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Report Title	Counter Fraud Annual Report 2020/21 and Annual Work Plan 2021/22			
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Freedom of Information	Open			
Purpose of the Report	<p>The purpose of these reports is to provide the Audit Committee with the Counter Fraud Annual Report on work completed in 2020/21 on key areas of work undertaken by the Health Board Local Counter Fraud Specialists.</p> <p>The Work Plan for planned activity for 2021/22 is also presented.</p>			
Key Issues	<p>The Annual Report sets out achievements of the work undertaken in 2020/21.</p> <p>The Work Plan identifies areas required for improvement in the context of introduction of new Counter Fraud Standards with which the Health Board is expected to comply.</p>			
Specific Action Required <i>(please choose one only)</i>	Information	Discussion	Assurance	Approval
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Recommendations	<p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CONSIDER and discuss the Counter Fraud Annual Report; and • APPROVE the annual work plan 			

COUNTER FRAUD ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21 AND ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2021/22

1. INTRODUCTION

The reports presented provide the Audit Committee with the Counter Fraud Annual Report on work completed in 2020/21 on key areas of work undertaken by the Health Board Local Counter Fraud Specialists and set out planned activity for 2021/22 within a formal work plan.

2. BACKGROUND

The Health Board is expected to comply with Counter Fraud Standards adopted by Welsh Government. The Annual Report is a requirement of those standards and demonstrates compliance with them with activity undertaken in 2020/21. The Work Plan sets out proposed activity to meet Standards requirements.

3. GOVERNANCE AND RISK ISSUES

The Work Plan identifies areas that require improvement in 2021/22 in the context of new Counter Fraud Standards. Improvement actions are proposed and included in the Plan.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Counter Fraud resource is budgeted for the year in line with proposals set out in the Work Plan.

5. RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to: -

- **Consider and discuss** the Annual Report to review activity undertaken in 2020/21.
- **Approve** the Work Plan. The Work plan has been developed to meet the requirements of Counter Fraud Standards and address identified risk areas.

Governance and Assurance		
Link to Enabling Objectives (please choose)	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		
(please choose)	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 in both reports 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 budgeted for the year in line with proposals set out in the Work Plan.		
Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)		
The Health Board is expected to comply with Counter Fraud Standards adopted by Welsh Government. The Annual Report is a requirement of those standards and demonstrates compliance with them with activity undertaken in 2020/21. The Work Plan sets out proposed activity to meet Standards requirements.		
Staffing Implications		
The resource required to deliver the Counter Fraud Work Plan 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. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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	Routine annual report to Committee
Appendices	Appendix 1: Counter Fraud Annual Report 2020/21 Appendix 2: Counter Fraud Plan 2021/22