



AGENDA ITEM

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CTM BOARD

BOARD ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK REPORT

Date of meeting	30 th March 2023
FOI Status	Open/Public
If closed please indicate reason	Not Applicable Public Meeting
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Approving Executive Sponsor	Chief Executive
Report purpose	FOR APPROVAL

Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt/consideration at Committee/group)

Committee/Group/Individuals	Date	Outcome
Strategic Risk Owner updates	February 2023	Reviewed and signed Off
Executive Leadership Group	13 th January 2023	Endorsed for Board Approval

ACRONYMS

BAF	Board Assurance Framework
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1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

1.1 It is good practice for the Health Board to have a Board Assurance Framework (BAF) that clearly sets out the risks, actions and relevant

sources of internal and external assurances to provide a clear picture of the 'health' of the organisation and the high level risks threatening delivery of the Board's strategic goals. The concept for the revised BAF was approved at the Board on the 31st March 2022.

2. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THIS MEETING (ASSESSMENT)

- 2.1 The BAF has been developed to ensure it appropriately reflects;
- the four strategic goals of the Health Board;
 - assurance reporting that supports a streamlined and effective committee and reporting structure;
 - a robust mechanism that reaches into each of the Care Groups and central functions to provide assurance on performance, quality and resources across the breadth of the integrated Health Board;
 - international best practice; and
 - the management of board meetings and agendas to be focussed equally on Oversight, Insight and Foresight i.e. balancing the governance of immediate operational priorities with the need to focus on long-term strategic planning.
- 2.2 The Organisational Risk Register is received in its entirety by the Audit & Risk Committee and the assigned risks to the other Board Committees as appropriate.
- 2.3 The latest Organisational Risk Register will be uploaded to the meeting date "document folder" in Admincontrol so although not published it is fully accessible to Board Members should they wish to view the detail behind the linked risks noted in the BAF.

3. KEY RISKS/MATTERS FOR ESCALATION TO BOARD/COMMITTEE

- 3.1 During February 2023 the Strategic Risk Owners have reviewed and updated the BAF to ensure it robustly reflects the latest position.
- 3.2 Please refer to Appendix 1 which outlines the key risks for discussion and review. Amendments have been highlighted in red.
- 3.3 NWSSP Internal Audit Review of the Board Assurance Framework is due to conclude in March 2023, with the outcome being reported to the Audit & Risk Committee in April 2023.
- 3.4 As outlined in Agenda item 5.7, The Board has reflected on the recent findings of Audit Wales Board Effectiveness Review into Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, specifically in the area of 'Building a more cohesive and effective Board and Executive Team'. Where the Health Board identified learning that may align with the mitigating actions against any of the Principal Risks these have been incorporated within the BAF report.



3.5 The annual review of the Risk Management Strategy, Risk Appetite Statement and approach to the Board Assurance Framework is scheduled for completion by the end of May 2023. The intention is to consider these items at a future Board Development Session prior to formal approval by the Board.

4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Quality/Safety/Patient Experience implications	Yes (Please see detail below)
	The BAF will provide a robust mechanism that reaches into each of the localities and central functions to provide assurance on performance, quality and resources across the breadth of the integrated Health Board; international best practice; and
Related Health and Care standard(s)	Governance, Leadership and Accountability
	If more than one Healthcare Standard applies please list below:
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) completed - Please note EIAs are required for <u>all</u> new, changed or withdrawn policies and services.	No (Include further detail below) If no, please provide reasons why an EIA was not considered to be required in the box below.
	Not applicable
Legal implications / impact	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
Resource (Capital/Revenue £/Workforce) implications / Impact	There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.
Link to Strategic Goals	Improving Care

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Health Board is asked to **APPROVE** the BAF as follows:
- The updates to the Board Assurance Framework Report for March 2023.