

PWYLLGOR CYLLID FINANCE COMMITTEE

DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:	29 June 2021
TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:	Year-End De-brief
CYFARWYDDWR ARWEINIOL: LEAD DIRECTOR:	Huw Thomas, Director of Finance
SWYDDOG ADRODD: REPORTING OFFICER:	Huw Thomas, Director of Finance

Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas) Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)

Ar Gyfer Trafodaeth/For Discussion

ADRODDIAD SCAA SBAR REPORT

Sefyllfa / Situation

The Statutory Audited Annual Accounts were submitted to Welsh Government (WG) on the 11th June 2021.

The Finance Department is now undertaking follow-up reviews, internally and with Audit Wales, to identify improvements required and lessons learned in readiness for next year's accounts process.

Cefndir / Background

The accounts are prepared in accordance with the WG timetable and guidance in the form of the Manual of Accounts.

Every year an internal timetable, workplan, and guidance notes are followed, and a training session is undertaken to ensure the accounts are produced on time and adhere to WG guidelines. Regular meetings are also held between Finance and Audit Wales leads to discuss and agree the Audit Deliverables and timetable.

Following the submission of the final Accounts to WG, the Finance Department undertakes post-audit reviews to follow up any issues and lessons learned to ensure improvements are in place in readiness for the following year's audit process.

Asesiad / Assessment

The accompanying presentation sets out a high level summary of what went well, what didn't go so well and the next steps.

Argymhelliad / Recommendation

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The Year-End Debrief is presented to the Committee for information and discussion.

Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau) Objectives: (must be completed)	
Committee ToR Reference	2.2: Review financial performance, review any area of
Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor	financial concern and report to the Board
Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg	Not Applicable
Risk Register Reference:	
Safon(au) Gofal ac lechyd:	Governance, Leadership and Accountability
Health and Care Standard(s):	7. Staff and Resources
Amcanion Strategol y BIP:	All Strategic Objectives are applicable
UHB Strategic Objectives:	
Amcanion Llesiant BIP:	Not Applicable
UHB Well-being Objectives:	

Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol: Further Information:	
Ar sail tystiolaeth: Evidence Base:	Monitoring returns to Welsh Government based on the Health Board's financial reporting system. Activity recorded in the AR and AP modules of the Oracle
	business system, activity recorded in the procurement Bravo system.
Rhestr Termau:	Explanation of terms is included in the main body of
*Glossary of Terms:	the report
Partïon / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd	HB Finance Team
ymlaen llaw y Pwyllgor Cyllid:	Executive Team
Parties / Committees consulted prior	Welsh Government
to Finance Committee:	Audit Wales

Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau)		
Impact: (must be completed)		
Ariannol / Gwerth am	Financial implications are inherent within the report	
Arian:		
Financial / Service:		
Ansawdd / Gofal Claf:	Risk to our financial position affects our ability to discharge timely	
Quality / Patient Care:	and effective care to patients	
Gweithlu:	Overpayments are reported within this report.	
Workforce:		
Risg:	Financial risks are detailed in the report.	
Risk:	·	
Cyfreithiol:	The UHB has a legal duty to deliver a breakeven financial position	
Legal:	over a rolling three-year basis and an administrative requirement to	
	operate within its budget within any given financial year.	
Enw Da:	Adverse variance against the UHB's financial plan will affect our	
Reputational:	reputation with Welsh Government, the Wales Audit Office, and	
	with external stakeholders	

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Gyfrinachedd:	Not Applicable
Privacy:	
Cydraddoldeb:	Not Applicable
Equality:	

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Year End De-Brief

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Year End De-Brief

What went well?

• What didn't?

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Next steps

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What well? Despite the challenges of COVID-19-related accounting issues there were a lot of positives -

Welsh Risk
Pool process –
no issues with
draft return and
first to be
verified by
Audit Wales

Welsh
Government
feedback –
"good set of
accounts and
work at the
highest level"

Met Accounts deadline – draft submitted 30th April, final Accounts to WG 11th June

What went well?

Excellent
working
relationship
between
Finance leads
and Audit
Wales – regular
reviews & 'no
surprises'

Working papers
prepared and
uploaded to the
Audit Wales
shared site to
start the audit
on Day 1

Agreement of balances process – improved clarity of internal process and training introduced











What didn't go well? There were a number of issues -

Lack of
consistency
across Wales
about estimates
and
presentation of
some areas

Late technical notifications from WG – required changes to the accounts few days prior to draft submission

Accounting for COVID, making analytical review difficult – Bonus, field hospital, A/L accrual, PPE stock

What didn't go well?

Delays in response to Payroll queries sent to Audit Wales – escalated to DOF

Reliant on individuals in preparing some of the additional returns eg

Annual leave accrual – lack of information to back up accrual from Workforce systems – ESR & Intrepid









Next Steps



- Internal Post learning meeting with Senior Finance staff responsible for Audit Deliverables and agree Action Plan – June 2021
- Internal Post learnings meeting with Audit Wales June 2021

Next Steps

- Follow up Audit Wales ISA260 recommendation with Executive Director of Workforce around Workforce systems
- Discuss technical accounting issues, consistency and communication with WG via Technical Accounting Group (TAG) forum

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