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GIG CYMRU NHS WALES | Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru Public Health Wales	**Name of Meeting** Board **Date of Meeting** 29 October 2026 **Agenda item:**

Approval of a Service Level Agreement on behalf of NHS Wales Performance and Improvement	
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Purpose

The purpose of the paper is to seek Board approval for a legacy Service Level Agreements (SLA) for 2026-27 that is in breach of the expected inter NHS Wales in year agreement arrangements:

- Velindre University NHS Trust and NHS Wales Performance and Improvement

Recommendation:

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The Board is asked to:

- **Approve** the 2026-27 Service Level Agreement between Velindre University NHS Trust and NHS Wales Performance and Improvement.

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Link to Public Health Wales Strategic Plan

Public Health Wales is the Host Organisation for the NHS Wales Executive ('the Hosted Unit'). The *Hosting Agreement ('the Agreement') between Public Health Wales (PHW) NHS Trust and The Welsh Ministers* was approved by the PHW Board on 26th January 2023 and took effect from the launch of the NHS Wales Executive on 1st April 2023.

The Agreement remains extant and, to take account of variations to the Agreement, an Addendum was approved by the PHW Board on 28th March 2024.
Public Health Wales is not responsible or accountable for setting the direction for, or the work programme of, the Hosted Unit or for the delivery/quality or management of work undertaken by the Hosted Unit on behalf of Welsh Government.

Summary impact analysis	
Equality and Health Impact Assessment	A specific Equality and Health Impact Assessment (EHIA) is not required to support this report.
Risk and Assurance	This report provides assurance on the implementation of the relevant policy and procedures within the NHS Wales Performance and Improvement, ensuring good governance is maintained.
Health and Social Care (Quality and Engagement) (Wales) Act	This paper supports the Quality themes.
Financial implications	The Service Level Agreement payment is expected in Velindre NHS Trust's financial position. Approval of the SLA will enable the funding to be transacted.
People implications	There are no people implications as a result of this report.

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1. Purpose / situation

The purpose of the paper is to seek approval of a legacy Service Level Agreement (SLA) for 2026-27 that is in breach of the expected inter NHS Wales in year agreement arrangements:

- Velindre University NHS Trust Cancer Services Service Level Agreement

2. Background

The Service Level Agreement is a legacy arrangement. Velindre NHS Trust has included the funds in their accounting position and are awaiting action.

3. Description/Assessment

Velindre University NHS Trust Cancer Services Service Level Agreement: Appendix 1

This SLA is between the Cancer Network, Performance and Delivery directorate, NHS Wales Performance and Improvement and Velindre University NHS Trust. The SLA covers the period 1st April 2026 – 31st March 2027 and was submitted by Velindre NHS Trust to NHS Wales Performance and Improvement in September 2026.

The agreement sets out the services and staff that NHS Wales Performance and Improvement (Wales Cancer Network) will fund the Provider in line with the Wales Cancer Network strategic agenda and taking into account clinical and other quality standards, including the Network's Cancer Improvement Plan 2023-26, waiting times targets and national / local priorities.

It also identifies the resources available to the Provider for the provision of services and staff commissioned in accordance with NHS Wales Performance and Improvement (Wales Cancer Network) financial strategy.

The value of the SLA is £1,340,408.

Ahead of the 2027-28 NHS Wales allocation process, discussions are underway with Welsh Government and Velindre NHS Trust to seek clarity on which organisation is responsible for the ongoing oversight of these services. The outcome of this will determine future funding flow and will inform the appropriate financial and governance arrangements required ahead of the services being delivered.

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4. Recommendation

As a hosted body, NHS Wales Performance and Improvement requires approval from the hosting organisation, Public Health Wales for Service Level Agreements exceeding the scheme of delegation limit.

The SLA is a legacy arrangement that has breached the inter NHS Wales approach for timely agreement resulting in NHSW P&I seeking approval from Public Health Wales to approve the documents and enable swift payment.

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