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<p>Chair's Report to the Board concerning the matters considered in the Private Board meeting of the 25 January 2024</p>	
<p>Chair</p>	<p>Jan Williams</p>
<p>Date of last meeting</p>	<p>28 March 2024</p>

<p>Summary of the key matters that the Board considered when meeting in private session, on 28 March 2024, together with any related decisions made:</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Public Health Wales has a Protocol for Reserving Matters to a Private Board (or Committee) meeting, which can be seen here - https://phw.nhs.wales/about-us/board-and-executive-team/protocol-for-private-meetings/</p> <p>This Chair's Report is a standing agenda item, for the purposes of transparency and accountability. This report sets out the matters that the Board considered during the Private Board meeting of the 28 March 2024.</p> <p>The Standing Financial Instructions confirm that any financial decisions above £500,000 are a matter for the Board and require Board approval. Further details about financial delegations can be seen in Public Health Wales' Standing Financial Instructions.</p> <p>The Board approved a ICST Contract, subject to Welsh Government approval of the contract sum, given that the value exceeded £1m; the Board also noted the legal advice from NWSSP. The Board considered the procurement request in private due to the commercially sensitive nature of the request:</p>

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The Board considered an update on any implications of Public Health Wales' systems and processes in light of the **Post Office Horizon IT Inquiry**. The Board took **assurance** from the work in hand to strengthen processes and the intention to track further learning from the Post Office IT Public Inquiry. The Board considered this update in private due to the confidential cyber security aspects of the update.

The Board **considered** the **Cyber Security Strategic Risk**. The Board considered this item in private due to the confidential nature of the subject matter.

The Board **considered** an update on **Current Issues, including health protection matters**. The update was confidential in nature and added detail to the report that was considered in the public session on the management of infectious diseases.

The Board considered a verbal update on the current arrangements in the **NHS Executive**, and went on to **recommend** a Hosting Agreement Addendum for approval. The Board also noted the receipt of the letter from Nick Wood on 21 March around the progress of the NHS Executive work over 2024/25. The Board considered the subject matter in private due to the confidential nature of the workforce implications.

The Board **considered** a **NHS finance update**, which included an overview of the current financial position across NHS Wales. The Board considered the subject matter in private as the information was not yet in the public domain. The Board also noted the inclusion of financial information in the Integrated Medium-Term Plan 2024-27, for consideration in the public session.

The Board **considered** a **Local Partnership Forum Update**. The Board considered this update in private due to the confidential nature of the workforce implications.

The Board **noted** an update on arrangements for **recruitment to the Public Health Wales Vice Chair Role** and the ongoing recruitment process for Chairs to NHS Wales Bodies. The Board considered this update in private due to the confidential nature of the workforce implications.

The Board **noted** the Committee Chairs Report to Private Board.

The Board considered and **approved** the minutes and action logs of the Private Board meeting on the 25 January 2024.

Summary of communication items circulated to Board members electronically (via e-mail) since the last Board meeting held on 28 March 2024

Public Health Wales has a system of Board-level communications outside formal meetings, to ensure that directors have up to date information and to support the Board in discharging its role.

A summary of information sent to the Board since the March Board meeting (up to 14 May 2024) was as follows:

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- Month 8 and Month 10 Performance Assurance Dashboard and Finance Reports
- Presentation and additional information from Ymlaen ahead of their presentation to the January Board meeting
- Derek Walker presentation from the Board session
- Mass Redundancy Report
- Mid Year message from Huw George
- Information regarding workforce Race Equality Standard (WRES)
- Leadership and Progression Information
- Advice Note 39 to CMO: Responding to the Threat of Measles Outbreak
- Email regarding supporting prevention in Primary Care
- Copy of email from Andrew Goodall regarding Board Member training
- Draft minutes of January Board Minutes