Health Board Key Issues Report				
Board Date		24/09/2026		
Date of Committee		03/09/2026	**Report of:**	Planning, Population Health & Partnerships Committee
Quoracy met:		Yes		
1	Agenda	The Planning, Population Health & Partnerships Committee (PPHP) continues to meet bi-monthly. The Committee considered an agenda which is attached: PPHP Committee - BCUHB		
2a	Alert	The PPHP Committee wish to alert members of the Board that: • The Committee raised concern regarding the ongoing national delay in the implementation of the Electronic Health Care Record. The Committee highlighted the associated patient safety implications for patients in North Wales. • The Committee received an update on delays to the national Laboratory Information Management System programme. Although the microbiology element was implemented on 24 August 2026, continued national delays are affecting subsequent phases, creating risks to legacy system support and operational resilience later in the financial year. Members noted the contingency planning undertaken with Digital Health and Care Wales and other health boards, and requested assurance that mitigations remain robust. The Committee agreed that the issue should be highlighted to the Board, alongside wider concerns regarding national dependencies affecting digital transformation objectives. • Significant health inequalities persist across North Wales. The Committee supported the implementation of the North Wales Prevention, Wellbeing and Anchor Framework and Denbighshire Marmot Place initiative and requested a six-month progress update on delivery, outcomes and learning. The Committee also sought assurance that this work would be integrated into the developing the Ten-Year Strategy and Clinical models for the future.		
2b	Assurance	The PPHP Committee wish to assure members of the Board that: • The Committee considered and approved the Planning Maturity Matrix on behalf of the Board.		

		• The Committee noted the significant progress made in relation to clinical coding, with its impact reflected through reporting to the Quality, Safety and Experience Committee. • The Committee received an update on the Healthy Prestatyn Iach boundary change and was assured that extensive public engagement had been undertaken, with the final proposal amended in response to community feedback. Members recognised this as a positive example of meaningful engagement supporting sustainable primary care provision across the North Denbighshire cluster.
2c	Advise	The PPHP Committee wish to advise members of the Board that: • Further assurance is required in respect of areas within the Annual Delivery Plan that are not currently on track for delivery. The Committee discussed the need for a change in reporting in order that each committee takes accountability for their ADP actions, and gains assurance on rectification actions and time scales for areas within their terms of reference; flagging any high risks for the Boards attention. • The Committee welcomed the positive progress being made across the Digital, Data and Technology portfolio, including significant improvements in clinical coding performance, the successful implementation of key digital programmes, and the achievement of Service Desk Institute accreditation, making BCUHB the first health board in Wales and one of only a small number of organisations in the UK to receive this recognition. • The Committee wishes to see the Audit Wales Estates Strategy review so that it can consider how any recommendations might inform the review of the current Estates Strategy. • The committee spent time considering a number of the enabling areas which will need to be shaped to meet the developing Ten-Year Strategy and Clinical services model – estates, digital, public health and health inequality.
2d	Review of Risks	The risks were accepted as part of the Consent agenda.
2e	Sharing of learning	There was no learning to be shared.
3	Actions to be considered by other Committees	• QSE Committee to monitor Health Protection Services from a quality perspective.

		• Relevant Committee to monitor and review Annual Delivery Plan actions which fall under their terms of reference.