



**Y PWYLLGOR ANSAWDD, DIOGELWCH A PHROFIAD  
QUALITY, SAFETY AND EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE**

<b>DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:</b>	11 June 2026
<b>TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	Clinical Audit Programme Update
<b>CYFARWYDDWR ARWEINIOL: LEAD DIRECTOR:</b>	Mark Henwood, Medical Director
<b>SWYDDOG ADRODD: REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Ian Bebb, Clinical Audit Manager

**Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas)**

**Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)**

Ar Gyfer Penderfyniad/For Decision

**ADRODDIAD SCAA**

**SBAR REPORT**

Sefyllfa / Situation

To present the 2026/27 Clinical Audit Programme to the Quality, Safety and Experience Committee for review, discussion, and approval, ensuring alignment with organisational priorities, national standards, and regulatory requirements.

Cefndir / Background

The Health Board develops an annual Clinical Audit Programme which is carried out by the operational Services. This programme consists of a list of key clinical audit projects that have been prioritised in line with Health Board (service specific or otherwise) aims and objectives. This programme also includes all projects mandated by Welsh Government (National Clinical Audit and Outcome Review Plan (NCAORP) and other national bodies. National benchmarking is possible through this mechanism.

The Health Board needs to support effective clinical audit that leads to improvements in the quality of care that we provide. Audit projects should contribute to the achievement of Health Board priorities and be clear about how patient care will be improved. There is a need to adhere to all external mandatory priorities whilst continuing to support quality local audit activity related to Health Board priorities. With finite resources for audit activity there is a limited number of projects which can be supported by the Clinical Audit Department and the wider Health Board, therefore, it is vital that we have a robust system to prioritise, approve, and monitor audits.

**National Clinical Audit**

The National Clinical Audit and Outcome Review Plan (NCAORP) is a mandatory audit programme in Wales. The programme is set and monitored by Welsh Government and derived from the mandatory English programme.

The Health Board is responsible for participating in 40 (variable from year to year) mandatory national audits that feature in the NCAORP. In addition to this there are ad hoc Outcome

Reviews (e.g. National Confidential Enquiry into Perioperative Death (NCEPOD) studies) that are also mandated.

Mandatory national audits are automatically included on the Clinical Audit Programme.

### **Local Clinical Audit Programmes**

The Clinical Audit Department (CAD) liaise with several services to establish a local programme each financial year. Clinical Audit Programmes are split into two 6 monthly segments to allow services to focus on more timely audit completion as well as grant more opportunities for services to contribute to the programme.

The programme audits are set by key governance and quality groups/committees representing the various service areas. The CAD and other bodies may be given indicators as to what audits should be included in audit programmes and will provide suggestions when appropriate.

Priorities for inclusion in the programme:

- National Clinical Audit and Outcome Review Programme - *automatically included on the programme*
- Patient Safety Issues
- National Institute for Care Excellence (NICE) guidance
- Welsh Risk Pool/Health Inspectorate Wales (HIW)/Other required audits
- Audits associated with the risk register
- Complaints/Incidents/Litigation that require clinical audit
- Other Health Board priorities
- Important local audit priorities

### **Asesiad / Assessment**

#### **Clinical Audit Programme 2026/27**

The Clinical Audit Programme for 2026/27 (Apr-Sept) has a total of 40 clinical audit projects. Many of the audits featured on the programme are continuous audits or re-audits and will continue to future programmes. The importance of re-audit is critical to demonstrate that we are continuing to make improvements where standards of practice are not being met. These types of projects generally have more impact than isolated audits and are encouraged whenever possible.

The 40 NCAORP projects are automatically included in addition, bringing the total to 80. The Clinical Audit Department (CAD) are continuing to work with services to expand this programme as well as to ensure projects are completed and focused on quality improvement. Projects are not typically called out as aligning with the Safe, Timely, Equitable, Efficient, Effective, Person Centred (STEEEP) principles, however all audit projects are aimed at creating safer, timely, effective and more equitable care. All clinical audits should be centred around evidence based practice. Clinical audit is therefore a key component in demonstrating and evidencing STEEP. Many of the Nursing audits are directly related to STEEEP.

A copy of the programme is attached for this Committee to discuss and review.

It should be noted that the following groups have submitted draft action plans, requiring final approval and are expected imminently.

- Infection Prevention Strategic Steering Group
- Senior Nursing and Midwifery Team

- Public Health

The Clinical Audit Department has agreed a bespoke approach with Allied Health and Health Sciences Clinical Care Group to formulate an audit programme.

A separate list of the NCAORP audits has also been included as an additional TAB in the document. Reporting, data collection, and other parameters vary significantly between national audits. A distinction is made to avoid confusion when reporting as well as to highlight the priority of these key projects.

### Organisational Alignment

For this iteration of the Clinical Audit Programme, the Quality, Safety and Experience Committee and the Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee were invited to propose audit topics for inclusion. While no specific audit projects were identified through this process, the opportunity to suggest topics remains open. The programme will therefore remain flexible, with additional audits incorporated throughout the year as required to respond to emerging risks, priorities, or assurance needs.

### Argymhelliad / Recommendation

- The Quality, Safety and Experience Committee is asked to discuss and consider approval of the Clinical Audit Programme for 2026/27

<b>Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)</b>	
<b>Objectives: (must be completed)</b>	
Committee ToR Reference: Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor:	5.17 Shape and Approve the annual clinical audit plan, ensuring that internally commissioned audits are aligned with strategic priorities.
Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol: Datix Risk Register Reference and Score:	Not Applicable
Parthau Ansawdd: Domains of Quality <a href="#">Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)</a>	1. Safe 2. Timely 3. Effective
Galluogwyr Ansawdd: Enablers of Quality: <a href="#">Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)</a>	3. Data to knowledge 4. Learning, improvement and research
Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	3. Striving to deliver and develop excellent services
Amcanion Llesiant BIP: UHB Well-being Objectives: <a href="#">Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives Annual Report 2021-2022</a>	2. Develop a skilled and flexible workforce to meet the changing needs of the modern NHS

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<b>Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol: Further Information:</b>	
<b>Ar sail tystiolaeth: Evidence Base:</b>	National Clinical Audit and Outcome Review Programme 2023/24 Hywel Dda UHB Forward Clinical Audit Programme 2022/23, 2023/24
<b>Rhestr Termau: Glossary of Terms:</b>	NCAORP – National Clinical Audit and Outcome Review Programme CAD – Clinical Audit Department
<b>Partïon / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Pwyllgor Ansawdd, Diogelwch a Phrofiod: Parties / Committees consulted prior to Quality, Safety and Experience Committee:</b>	Mandy Davies, Assistant Director of Nursing and Quality Improvement Sharon Daniel, Director of Nursing, Quality and Patient Experience

<b>Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed)</b>	
<b>Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care:</b>	The principals of audit imply that quality/patient care will be impacted. However, the impact of the audits held within this report are positive examples of improvement activities and are individually called out.
<b>Gweithlu: Workforce:</b>	Workforce engagement in Clinical Audit provides an understanding of the impact of quality of service and clinical care delivery and is a key driver for appraisal for medical staff and professional practice development in all clinical disciplines.
<b>Risg: Risk:</b>	Audit specific risks are contained within service/specialty specific risk registers. This includes non-participation with mandatory national audits.
<b>Cyfreithiol: Legal:</b>	Not applicable

<b>Enw Da: Reputational:</b>	There is the potential for reputational impact when the Health Board does not participate in mandatory audit projects. None of the criteria in the impact assessment apply.
<b>Gyfrinachedd: Privacy:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Cydraddoldeb: Equality:</b>	Not applicable

Clinical Audit Programme (CAP) 2026-2027 (Apr-Sep)

AUDIT STATUS	ORIGINATING COMMITTEE	SPECIALITY	AUDIT TITLE
In Progress	MH CAEG	Mental Health	Physical Health Monitoring on Adult Acute Psychiatric Wards of Hywel Dda University Health Board
In Progress	MH CAEG	Mental Health	Rapid Tranquilisation Monitoring Standards
In Progress	Nutrition and Hydration Group	Nutrition & Dietetics	Meal Time Audit (Patient)
In Progress	Nutrition and Hydration Group	Nutrition & Dietetics	Meal Time Audit (Ward)
In Progress	Nutrition and Hydration Group	Nutrition & Dietetics	Fluid Balance
In Progress	Nutrition and Hydration Group	Nutrition & Dietetics	WAASP
In Progress	SNMT	Professional Standards Team	Bare Below the Elbows - All Wales Core
In Progress	SNMT	Professional Standards Team	Continence Care Audit
In Progress	SNMT	Professional Standards Team	Controlled Drugs Audit
In Progress	SNMT	Professional Standards Team	Falls Extensive Check Audit
In Progress	SNMT	Professional Standards Team	Hand Hygiene - All Wales Core Audit
In Progress	SNMT	Mental Health & Learning Disabilities	Learning Disabilities Audit
In Progress	SNMT	Professional Standards Team	Medicines Management Patient Audit - All Wales Core
In Progress	SNMT	Professional Standards Team	Medicines Management Ward Audit - All Wales Core
In Progress	SNMT	Professional Standards Team	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - All Wales Core
In Progress	SNMT	Professional Standards Team	Positive Patient Identification Audit
In Progress	SNMT	Professional Standards Team	Rostering Audit
In Progress	Cardiology Quality, Safety & Assurance	Cardiology	WHO Surgical and Safety Checks Audit
In Progress	HDUHB RADAR	Cross Speciality Improvement	NEWS2
In Progress	HDUHB RADAR	Cross Speciality Improvement	PEWS Audit
In Progress	SNMT	Professional Standards Team	Maternity Record Keeping Audit: January 2025 - January 2026
In Progress	Thrombosis	Thrombosis	RE-AUDIT '25 - Venous Thromboembolism Inpatients Audit NICE QS 201 S1 - Cycle 5
In Progress	Thrombosis	Thrombosis	RE-AUDIT '25 - Venous Thromboembolism Lower Limb Immobilisation Audit NICE QS 201 S2 - Cycle 5
In Progress	Thrombosis	Thrombosis	RE-AUDIT '25 - Venous Thromboembolism Outpatient Follow Up Audit NICE QS 201 S4 & S5 - Cycle 5
In Progress	Thrombosis	Thrombosis	RE-AUDIT '25 Venous Thromboembolism Radiology Referral USS Audit NICE QS 201 S3 (H61) - Cycle 3
Awaiting Report	HDUHB RADAR	Cross Speciality Improvement	All Wales Do Not Attempt Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (DNACPR)
Awaiting Action Plan	Respiratory Annual Forum	Respiratory	Acute NIV Health Board Wide

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Complete	Care of the Elderly	Hywel Dda Palliative and End of Life Care Group	All Wales Care Decisions for the Last Days of Life (April 2024 - March 2025)
Planning	Care of the Elderly	Hywel Dda Palliative and End of Life Care Group	All Wales Care Decisions for the Last Days of Life (April 2025 - March 2026)
Planning	SNMT	Professional Standards Team	Mouthcare
Planning	SNMT	Professional Standards Team	Pressure Damage Management
Planning	SNMT	Professional Standards Team	Infection Prevention & Control Management Audit
Planning	SNMT	Professional Standards Team	Record Keeping - Content
Planning	SNMT	Professional Standards Team	Record Keeping - General
Planning	Safeguarding Steering Group	W&CH	Routine Enquiry
Planning	SNMT	Professional Standards Team	Senior Peer Review/15 steps audit
Planning	HDUHB RADAR	Cross Speciality Improvement	Sepsis Medical Emergency
Planning	HDUHB RADAR	Cross Speciality Improvement	MEWS
Planning	HDUHB RADAR	Cross Speciality Improvement	NEWTT2
Planning	HDUHB RADAR	Cross Speciality Improvement	Medical Emergency Trolley Audit

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	Title
<b>CARDIOLOGY</b>	Myocardial Ischaemia National Audit Project (MINAP)
	National Heart Failure Audit (NHFA)
	National Audit of Cardiac Rehabilitation (NACR)
	National Audit of Cardiac Rhythm Management (NACRM)
<b>CHILDREN, WOMEN &amp; FAMILY HEALTH</b>	National Ovarian Cancer Audit (NOCA)
	National Maternity and Perinatal Audit (NMPA)
	National Neonatal Audit Programme (NNAP)
	National Pregnancy in Diabetes Audit (NPID)
	NCAORP Epilepsy 12
	NCAORP National Children and young peoples asthma (CYPA)
	NCAORP National Paediatric Diabetes Audit (NPDA)
	National Audit of Primary Breast Cancer (NAoPri)
National Audit of Metastatic Breast Cancer (NAoMe)	
<b>RESPIRATORY</b>	National Pulmonary Rehabilitation Audit (PR)
	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
	Adult Asthma (AA)
	Wales Primary Care Audit (Asthma & COPD)
	National Lung Cancer Audit (NLCA)
<b>CARE OF THE ELDERLY</b>	National Audit of Dementia (NAD)
	Stroke Sentinel National Audit Programme (SSNAP)
	Fracture Liaison Service (FLS)
	National Audit of Care at the End of Life (NACEL)
	National Audit of Inpatient Falls (NAIF)

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<b>DIABETES</b>	National Diabetes Foot Care Audit (NDFA)
	National Core Diabetes Audit (NCDA)
	National Diabetes Inpatient Safety Audit (NDISA)
<b>PLANNED CARE</b>	All Wales Audiology
	Comparative Audit of Critical Care Unit Adult Patient Outcomes (ICNARC)
	National Hip Fracture Database (NHFD)
	National Joint Registry (NJR)
	National Major Trauma Registry (NMTR)
	National Early Inflammatory Arthritis Audit (NEIAA)
	National Emergency Laparotomy Audit (NELA)
	National Bowel Cancer Audit (NBOCA)
	Oesophago-Gastric Cancer Audit (NOGCA)
	National Pancreatic Cancer Audit (NPaCA)
	National Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Audit (NNHLA)
	National Kidney Cancer Audit (NKCA)
National Prostate Cancer Audit (NPCA)	
<b>MENTAL HEALTH</b>	National Audit of Psychosis (NCAP)