

NAME OF COMMITTEE	Governance and Audit Committee
DATE OF MEETING	9 July 2026
ITEM TITLE	ESTYN AND CARE INSPECTORATE WALES REPORT
OBJECTIVE	Provide the Committee with an update on the report 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
RECOMMENDATION	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 ESTYN/AGW review report was published in November 2025: [Report](#). As stated in the presentation to this Committee in February 2026, several of the recommendations were already addressed through the Action Plan developed in response to the *Our Bravery Brought Justice* report. The full Response Plan Program Board documentation is now also available on the Council's website (at the bottom of the page): [Response Plan Program Board](#).
- 1.4. **Appendix 1** contains an update on the progress against the recommendations of the Estyn / CIW report. Dylan Owen, Cyngor Gwynedd's Director of Social Services, will attend the meeting to give further context to the response, expand on the content, and respond to any questions as necessary.