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CIW Improvement Check Children's Social Care Services (June 2025)	Pr2 - Continue to implement plans in the local authority commissioning strategy, to support timely improvements: *Implement the Eliminate Profit action plan to develop services to prevent children from becoming looked-after and those that need to exit care.	Jade Jones	March 2027	Work continues to progress in relation to the development of internal residential provision with one premises due to go live in February 2026. Children currently placed in out of county or high-cost placements are being identified for this provision. A further premises is being explored during this quarter.	n/a	RED
	Pr3 - Ensure that children are not placed in unregistered services and continue efforts to identify suitable, registered placements: *To increase foster carer availability and capacity. *Increase internal residential provision capacity. *Ensure there are clear and timely plans for children's move on from care. *Use the re-modelling fostering board to monitor progress linked to the above actions	Jade Jones	June 2026	This continues to be an area of challenge due to placement sufficiency issues being experienced across Wales. During Q2 we have children placed in unregulated placements but are exploring regulated options for them on a weekly basis.	n/a	RED
	W2 - Work with practitioners to develop and embed agreed standards for record keeping: *Refresh record keeping guidance and ensure teams are implementing consistently via QA activity. *Training to be developed and delivered to teams to ensure consistency in recording.	Kathryn Sillman	June 2026	AI developments will assist with this area of consistency. However, in the meantime Quality Assurance work is being undertaken to identify best practice in relation to this area.	n/a	RED
Audit Wales, Digital Strategy Review (April 2024)	Identifying resource implications R2 To help ensure that its next digital strategy is deliverable and achieving value for money the Council should identify the short, medium and long-term resource implications of delivering it together with any intended savings.	Martin Morgans	Aug-25	Work is underway in relation to the corporate vision and aspirations around transformation which will need to be reflected within the Digital Strategy. However, once the new Digital Strategy is in place, this recommendation will be considered as part of the development of the delivery plan which will underpin the new strategy.	March 2026	AMBER
	Arrangements for monitoring value for money R3 To help ensure that the Council can effectively monitor and evaluate value for money from its strategic approach to digital it should strengthen its arrangements for monitoring the progress and impact of its digital strategy over the short, medium and long term.	Martin Morgans	Aug-25	Once the new Digital Strategy is in place, a review of the Terms of Reference of the Digital Board will be undertaken, as well as implementing an improved process to monitor progress and impact over the short, medium and long term	March 2026	AMBER
Audit Wales, Use of Service User Perspective and Outcomes (Jan 2024)	R1 Information on the perspective of the service user • The Council should strengthen the information it provides to its senior leaders to enable them to understand how well services and policies are meeting the needs of service users.	Alex Rawlin	April 2025	We are participating in the new Welsh Council's Performance Information Community of Practice aimed at enhancing the quality of performance information and providing opportunities to review performance management arrangements, share best practices, and collaborate on data development. The National Resident Survey (WLGA/Data Cymru) ran in the Autumn. Findings have been analysed and will be communicated soon.	April 2026	AMBER
CIW Improvement Check Children's Social Care Services (Nov 2022)	Pr8 - Ensure children are not placed in unregistered services and must continue its efforts to identify suitable, registered placements	Pete Tyson	Continuous	This continues to be an area of challenge due to placement sufficiency issues being experienced across Wales. During Q2 we have children placed in unregulated placements but are exploring regulated options for them on a weekly basis.	March 2030	AMBER

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Transformational Leadership Programme Board – Baseline governance Review – Cwm Taf Morgannwg Regional Partnership Board (Aug 2022)	<b>R4 Risk Management</b> Our work found areas of risk management that need to be improved, particularly in relation to regional workforce planning. The TPLB should strengthen regional risk management arrangements by improving the identification and prioritisation of shared risks and ensuring mitigating actions are robust and clearly articulated.	Head of Regional Commissioning Unit	ongoing	The development of a demand and capacity model, to help shape services within the Integrated Community Care System, is being undertaken however, the creation of a pathway between the Clinical Navigation Hub (CNH) and local authorities' Single Point of Access is on pause due to competing priorities on the CNH. The objective to 'align' health and care community teams across RCT and Merthyr Tydfil by this Autumn will not now be met due to the ongoing organisational development process for the new Hospital@Home Service.	March 2026	AMBER
	<b>R7 Regional Workforce Planning</b> Like many parts of the public sector, the region is experiencing significant workforce challenges. The TLPB needs to consider how it can facilitate a regional and strategic approach to addressing these challenges and to help it deliver its priorities.	Head of Regional Commissioning Unit	ongoing	Workforce planning is largely progressed in individual local authorities and within the NHS rather than on a regional footprint. Social services workforce planning has been a success in Bridgend with a considerable reduction in reliance on agency workers and improvement in retention and recruitment. There is a regional Strategic Social Care Workforce Board which shares information and looks for opportunities to work regionally.	March 2026	AMBER
Audit Wales, Review of Arrangements to Become a 'Digital Council' (June 2021)	P1 The Council could improve its digital strategy	Martin Morgans	Dec 2024	Draft Strategy was completed and the public consultation carried out during June/July 2025. Corporate vision and aspirations around digital transformation are currently being reflected within the Strategy.	December 2025	AMBER