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Summary of key matters considered by the committee and any related decisions made.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Board Risk Register The committee received a report on the development of the risk management process and were informed of the good progress being made in terms of engagement, discussion and challenge. Audit Registers and Status of Recommendations Members were informed that the number of outstanding recommendations had decreased during the period but the number still remained high which was concerning. Leads needed to ensure that assigned actions are followed through and there is focus on decreasing the number of outstanding recommendations. There would be a monitoring of the numbers and Leads would be invited to the committee for discussion if volumes remained high. Single Tender Actions and Quotations (STA's and SQA's) It was highlighted that the procurement department were receiving a high number of retrospective STA's and SQA's. It was agreed that improvement was needed in terms of the process and that procurement needed earlier involvement. A paper was due to be discussed at an upcoming executive board meeting which would cover the improvements needed in the contract management process that should be adhered to across all areas. The committee also discussed the volume of STAs and SQAs given over to clinical services requirements. Members queried the effectiveness of the prior planning surrounding these requests and why they were required at short notice. It was agreed that Medical Director involvement in the procurement strategy was needed across all units. Another matter of concern was the use of consultancy services across the board and the committee felt that some focus was needed in this area in terms of justification of use and clarity on the benefits gained. 			
Key risks and issues/matters of concern of which the board needs to be made aware:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal Audit Progress and Assignment Summary The committee raised their concern with regards to the WHO Checklist assignment which had been given a <i>limited assurance</i> rating. Members agreed that it was fundamental to patient safety to see an improvement in this area in the past. A number of errors and adverse events were linked to the non-compliance in this area and improvement was therefore critical. The issue was being monitored via the Quality and Safety Committee but feedback on the action plan was requested for the next Audit Committee meeting. 			

• **Finance Update**

Members heard that the revenue financial position at the end of period 5 (August 2019) was an overspend of £5.995m. The key cost drivers continued to be diseconomies of scale following the Bridgend boundary change, unscheduled care pressures, increased continuing healthcare activity and slippage against savings plans. There had been significant progress in recovery actions and the Delivery Support Team were driving forward actions and forecasting a breakeven position at year-end. Members also heard that there had been a resolution to the Bridgend arbitration case and Welsh Government would allocate £7.1m to Cwm Taf University Health Board on a non-recurring basis.

• **Bridgend Boundary Change Balance Sheet Disaggregation Process**

The committee were informed that a cash sum of £19.976m was to be transferred in order to clear the net liabilities transferring to Cwm Taf University Health Board. There would be potential cash flow risk during at year-end and this needed to be noted by the Board. The risk was being mitigated currently in discussions with Welsh Government.

Delegated action by the committee:

None identified.

Main sources of information received:

The following reports were received with no significant issues raised:

- Wales Audit Office Progress Report
- Losses and Special Payments Report
- Senior Information Risk Owner Annual Report 2018/19
- Effectiveness of Committee – A report on the process for the annual self-assessment.

Highlights from sub-groups reporting into this committee:

None identified.

Matters referred to other committees

None identified.

Date of next meeting

21 November 2019