

Joint Commissioning Committee

Highlight Report from the Joint Commissioning Committee

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Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt/consideration at Committee/Group)		
Committee / Group / Individuals	Date	Outcome
Health Boards	January 2026	Noted

1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

This report had been prepared to provide Health Board (HB) Chief Executive Officer Members of the Joint Committee with a summary of the key issues considered by the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (JC) at its public meeting on 27 January 2026.

Key highlights from the meeting are reported in Section 3.

2. PURPOSE

The Purpose and Role of the JC is set out in Paragraphs 2.18 and 2.20 of the NWJCC [Standing Orders \(SOs\)](#).

3. HIGHLIGHT REPORT

(Links to reports highlighted [January 2026 - NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee](#)).

Status	Update
Alert / Escalate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The financial position remains a key risk. A private meeting was held prior to the in-public meeting to progress discussions on options for the Integrated Medium-Term Plan (IMTP) for 2026-2029. The IMTP will be presented to the JC in March 2026 for approval.
Advise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Services (EMRTS) Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the November JC, the Welsh Ambulance Service (WAST) were tasked with reviewing rural service delivery, particularly in relation to Recommendation 4, to adapt to the new ambulance performance framework. The recommendations and outputs from the ambulance review will be incorporated into the IMTP. The Wales Air Ambulance Charity were continuing their planning for a new base. Current base arrangements may need to be extended as an interim measure.
Assure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance & Risk Management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Risk Register at 30 November 2025 was received. Risks were reviewed and scrutinised by the Sub-Committees prior to the JC. A discussion was held around the approach to develop and strengthen the commissioner held risks. Members welcomed the work and improvements made to date. The Corporate Governance Report including updates on the internal audit programme, hosting arrangements, work in progress and forward plan of business were noted.
Inform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair's Report summarised the JC Strategy Session held on 16 December 2025, which covered topics including the development of the NWJCC IMTP, emerging risks across the NWJCC's portfolios and the NWJCC Financial Outlook including financial savings plan. The Chief Commissioner's Report included updates on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The progress made in relation to implementing the new organisational structure for the NWJCC (with an improved 14.30% vacancy rate as of January 2026). A new Director of Commissioning for Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Vulnerable Groups has been appointed and will join the NWJCC on 2 February 2026. The Interim Director was thanked for covering the post during this transition period.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports from each of the Commissioning Directors: • <u>Director of Commissioning for Ambulance Services and 111</u> Members noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In relation to 111 Press 2, the NWJCC currently does not hold any commissioning responsibility as the service was provided by HBs. There was potential for a future review and discussion about whether a national commissioning function should be considered to improve resilience and effectiveness. • <u>Director of Commissioning for Specialised Services</u> Members noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That the Joint Accreditation Committee of the European BMT Society (JACIE) report had been received. Certification was not renewed due to unresolved estates issues. A six-month extension has been provided. The estates issues were unlikely to be resolved during this time frame. Alternative commissioning arrangements with English providers were being considered. - Demand management work with providers to explore opportunities for managing elective and urgent cases was on-going. • <u>Director of Commissioning for Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Vulnerable Groups</u> Members noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An update on the commissioning review of the Welsh Gender Service. This was expected to take around three months once appropriate resource had been secured. - The re-opening of the Caswell clinic was reported, the JC acknowledging that the service remained in escalation. - The NWJCC's continuing oversight of the St Andrew's mental health facility which included attendance at weekly Gold and Silver meetings and multi-agency involvement to manage service quality. • The JC received the <u>Month 9 Finance Report</u> and the <u>Operational Performance Report</u>. The challenging financial position was noted. Members thanked the NWJCC for their efforts in reducing the financial deficit and welcomed discussions on further opportunities for cost savings. Members also welcomed on-going improvements to performance reporting, including enhanced data quality, user friendly formats and the integration of key metrics, while

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	<p>noting areas for further development, particularly in mental health and ambulance data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee received the following assurance reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality, Safety and Outcomes Sub-Committee Planning, Performance and Finance Sub-Committee
Appendices	None.

4. ASSESSMENT

Objectives / Strategy	
Dolen i Amcan (au) Strategol CBC Link to JCC Strategic Objectives(s)	Maximise Value
	Ensure Quality; Reduce Duplication; Improve Equity & Population Health; Facilitate Integration
Dolen i Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol – Nodau Llesiant / Link to Wellbeing of Future Generations Act – Wellbeing Goals 150623-guide-to-the-fg-act-en.pdf (futuregenerations.wales)	A Resilient Wales
	A Healthier Wales
Dolen i Hwyluswyr Ansawdd (Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) / Link to Enablers of Quality (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Leadership
	Culture and Valuing People; Learning, Improvement and Research; Whole-systems Perspective
Dolen i Feysydd Ansawdd (Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) / Link to Domains of Quality (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Effective
	Efficient; Equitable; Person-centred; Timely; Safe
Effaith Amgylcheddol/ Cynaliadwyedd (5R) / Environmental /Sustainability Impact (5Rs)	No - Not Applicable

Impact Assessment		
Ansawdd	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<p><i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Ansawdd? /</i></p> <p>Quality</p> <p><i>Have you undertaken a Quality Impact Assessment Screening?</i></p>	<p>Outcome:</p>	<p>If no, please include rationale below: This is a summary of the latest meeting of the JCC</p>
<p>Cydraddoldeb</p> <p><i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb? /</i></p> <p>Equality</p> <p><i>Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment Screening?</i></p>	<p>Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>Outcome for Equality (delete as appropriate): POSITIVE/NEUTRAL/NEGATIVE</p> <p>Outcome for Welsh Language (delete as appropriate): POSITIVE/NEUTRAL/NEGATIVE</p>	<p>If no, please include rationale below: This is a summary of the latest meeting of the JCC</p>
<p>Cyfreithiol / Legal</p>	<p>There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.</p>	
<p>Enw da / Reputational</p>	<p>There is no direct impact on the reputation of the Joint Committee as a result of the activity outlined in this report.</p>	
<p>Effaith Adnoddau <i>(Pobl /Ariannol) /</i></p> <p>Resource Impact <i>(People / Financial)</i></p>	<p>Yes (Include further detail below)</p>	
	<p>The performance of the services will be used to develop the IMTP and identify the areas where resources may be required.</p>	

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health Board is asked to:

- **Note** the highlights outlined in Section 3 of this report.