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MEETING SUMMARY

DATE OF MEETING	Thursday 12 th February 2026 09:30-11:00
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-20260212-final-boardbook-pdf/?ts=1770897378194

Committee Members:

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

Meeting Administration & Attendance: The meeting opened with the Chair welcoming attendees. The Committee approved the minutes of the previous meeting, and one action relating to job planning reporting was formally redirected to the People & Culture Committee for future oversight. Other items on the action log were noted as progressing appropriately.

Records Management – Progress Update: A detailed update was presented on the organisation’s records management improvement work. Members heard that significant progress has been made since the 2024 audit, including more than sixty ward visits to promote consistent standards, the integration of records management expectations into ward accreditation and corporate induction processes, and the introduction of a Health Records Support Network with more than one hundred members. Efforts to improve the condition and security of physical storage facilities were described, alongside ongoing consolidation of records into Online House and the continuation of the digital scanning programme, which has now completed over 700,000 records. Committee members welcomed the clear progress and discussed longer-term planning, particularly regarding future storage requirements and the continuation of the lease at Online House.

Programme of Business 2026–27: The Committee received and approved its forward programme of business for 2026–27, noting that the structure and themes remained consistent with previous years.



Audit Recommendation Tracker: The Committee reviewed progress on audit actions across the organisation: 31 recommendations completed since the last meeting and 31 recommendations proposed for revised completion dates. Members acknowledged the substantial progress made in recent years, while agreeing on the need to review older outstanding recommendations (pre-2023) to confirm their relevance.

Financial Governance & Control: Finance colleagues presented routine updates, including:

- Approval of several updated Financial Control Procedures and a new grants policy.
- Notice of upcoming changes to remuneration reporting requirements.
- Continued strong performance on prompt payment compliance, with the organisation remaining the best-performing health board in Wales.
- Preparations for the annual accounts progressing as planned.
- Audit Wales confirmed that planning and early testing for the 2025–26 accounts audit was underway and on track.

Internal Audit Update: Internal Audit provided an overview of progress against the annual audit plan. Key points included:

- Several audits being deferred to 2026–27 where the timing was not yet suitable for meaningful assurance (e.g., Clinical Audit, elements of the Six Goals Programme).
- Certain audits, such as the review of Ophthalmology and ENT, will continue into the next year to allow full assessment of impact and value for money.
- A shift of a planned space-utilisation audit from an assurance review to an advisory review to provide broader strategic insights.

The Committee noted the update and agreed to the proposed adjustments.

Audit Wales – Performance Audit Update: Audit Wales presented its performance audit update, outlining ongoing work on GP-managed practice contracts, the 2024 deep dive on digital systems, the 2025 Estates deep dive, and a review of cancer services.

