

## Audit Wales Work Programme and Timetable – Bridgend County Borough Council

**Quarterly Update: 30 June 2022**

### Annual Audit Summary

Description	Timetable	Status
A report summarising completed audit work since the last Annual Audit Summary, which was issued in [month/year].	January 2022	Final report issued January 2022.

### Financial Audit work

Description	Scope	Timetable	Status
<b>Audit of the Council's 2020-21 Grants and Returns</b>	Audit of five claims as required by the terms and conditions of the grants.	In line with the individual deadlines for each grant claim.	Work on one coastal erosion scheme grant is ongoing but substantially complete.

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<b>Audit of the Council's 2021-22 statement of accounts</b>	To confirm whether the statement of accounts provide a true and fair view.	Audit Opinion by 30 September 2022	Our planning work of the audit has commenced. We have also commenced our interim testing of income and expenditure.
<b>Audit of the 2021-22 Returns for Porthcawl Harbour Authority and Coychurch Crematorium Joint Committee</b>	To confirm that the returns have been completed correctly.	Audit Opinion by 30 September 2022	Audit Work to commence during July 2022.

## Performance Audit work

2020-21 Performance Audit Work	Scope	Timetable	Status
<b>Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 (WFG Act) examinations</b>	We will seek to integrate the delivery of our WFG examinations of steps to deliver wellbeing objectives with our other audit work. We will discuss this with the Council as we scope and deliver the audit projects listed in this plan.	N/A	N/A
<b>Improvement reporting audit</b>	Audit of discharge of duty to publish an assessment of performance.	Issued 2 November 2021	Complete

2021-22 Performance audit work	Scope	Timetable	Status
<b>Assurance and Risk Assessment (ARA)</b>	Project to identify the level of audit assurance and/or where further audit work may be required in future years in relation to risks to the Council putting in place proper arrangements to secure value for money in the use of resources.	Presentation to CMB 16 February 2022  Report to GAC	Complete  September 2022
<b>Springing Forward – Examining the building blocks for a sustainable future</b>	As the world moves forward, learning from the global pandemic, this review looks at how effectively councils are strengthening their ability to transform, adapt and maintain the delivery of services, including those delivered in partnership with key stakeholders and communities.	Report to be issued May 2022	Clearance
<b>Follow-up review – Disabled Facilities Grants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow up the Council's progress to address the findings from our disabled facilities grants (DFG) review.</li> </ul>	Part of ARA report to GAC above	September 2022

2021-22 Performance audit work	Scope	Timetable	Status
<p><b>Review relating to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg health partnership following the Council's transition to the partnership in 2019.</b></p>	<p>A review (covering RCT, Bridgend and Merthyr Tydfil councils and Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board) to gain assurance that the health board and the three councils are working together effectively through the aegis of the Transformation Leadership Programme Board to support regional integrated working across the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region.</p>	<p>Feedback to audited bodies on 8 March 2022</p>	<p>Complete</p>

<p><b>Thematic Review – Unscheduled Care</b></p>	<p>A cross-sector review focusing on the flow of patients out of hospital. This review will consider how the Council is working with its partners to address the risks associated with the provision of social care to support hospital discharge, as well as prevent hospital admission. The work will also consider what steps are being taken to provide medium to longer-term solutions.</p>	<p>July – December 2022</p>	<p>Scoping</p>
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## Local government national studies planned/in progress

Study	Scope	Timetable	Status	Fieldwork planned at Bridgend County Borough Council
<b>Direct Payments</b>	Review of how local authorities manage and promote the use of Direct payments	Publication April 2022	Publication	No – work being delivered via Direct Payment Forum and a selection of follow-up interviews.
<b>Follow-up on People Sleeping Rough</b>	Review of how local authorities responded to the needs of people sleeping rough during the pandemic following up on the AGW's report of July 2020	N/A	N/A	This work is not progressing in 2021-22.
<b>Poverty</b>	Understanding how local authorities ensure they deliver their services to minimise or reduce poverty.	Autumn 2021 – Autumn 2022	Fieldwork	Yes – interview with nominated officer at the Council

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<b>Social Enterprises</b>	Review of how local authorities are supporting and utilising social enterprises to deliver services	Autumn 2021 – Autumn 2022	Fieldwork	Yes – interview with nominated officer at the Council.
<b>Community Resilience</b>	Review of how local authorities can build greater resilience in communities	Autumn 2021 – Autumn 2022	Fieldwork	Yes – interview with nominated officer at the Council.

## Estyn

Estyn planned work 2022-23	Scope	Timetable	Status
<b>Local Government Education Services Inspections</b>	Estyn has worked closely with Directors of Education to review their inspection guidance for local government education services (LGES) to reflect the experiences of the pandemic. Estyn has inspected three local authorities during the autumn and spring terms. The Cardiff and Merthyr Tydfil reports have been published and the Torfaen report will be published on 18 May.	LGES inspections resumed from the late autumn term 2021	N/A
<b>Curriculum Reform thematic review</b>	<u>Curriculum for Wales – how are regional consortia and local authorities supporting schools</u> published on 24 March.	Evidence collecting in September/October – published in March	N/A



## Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW)

CIW planned work 2022-23	Scope	Timetable	Status
<b>National Assurance Check 2020-21</b>	CIW has now published all assurance check letters. CIW has published its national assurance check report highlighting key findings and recommendations..	Published	Complete
<b>Programme 2022-23</b>	CIW will run a cyclic programme of assurance checks, improvement checks and performance evaluation inspections.	April 2022- March 2023	In progress
<b>National review</b>	Support for disabled children and their families.	Published	Complete
<b>Development</b>	CIW will continue to develop its approach to inspection and review of local authorities. CIW will consult further regarding its approach.	May-June 2022	In progress
<b>Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Annual Monitoring Report for Health and Social Care 2020-21</b>	Completed	March 2021	Published
<b>Annual meeting with Statutory Directors of Social Services</b>	CIW will meet with all Directors of Social Services	December 2022 and January 2023	Planning

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<p><b>National review of Care Planning for children and young people subject to the Public Law Outline pre-proceedings</b></p>	<p>Purpose of the review To provide external scrutiny, assurance and to promote improvement regarding the quality of practice in relation to the care planning for children and young people subject to the public law outline pre-proceedings</p> <p>To consider the extent to which practice has progressed since the publication of both the CIW 'National Review of care planning for children and young people subject to public law outline pre proceedings' and the publication of the PLO working group report 2021 including best practice guidance.</p>	<p>September 2022</p>	<p>Planning</p>
<p><b>Joint Inspection Child Protection Arrangements</b></p>	<p>Cross-inspectorate approach. Area to be determined.</p>	<p>Autumn 2022</p>	<p>Planning</p>
<p><b>Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Annual Monitoring Report for Health and Social Care 2021-22</b></p>	<p>Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Annual Monitoring Report for Health and Social Care 2021-22</p>	<p>2022-23</p>	<p>Planning</p>

CIW planned work 2022-23	Scope	Timetable	Status
<b>Cafcass Assurance Check</b>	CIW will continue to develop its approach to inspection and review of Cafcass Cymru.	2022	Planning
<b>Children's Services Inspection</b>	Performance Evaluation Inspection of Bridgend Children's Services	PEI completed 23 – 27 May 2022	Awaiting publication August 2022

## Audit Wales national reports and other outputs published since January 2022

Report title	Publication date and link to report
Direct Payments for Adult Social Care	<a href="#">April 2022</a>
Local Government Financial Sustainability Data Tool	<a href="#">February 2022</a>
Joint Working Between Emergency Services (including data tool)	<a href="#">January 2022</a>
Care Home Commissioning for Older People	<a href="#">December 2021</a>
The Welsh Government's Warm Homes Programme	<a href="#">November 2021</a>

Report title	Publication date and link to report
Taking Care of the Carers? How NHS bodies supported staff wellbeing during the COVID-19 pandemic	<a href="#">October 2021</a>
Financial Sustainability of Local Government	<a href="#">September 2021</a>
NHS summarised accounts infographic	<a href="#">September 2021</a>
Picture of Public Services <sup>1</sup>	<a href="#">September 2021</a>
Town Centre Regeneration	<a href="#">September 2021</a>
Student finances	<a href="#">August 2021</a>
NHS finances data tool 2020-21	<a href="#">June 2021</a>
Rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination programme in Wales	<a href="#">June 2021</a>
Quality governance arrangements at Cwm Taf UHB – follow-up	<a href="#">May 2021</a>
Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee governance arrangements	<a href="#">May 2021</a>

<sup>1</sup> Main report published 15 September. Over the following six weeks we published five short sector commentaries: [A picture of local government](#), [A picture of healthcare](#), [A picture of social care](#), [A picture of schools](#), [A picture of higher and further education](#).

Report title	Publication date and link to report
At your Discretion – Local Government Discretionary Services	<a href="#"><u>April 2021</u></a>
Procuring and Supplying PPE for the COVID-19 Pandemic	<a href="#"><u>April 2021</u></a>

## Audit Wales national reports and other outputs (work in progress/planned)<sup>2</sup>

Title	Anticipated publication date
Welsh Government accounts commentary	To be confirmed – plans for this work are now under review
Unscheduled care – data tool and commentary	April 2022
Collaborative arrangements for managing local public health resources	April 2022
Welsh Government setting of well-being objectives	May 2022
COVID response and recovery/Welsh Government grants management – third sector support	May 2022
Curriculum reform	May 2022
NHS waiting times data-tool and planned care commentary	May 2022
Welsh Community Care Information System follow-up	May 2022

<sup>2</sup> We will continue to keep our plans under constant review, taking account of the evolving external environment, our audit priorities, the context of our own resourcing and the capacity of audited bodies to engage with us. This includes maintaining some flexibility so that we can respond to developments in Welsh Government policy and areas of possible interest for the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee.

Title	Anticipated publication date
Orthopaedic services	May/June 2022
NHS finances data tool update	June 2022
Welsh Government workforce	June 2022
Equality impact assessment	July 2022
Climate change – baseline review	July 2022
Broadband infrastructure/digital inclusion	Autumn 2022
Flood risk management	Autumn 2022
COVID response and recovery/Welsh Government grants management – other	To be confirmed
Affordable housing	To be confirmed

## Good Practice Exchange resources

Title	Link to resource
<p>Direct Payments Provision – A webinar discussing our report on Direct Payments Provision and how they can be a key part in implementing the principles of the Social Service and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014</p>	<p><a href="#">Direct Payments Provision webinar recording</a></p>
<p>Responding to the Climate Emergency in Wales A webinar discussing emerging findings from our baseline review of public bodies' arrangements to respond to the Welsh Government's carbon reduction targets for 2030.</p>	<p><a href="#">Responding to the Climate Emergency in Wales recording</a></p>
<p>Covid Perspectives: A series of recorded conversations learning how organisations have adapted to the extended period of uncertainty following the initial covid emergency.</p>	<p><a href="#">Good Practice   Audit Wales</a></p>

## Recent Audit Wales Blogs

Title	Publication date
<p><a href="#">Cyber resilience – one year on</a></p>	<p>9 February 2022</p>
<p><a href="#">Helping to tell the story through numbers (local government financial sustainability data tool)</a></p>	<p>3 February 2022</p>
<p><a href="#">Call for clearer information on climate change spending</a></p>	<p>2 February 2022</p>



Title	Publication date
<u>Actions speak louder than words</u> (building social resilience and self-reliance in citizens and communities)	14 January 2022
<u>Wales' schools face the alarming challenge of the lowest birth-rate in 100 years</u>	21 December 2021