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**BWRDD IECHYD PRIFYSGOLN ANEURIN
BEVAN/ANEURIN BEVAN UNIVERSITY HEALTH
BOARD**

DATE OF MEETING	Wednesday 24th June 2026 at 10:00
VENUE	Microsoft Teams

PRESENT	Andrew Morgan William Smart Paul Deneen Dafydd Vaughan Iwan Jones Neil Patrick Helen Sweetland Helen Cunningham Nicola Prygodzicz Jennifer Winslade Rob Holcombe Hannah Evans Sarah Simmonds Dr Seema Srivastava Peter Carr	Chair Vice Chair Independent Member (Community) Independent Member (Digital) Independent Member (Finance) Independent Member (Community) Independent Member (University) Independent Member (Local Authority) Chief Executive Director of Nursing Director of Finance & Procurement Director of Strategy, Planning and Partnerships Director of Workforce and OD Medical Director Director of AHPs and Health Science
IN ATTENDANCE	Rani Dash Bryony Codd Naomi Murtagh Gareth Lewis Julie Rees Lisa Charles	Director of Corporate Governance Head of Corporate Governance Board Business Manager Head of Financial Services & Accounting Audit Wales Regional Director, Llais Cymru
APOLOGIES	Penny Jones Akmal Hanuk Tracy Daszkiewicz Leanne Watkins Paul Solloway	Independent Member (Community) Independent Member (Third Sector) Director of Public Health Chief Operating Officer Director of Digital



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	PRELIMINARY MATTERS
ABUHB 2406/01	Welcome and Introductions The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular members of the public who had joined the meeting to observe. It was noted that the meeting would be livestreamed and published on the Health Board's website following the meeting.
ABUHB 2406/02	Declarations of Interest for Noting There were no declarations of interest raised.
	ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2025/2026
ABUHB 2406/03	To RECEIVE Audit Wales' Audit of Accounts Report Julie Rees (JR), Audit Wales, presented the final Audit of Accounts for 2025/26. JR confirmed that the Auditor General for Wales intended to issue an unqualified true and fair opinion on the Health Board's Annual Accounts, together with a qualified regularity opinion. The qualification related to the Health Board's continued failure to meet its statutory financial duty to break even over a rolling three-year period. JR reported that no uncorrected misstatements had been identified during the audit, and that a summary of corrected misstatements had been included within Appendix 2 of the report for information. JR also confirmed that no significant control issues had been identified. JR extended her thanks to the Finance and Governance teams for the quality of the reports, and for their collaborative approach which had enabled the audit to be completed to timetable. Andrew Morgan (AM), Chair, welcomed the positive feedback regarding the working relationship between Audit Wales and the Health Board, reflecting on the constructive engagement and openness demonstrated throughout the process.



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	Robert Holcombe (RH), Director of Finance & Procurement, also expressed appreciation to the Finance team and wider colleagues for their contribution to the successful completion of the year-end accounts The Board RECEIVED the Report.
ABUHB 2406/04	To RECEIVE a recommendation from the Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee Iwan Jones (IJ), Independent Member and Chair of the Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee, presented the Committee's recommendations to the Board. IJ advised that the Committee had met to consider the Annual Report and Accounts, alongside Audit Wales' Audit of Accounts Report and associated documentation, and had undertaken a detailed review of both the financial statements and audit findings. The Committee was satisfied that the accounts presented a true and fair view of the Health Board's financial position and performance for the year, noting the robustness of the audit process and the quality of the supporting information provided. IJ highlighted that the auditors intended to issue a qualified regularity opinion in relation to the Health Board's continued breach of its statutory financial duty to break even over the rolling three-year period. This remained a significant matter for the Board and would continue to be a key focus for both the Committee and the wider organisation. The Committee was assured regarding the integrity of the accounts and the adequacy of the processes in place to support their preparation, and therefore recommended that the Board approve the Annual Report and Accounts.



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	IJ conveyed the Committee's appreciation for the work of the teams across the organisation in producing the report and supporting the audit process. The Board RECEIVED the Committee's recommendation.
ABUHB 2406/05	To consider for APPROVAL and SIGNING ABUHB's Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 The Board received the Annual Report and Accounts for 2025/26. The Performance Report (Part 1) Hannah Evans (HE), Director of Strategy, Planning and Partnerships, presented the Performance Report, noting that the report reflected the previously scrutinised year-end performance and aligned with the organisation's planning commitments and delivery against strategic objectives. The Annual Accountability Report (Part 2) Rani Dash (RD), Director of Corporate Governance, presented the Accountability Report, highlighting that it comprised the Corporate Governance Report, Remuneration Report and Parliamentary Accountability disclosures. RD advised that the Annual Governance Statement confirmed that the Health Board maintained a sound system of internal control, with no significant governance issues identified. The Financial Statements (Part 3) Robert Holcombe (RH), Director of Finance & Procurement, presented the financial statements, confirming that they had been prepared in line with Welsh Government requirements and reviewed by the Audit Committee. The Board APPROVED the Annual Report and Accounts 2025/26.



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ABUHB 2406/06	To APPROVE for SIGNING the Letter of Representation, as included in Audit Wales' ISA260 2025/26 The Board APPROVED the signing of the Letter of Representation 2025/26.
ABUHB 2406/07	OTHER MATERS Any Other Business Nicola Prygodzicz (NP), Chief Executive, formally thanked the teams involved in the preparation of the Annual Report and Accounts for their significant contribution throughout the year. NP expressed her appreciation for the professionalism and commitment demonstrated in producing the reports and accounts and recorded her gratitude to all colleagues who had contributed to the successful completion of the process. There were no further items raised for discussion.
ABUHB 2406/08	Date of the Next Meeting: Wednesday 29th July 2026

