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Report Title	Counter Fraud Update Report		
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Freedom of Information	Open		
Purpose of the Report	<p>The purpose of this report is to provide the Audit Committee with the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counter Fraud Annual Report 2022/23 – Appendix 1 • Counter Fraud Work Plan 2023/24 – Appendix 2 • Functional Standard Return 2022/23 – Appendix 3 		
Key Issues	The documents submitted are produced in line with the requirements of NHS Counter Fraud Standards and Welsh Government Directions to NHS Bodies on Counter Fraud Measures.		
Specific Action Required <i>(please choose one only)</i>	Information	Discussion	Assurance
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recommendations	<p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the Counter Fraud Annual Report 2022/23 • Approve the Counter Fraud Work Plan 2023/24 • Approve the Functional Standard Return 2022/23 		

COUNTER FRAUD UPDATE REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

The report presented provides the Audit Committee update on performance of counter fraud in relation to the Health Board's Counter Fraud Work Plan and NHS Counter Fraud Standards. The May 2023 report provides a summary of 2022/23 activities and provides the work plan for 2023/24.

2. BACKGROUND

The Health Board is expected to comply with Counter Fraud Standards adopted by Welsh Government. In May of each financial year the Committee receives a review of the previous year and proposed plan for the forthcoming year.

This report provides the Audit Committee with the following documents: -

- Counter Fraud Annual Report 2022/23 – Appendix 1
- Counter Fraud Work Plan 2023/24 – Appendix 2
- Functional Standard Return 2022/23 – Appendix 3

3. GOVERNANCE AND RISK ISSUES

Compliance with standards is assessed by NHS Counter Fraud Authority. The Health Board's self-review submission is required to be approved by the Executive Director of Finance and the Audit Committee Chair.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Counter Fraud resource is fully budgeted for this work.

5. RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to:

- **Note** the Counter Fraud Annual Report 2022/23
- **Approve** the Counter Fraud Work Plan 2023/24
- **Approve** the Functional Standard Return 2022/23

Governance and Assurance		
Link to Enabling Objectives <i>(please choose)</i>	Supporting better health and wellbeing by actively promoting and empowering people to live well in resilient communities	
	Partnerships for Improving Health and Wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Co-Production and Health Literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Health and Wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Deliver better care through excellent health and care services achieving the outcomes that matter most to people	
	Best Value Outcomes and High Quality Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Partnerships for Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Excellent Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Outstanding Research, Innovation, Education and Learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health and Care Standards		
<i>(please choose)</i>	Staying Healthy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Safe Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Effective Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Dignified Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Timely Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Individual Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Staff and Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality, Safety and Patient Experience		
The Counter Fraud activity outlined whilst primarily aimed at fraud risk to the Health Boards links to potential parallel risks relating to quality, safety and patient experience where identified.		
Financial Implications		
The Counter Fraud resource is fully budgeted.		
Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)		
The report sets out progression in cases which can result in legal action being undertaken both criminally and civilly in line with working practices set out in the Health Board's Counter Fraud Policy and Response Plan.		
Staffing Implications		
The resource required to deliver the Counter Fraud work is already in place.		
Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)		
Briefly identify how the paper will have an impact of the "The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, 5 ways of working.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Long Term – reduction of fraud risk faced by the Health Board and reduction of losses to fraudulent activity. ○ Prevention – fraud risk management to reduce, prevent and deter exposure to fraud. ○ Integration – counter fraud activity aligns to requirements set out by Welsh Government on counter fraud measures for NHS Bodies and is aligned to work across NHS Wales. 		

- **Collaboration** – counter fraud activity involves collaboration with internal and external stakeholders throughout.
- **Involvement** – key stakeholders are identified and engaged in counter fraud work to meet and achieve aims and objectives.

Report History

None

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Counter Fraud Annual Report 2022/23
Appendix 2 - Counter Fraud Work Plan 2023/24
Appendix 3 - Functional Standard Return 2022/23