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Freedom of Information	Open		
Purpose of the Report	The purpose of this report is to set out the final annual report for 2022-23.		
Key Issues	The health board is required to submit its annual report for each financial year to Welsh Government after which the document is to be received at its annual general meeting. It provides an outline of the health board's programme in relation to the board's governance arrangements, performance and financial position for the previous year. Any breaches in standing orders/standing financial instructions are reported via the accountability section and the head of internal audit's annual opinion is also included.		
Specific Action Required (please choose one only)	Information	Discussion	Assurance
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Recommendations	Members are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVE the annual report 2022-23 for submission to Welsh Government by the deadline of 31st July 2023. 		

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to set out the final annual report for 2022-23.

2. BACKGROUND

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3. GOVERNANCE AND RISK ISSUES

(i) Annual Report and Accountability Report 2022-23

The manual for accounts sets out that all NHS organisations are required to publish, as single document, a three part annual report and accounts which includes:

- 1) the performance report;
- 2) the accountability report; and
- 3) the financial statements.

Section one, the performance report, as set out in the manual for accounts, is to 'provide information on the entity its main objectives and strategies and the principal risks it faces. The performance report must provide a fair, balanced and understandable analysis of the entity's performance, in line with the overarching requirement for the annual report and accounts to be fair, balanced and understandable.'

Given the ongoing pandemic, performance reporting to Welsh Government has been stood-down in its normal form this year and this is reflected in the requirements for the performance report. Rather than the standard performance charts, a more narrative approach is required, supported where possible by data, to describe the changes made in order to continue to provide both Covid and non-Covid essential services.

The purpose of section two, the accountability report, is to meet the key accountability requirements to Welsh Government and comprises:

- Corporate governance report;
- A remuneration and staff report; and
- A parliamentary and audit report.

In terms of the key areas of assurance these will be provided through:

- Updates on the improvement in governance in the last year;
- Strengthening risk management arrangements including significant work in the development of the refreshed health board risk register.

A draft was circulated in April 2023 to executive directors, independent members, internal and external audit and Welsh Government for comments and the feedback received has been incorporated. It was also considered in draft form by the Audit Committee in March and May 2023.

Section three is the completion of the annual accounts. These are considered in their own right by the board and Audit Committee and incorporated into the final document sent to Welsh Government. Sections one and two of the annual report are at **appendix one**.

(i) Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The revised timetable for Audit Wales to submit final annual reports and accounts to HSSG Finance has impacted on organisations ability to hold an annual general meeting (AGM) (referred to as public meetings in the financial reporting manual) by 31st July, the date specified within the health boards model standing orders as referred to in [Welsh Health Circular \(2021\) 010](#).

Welsh Government has written to organisations to formally confirm and acknowledge, as referred to within the recently revised chapter 3 of the financial reporting manual, that the AGM can take place no later than 28th September and not 31st July in 2023 as specified within the model standing orders issued in 2021.

The board formally agreed this temporary amendment for 2023, during the Board meeting in May 2023 and subject to approval, and the AGM is now scheduled for 14th August 2023.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

5. RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to:

- **APPROVE** the annual report 2022-23 for submission to Welsh Government by the deadline of 31st July 2023.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Quality, Safety and Patient Experience		
Ensuring the board carries out its business appropriately and aligned national requirements is a key factor in the quality, safety and experience of patients receiving care.		
Financial Implications		
There are no financial implications.		
Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)		
There are no legal implications.		
Staffing Implications		
There are no staffing implications.		
Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)		
The development of end-of-year reporting arrangements will enable the organisation to continue to discharge its governance role effectively.		
Report History	Annual report	
Appendices	Appendix one – annual report 2022-23	