

DATE OF MEETING	Tuesday 6 th October 2026 09:30-12:30
VENUE	Microsoft Teams

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board – Patient Quality, Safety and Outcomes Committee: Meeting Summary

Committee Papers: [Agenda and Papers](#)

Committee Members:

Helen Sweetland, Committee Chair
Paul Deneen, Independent Member
William Smart, ABUHB Vice Chair
Vivek Goel, Independent Member

- **Meeting Administration & Attendance:** The Chair opened the meeting, welcomed attendees and noted apologies. The Committee approved the minutes of the previous meeting and noted the action log.
- **Quality Outcomes Reporting:** The Committee received the Quality Outcomes Report and discussed performance across complaints, patient experience, incident management and infection prevention. Members noted improvements in complaint handling, incident management and infection control performance, whilst recognising areas requiring continued focus, including workforce compliance and training. Assurance was received regarding ongoing quality improvement activity.
- **Quality Management Group Reporting:** The Committee received the Quality Outcomes Report and discussed performance across complaints, patient experience, incident management and infection prevention. Members noted improvements in complaint handling, incident management and infection control performance, whilst recognising areas requiring continued focus, including workforce compliance and training. Assurance was received regarding ongoing quality improvement activity.



- **Quality Annual Report 2025/26:** The Committee received the Quality Annual Report 2025/26 and noted progress made in strengthening quality governance, organisational learning and the Quality Management System. Members supported continued work to align quality reporting and assurance arrangements across the Health Board.
- **Putting Things Right Annual Report 2025/26:** The Committee reviewed the Putting Things Right Annual Report and noted improvements in complaint management, early resolution and backlog reduction. Members discussed the transition to the Listening to People arrangements and received assurance regarding ongoing improvement and organisational learning.
- **Maternity and Neonatal Report:** The Committee received an update on maternity and neonatal services and considered learning arising from national reviews, workforce challenges and service pressures. Members discussed governance, culture and patient engagement and received assurance regarding ongoing improvement programmes and actions to address identified risks.
- **Safeguarding Annual Report:** The Committee received the Safeguarding Annual Report and discussed increasing demand and complexity across safeguarding services. Assurance was received regarding safeguarding arrangements, workforce capacity and priorities for continued improvement.
- **Attorney General of Northern Ireland (AGNI) Supreme Court Ruling:** The Committee received an update on the implications of the AGNI Supreme Court ruling for Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards practice. Members discussed workforce training, legal developments and implementation arrangements and received assurance regarding ongoing preparedness across the Health Board.
- **Quality Management System Annual Review and Development Plan:** The Committee noted progress in developing and embedding the Health Board's Quality Management System and considered plans for further organisational development. Members also noted arrangements for future Board engagement and oversight.
- **Corporate Clinical Audit Framework including the Annual Corporate Clinical Audit Plan 2026/27:** The Committee reviewed the proposed Corporate Clinical Audit Framework and Annual Clinical Audit Plan for 2026/27. Members discussed the development of a risk-based approach to clinical audit and received assurance



regarding arrangements to support quality improvement, accountability and organisational learning.

- **Strategic Oversight of Clinical Audit 2026-2029:** The Committee considered the strategic approach to clinical audit for 2026-2029 and discussed the role of audit in supporting clinical effectiveness and assurance. Members received assurance regarding governance arrangements and future priorities for clinical audit activity.
- **Research and Development Annual Report:** The Committee received the Research and Development Annual Report and noted continued growth in research activity, workforce development and commercial research opportunities. Members discussed the importance of embedding research within clinical practice and received assurance regarding future sustainability and development.
- **Violence and Aggression Incidents Report:** The Committee received a thematic review of violence and aggression incidents affecting staff. Members discussed trends in physical assaults, lone working risks, incidents within patient homes and staff support arrangements, and received assurance regarding actions being taken through the Violence Prevention and Reduction Strategy.
- **Primary Care Quality Report:** The Committee agreed to defer consideration of the Primary Care Quality Report to the December meeting to allow for detailed discussion of the report.
- **Cancer Services Report:** The Committee noted the Cancer Services Report. Members were advised that the report had been subject to extensive discussion through the Finance and Performance Committee and other governance forums and therefore no further discussion was required at this meeting.

