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MEETING SUMMARY

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| DATE OF MEETING | Tuesday 21 st October 2025 09:30-12:30 |
| VENUE | Microsoft Teams |

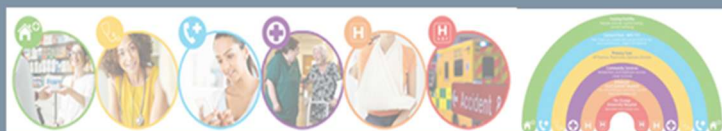
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board – Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee: Meeting Summary

Committee Papers: abuhb.nhs.wales/files/key-documents/audit-risk-and-assurance-committee/arac-20251021-final-boardbook-pdf/

Committee Members:

Iwan Jones, Chair
Dafydd Vaughn, Independent Member
Neil Patrick, Independent Member
Helen Sweetland, Independent Member

- **Meeting Administration & Attendance:** The meeting was opened with no apologies noted and attendance confirmed.
- **Minutes & Actions:** Previous minutes were approved, and the action log was reviewed, with emphasis on ensuring clarity around committee expectations for upcoming reports.
- **Financial Control Procedures:** It was reported that all Standing Financial Instructions (SFIs) are up to date. The banking arrangements Financial Control Procedure was presented and it was confirmed that arrangements are efficient and effective and represent best value for money.
- **Internal Audit Progress Report:** Progress is strong, with several audits underway. Key upcoming reviews included; clinical audit, falls management, and discharge planning.
- **Internal Audit Reports:** The Committee received one internal audit relating to safeguarding with a reasonable outcome. The audit sought to provide assurance that key policies and procedures are in place within the Health Board to ensure compliance with safeguarding regulations. The report provided reasonable assurance, with concerns noted around low compliance with Level 3 training due to operational pressures.
- **External Audit Progress Report:** The external audit plan was reported as progressing well and it was noted that an audit of the charitable fund is due to commence imminently.



- **External Audit Reports:** One External audit report was presented. The Eye Care Services Audit, which found that while significant progress in reducing long waits for eye care, further improvements are needed in strategic planning, oversight, and managing patient harm.
- **Annual Accounts Memorandum:** As part of its commitment to continuous improvement, Audit Wales presented an addendum to the 2024–25 audit of accounts. This memorandum outlined 5 key recommendations to strengthen future financial reporting and governance processes.
- **National Fraud Initiative:** The National Fraud Initiative identified over 7,500 data matches locally. While most are not indicative of fraud, improvements to risk scoring and data matching were discussed.
- **Single Tender Action:** It was reported that no Single Tender Actions were completed within the reporting period.
- **Losses & Special Payments:** An increase in clinical negligence claims under £25,000 was noted, posing a financial pressure. Timeliness of lessons learned reporting was flagged as an area needing improvement to avoid penalties.
- **Declarations of Interest:** A revised policy is in place, with increased declarations noted. An implementation plan is underway to embed the process more widely across the organisation.
- **Risk Management Framework:** Progress was reported on strengthening risk governance, training, and data integrity. A corporate risk register has been established. Further work is planned to enhance assurance and action planning.

