



# CYFARFOD BWRDD IECHYD PRIFYSGOLN ANEURIN BEVAN/ANEURIN BEVAN UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD MEETING

## MEETING SUMMARY

<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2026
<b>VENUE</b>	Microsoft Teams

### **Aneurin Bevan University Health Board –Finance and Performance Committee: Meeting Summary**

**Committee Papers:** [Agenda and Papers](#)

#### **Committee Members:**

Neil Patrick, Chair  
Iwan Jones, Vice Chair  
Akmal Hanuk, Independent Member  
Dafydd Vaughan, Independent Member  
Helen Cunningham, Independent Member

- **Meeting Administration & Attendance:** The meeting was opened with apologies noted and attendance confirmed.
- **Review of Previous Minutes and Action Log:** Previous minutes were discussed and approved. The Committee noted that there were no outstanding actions on the Action Log.
- **Performance Management and Escalation Update:** The Committee received an update on performance management and escalation following the mid-year review. It was noted that assessments had been undertaken against the previous Performance Management Framework, with full reassessment against the revised framework to take place at year end. The Committee noted that five divisions remained in escalation in relation to finance. Urgent Care remained in escalation for operational delivery and quality and safety, in line with national escalation status, and Mental health services remained in escalation for quality and safety. Assurance was provided that the revised performance and accountability framework now includes clearer escalation and de-escalation criteria, defined action plans, and clearer routes for assurance through Board committees.



- Integrated Performance Report:** The Committee considered the Integrated Performance Report and noted areas of both progress and ongoing challenge. Members welcomed early signs of recovery in Urgent and Emergency Care following winter pressures, along with a reduction in delays to discharge over recent months, although these remain higher than planned. Significant improvement in planned care performance was noted, with long waiting times for treatment and outpatient appointments at their lowest levels since 2020, and improved performance in gynaecological cancer pathways was also noted. The Committee discussed data quality challenges, particularly in relation to childhood immunisation and stroke pathway metrics, and noted assurance that corrective actions were underway.
- Monthly Finance Report and Monitoring Returns:** The monthly finance report was presented, confirming the organisation's forecast financial position and key risks. The Committee discussed continued pressures across workforce, Continuing Healthcare (CHC), medicines, specialised services and digital investment. An overview of the underlying financial position was provided, and the Committee noted that IMTP savings plans are intended to reduce this position over the year.
- Value and Sustainability Assurance Update:** The Committee noted that the Value and Sustainability Programme had been refreshed, with clearer Executive ownership, strengthened programme governance and a more formal project-based approach. The Committee noted improved alignment with IMTP delivery and ongoing oversight through the Value and Sustainability Board. The importance of demonstrating delivery of cash-releasing savings was emphasised, and assurance was provided that progress would continue to be monitored and reported regularly.
- Value Sustainability Board CHC report:** The Committee received a focused update on Continuing Healthcare (CHC) from the Value and Sustainability Board. It was noted that CHC expenditure was higher than the Welsh average, reflecting local population and market factors, and the Committee noted a minimum savings expectation of 2%. Members acknowledged the complexity of delivering savings in CHC and noted that further detailed plans would be brought back for assurance
- Efficiency Opportunities and Update Report:** The Committee received a presentation on the efficiency dashboard and emerging efficiency opportunities. The dashboard brings together a wide range of performance measures to support organisational focus and



decision-making, with the ability to view real-time information at divisional level. Members noted that the data highlighted opportunities to improve hospital length of stay, theatre utilisation and outpatient clinic use, which could release capacity and financial benefits. The Committee welcomed the increasing use of the dashboard across the organisation and emphasised the importance of translating the intelligence into tangible improvement and cash-releasing actions rather than solely reporting.

- **Information Governance Report, including SIRO Update:** The Committee received the Information Governance report and noted good progress in key areas, including the completion of privacy impact assessments with no significant risks identified and strong compliance with mandatory information governance and cyber security training. A number of information governance incidents were reported during the period, none of which met the threshold for external reporting. The Committee discussed a reported data retention risk associated with Microsoft Teams and SharePoint usage and was assured that appropriate policies had now been put in place.
- **Corporate Information Performance:** The Committee received the annual report on Corporate Information Performance. It was noted that FOI performance remained strong, with statutory compliance above the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) threshold and low levels of complaint. MS and MP correspondence volumes remained high and increasingly complex, with average response times slightly above the internal target. Anticipated future pressures were highlighted in light of the planned expansion of the Senedd.

