

<b>NAME OF COMMITTEE</b>	Governance and Audit Committee
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	5 February 2026
<b>ITEM TITLE</b>	Estyn and Care Inspectorate Wales Report
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Provide the Committee with an update on the report(s) recently published by Care Inspectorate Wales and Estyn – Joint Audit (November 2025) and on the work intended to be carried out in response to the recommendations in the report
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	Members are asked to accept the report.
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## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The Governance and Audit Committee has a function to review and assess the Council's risk management, internal control, performance management and corporate governance arrangements and as part of this function there is an expectation to consider the reports of external inspection bodies such as Audit Wales, Estyn and Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW).
- 1.2. As well as considering reports in practice, committees are expected to assure themselves that arrangements are in place to monitor and evaluate progress against any recommendations included in the reports.
- 1.3. The copy of the ESTYN/CIW report has been included as **Appendix 1**. See also the [link to the Action Plan in response to the Justice Through Our Courage Report](#), which has already been considered by the Governance and Audit Committee in its meeting on the 15th of January (item 6). **Appendix 2** contains a table showing which recommendations are already being addressed through this Action Plan, along with any that need to be incorporated or given further consideration. Dylan Owen, Gwynedd's Director of Social Services, will attend the meeting to elaborate on the response, set context and respond to any questions.