

 GIG CYMRU NHS WALES	Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru Public Health Wales	Name of Meeting Board
		Date of Meeting 27 January 2022
		Agenda item 6a
Chair's Report to the Board concerning the matters considered in the Private Board meeting of the 25 November 2021.		
Chair	Jan Williams	
Date of last meeting	25 November 2021	

Summary of the key matters that the Board considered when meeting in private session, on 25 November, 2021, together with any related decisions made:

In line with Public Health Wales' Standing Orders, the Board conducts its meetings in public. Public Health Wales' Standing Orders make provision, at paragraph 7.5.2, for the Board to meet and discuss certain matters in private.

The Public Bodies Act (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, section 1 (2) provides the legal basis for such Private Board Meetings to ensure that the matters under consideration are not prejudicial to the public interest – that they do not cause undue harm or influence the public unfairly.

Public Health Wales has a Protocol for Reserving Matters to a Private Board (or Committee) meeting, which can be seen here - [Microsoft Word - 5.6 BOARD 270521 Protocol for private meetings.docx \(nhs.wales\)](#)

I am introducing this report as a standing agenda item, to increase transparency and accountability.

This report sets out, for noting, the matters that the Board considered during the Private Board meeting of the 25 November 2021.

- Staff network presentation** – Porffor (Disabled Staff Network)
 At each Board meeting during 2021/22, the Board has received a presentation from each of the 5 Staff Networks; this gives the Board an opportunity to hear directly from the 'front line'. In November 2021, the Porffor Network co-chairs made a presentation, which included three 'asks' of the Board. Board Directors supported the requests in principle, and delegated the implementation arrangements to the Executive Team. The Board agreed to take a report at its public March 2022 meeting, summarising the 'asks' made in-year from all Networks, together with the actions taken.

The Standing Financial Instructions confirm that any financial decisions above £500,000 require Board approval and therefore all decisions that cross this threshold are the responsibility of the Board. Further details about our financial delegations can be seen in our Standing Financial Instructions here - [Microsoft Word - PHW Standing Orders and delegation of powers - v9 - Approved May 2021.docx \(nhs.wales\)](#)

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The Board approved a number of **procurement** requests, as follows:

- Cervical Screening Wales;
- The All Wales Business case for the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS), led by the NHS Wales Health Collaborative;
- PenGU – Pathogen Genomics;
- Every year, the Board agrees its own training and development needs for the next 12 months, and the Board looked ahead to, and supported, the 2022/23 **Organisational Development agenda** .
- The Board received and discussed an update on relevant activities from **Health Protection** (non-COVID related) including the reporting of a Data Breach to the Information Commissioners Office.
- The Board received information about the **Zero Racism Wales pledge** and supported the principle of signing the pledge at the January 2022 meeting.
- The Board considered and approved **minutes** and **action logs** of the Private Board meeting on the 30 September and 28 October 2021.
- The Board approved the **notes** of the Board Development session of the 28 October 2021.