently
<a href="#"><u>Public Spending Trends in Wales 1999-00 to 2017-18</u></a>	This briefing reflects on what has happened to public spending in Wales over the last 20 years. An <a href="#"><u>interactive data tool</u></a> is available to support the report.

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