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MEETING SUMMARY

DATE OF MEETING	Tuesday 3rd November 2026
VENUE	Microsoft Teams

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

Committee Papers: Agenda and Papers

Committee Members:
Neil Patrick, 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. The Committee approved the previous minutes and noted that there were no outstanding actions on the Action Log.

- **Performance Management and Escalation Update, Including AB Escalation Update:** The Committee received an update on the Health Board's performance management and escalation arrangements, including developments relating to the Welsh Government oversight framework. Members noted continued improvements in urgent and emergency care performance and discussed the actions being taken to sustain progress through the winter period. The Committee received assurance regarding ongoing work to address performance challenges and support further organisational recovery.

- **Integrated Performance Report, including performance against Ministerial Priorities:** The Committee reviewed organisational performance against Ministerial priorities and annual plan ambitions. Members noted positive progress across a number of areas, including planned care, community services and population health measures, whilst recognising ongoing challenges relating to cancer performance, waiting lists and increasing service demand. The



Committee discussed the importance of understanding demand pressures and maintaining focus on performance improvement across key areas.

- **Productivity Improvement Report:** The Committee received a report on productivity improvements within the Regional Cataract Service and welcomed evidence of sustained performance exceeding Welsh Government benchmarks. Members recognised the benefits achieved through collaborative improvement approaches and discussed opportunities to apply similar methodologies to support productivity and efficiency improvements across other services. The Committee noted the value of robust performance intelligence and benchmarking in identifying opportunities for further service improvement and supporting better outcomes for patients.

- **Information Governance Report, including SIRO Update:** The Committee considered the Information Governance Report and received assurance regarding information governance compliance, cyber security arrangements and digital records management. Members noted progress in a number of key areas and discussed lessons learned from recent incidents, together with the importance of maintaining cyber resilience and effective information governance arrangements across the organisation.

- **Assurance reports from the Digital, Data and Technology Group, including an update on the Delivery of Digital Programmes:** The Committee received assurance regarding the progress of the Health Board's digital transformation portfolio and noted developments across a range of digital programmes. Members discussed the challenges associated with delivering digital priorities within a complex financial environment and received assurance regarding arrangements to support the continued delivery and sustainability of digital services and programmes.