

# Denbighshire Local Health Board

## **Foreword to the Accounts**

These accounts for the period ended 30 September 2009 have been prepared to comply with HM Treasury's I-FReM by the Denbighshire Local Health Board under schedule 9 section 178 Para 3 (1) of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (c.42) in the form in which the Welsh Ministers, with the approval of the Treasury, directed.

**Operating Cost Statement  
for the period ended 30 September 2009**

		<b>6 months to 30 September 2009</b>	12 months 2008-09
	<b>Note</b>	<b>£000</b>	£000
Expenditure on Primary Healthcare Services	2.1	<b>23,250</b>	46,463
Expenditure on secondary and community healthcare	2.2	<b>57,496</b>	113,387
Other programme expenditure	2.3	<b>1,695</b>	3,794
Administration expenditure	2.4	<b>750</b>	1,443
		<b><u>83,191</u></b>	<u>165,087</u>
Less: Miscellaneous Income	3	<b><u>(1,873)</u></b>	<u>(2,969)</u>
Net Operating Costs		<b><u>81,318</u></b>	<u>162,118</u>

The notes on pages 6 to 52 form part of this account.

## Statement of Financial Position as at 30 September 2009

	30 September 2009	31 March 2009	1 April 2008
Note	£000	£000	£000
<b>Non-current assets:</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	10	10	16
Intangible assets	11	0	0
Trade and other receivables	17	0	18
Other financial assets	14	0	0
Other assets	15	0	0
<b>Total non-current assets:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	16	0	0
Trade and other receivables	17	517	956
Other financial assets	14	0	0
Other assets	15	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents	18	38	77
	<b>3,949</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>1,033</b>
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	10	0	0
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>3,949</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>1,033</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>3,958</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>1,067</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	19	9,255	9,458
Other financial liabilities	14	0	0
Provisions	20	2,516	1,807
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>11,247</b>	<b>11,771</b>	<b>11,265</b>
<b>Net current assets/ (liabilities)</b>	<b>(7,298)</b>	<b>(11,216)</b>	<b>(10,232)</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	19	0	0
Provisions	20	0	0
Other financial liabilities	14	0	0
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Assets less liabilities</b>	<b>(7,289)</b>	<b>(11,206)</b>	<b>(10,198)</b>
<b>Taxpayers' equity</b>			
General Fund	(7,292)	(11,208)	(10,199)
Revaluation reserve	3	2	1
Donated asset reserve	0	0	0
Government grant reserve	0	0	0
<b>Total taxpayers' equity</b>	<b>(7,289)</b>	<b>(11,206)</b>	<b>(10,198)</b>

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The financial statements on pages 1 to 5 were approved by the Board on 25th February 2010 and signed on its behalf by:

Chief Executive.....

Date.....

**Statement of Changes in Taxpayers' Equity  
for the year ended 31 March 2009**

	General Fund	Revaluation reserve	Donated asset reserve	Government grant reserve	Total reserves
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
<b>Balance at 31 March 2008</b>					
As previously stated	(10,199)	1	0	0	(10,198)
Prior Period Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Restated balance at 1 April 2008</b>	<b>(10,199)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(10,198)</b>
<b>Changes in taxpayers' equity for 2008-09</b>					
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of property, plant & equipment	0	1	0	0	1
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of intangible assets	0	0	0	0	0
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments	0	0	0	0	0
Receipt of donated or government granted assets	0	0	0	0	0
Release of reserves to OCS	0	0	0	0	0
Non-cash charges- cost of capital	(377)	0	0	0	(377)
Transfers between reserves	0	0	0	0	0
Net operating cost for the year	(162,118)	0	0	0	(162,118)
Transfers to/(from) other bodies within the Resource Account boundary	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total recognised income and expense for 2008-09</b>	<b>(162,495)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(162,494)</b>
Net Assembly funding	161,486	0	0	0	161,486
<b>Balance at 31 March 2009</b>	<b>(11,208)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(11,206)</b>

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**Statement of Changes in Taxpayers' Equity  
for the period ended 30 September 2009**

Changes in taxpayers' equity for the 6 months to 30 September 2009	General Fund	Revaluation reserve	Donated asset reserve	Government grant reserve	Total reserves
	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s	£000s
<b>Balance at 31 March 2009</b>					
As previously stated	(11,208)	2	0	0	(11,206)
Prior Period Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Restated balance at 1 April 2009</b>	<b>(11,208)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(11,206)</b>
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of property, plant & equipment	0	1	0	0	1
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of intangible assets	0	0	0	0	0
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments	0	0	0	0	0
Receipt of donated or government granted assets	0	0	0	0	0
Release of reserves to OCS	0	0	0	0	0
Non-cash charges- cost of capital	(161)	0	0	0	(161)
Transfers between reserves	0	0	0	0	0
Net operating cost for the period	(81,318)	0	0	0	(81,318)
Transfers to/(from) other bodies within the Resource Account boundary	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total recognised income and expense for 2009</b>	<b>(81,479)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(81,478)</b>
Net Assembly funding	85,395	0	0	0	85,395
<b>Balance at 30 September 2009</b>	<b>(7,292)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(7,289)</b>

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## Cashflow Statement for the period ended 30 September 2009

	Notes	6 months to 30 September 2009 £000	12 months 2008-09 £000
<b>Cash Flows from operating activities</b>			
Net operating cost		(81,318)	(162,118)
Other cashflow transactions	32.2	208	1,391
Movement in working capital	32.1	(3,153)	254
Provisions utilised		(1,159)	(1,052)
Interest paid		0	(0)
<b>Net cash outflow from operating activities</b>		<b>(85,422)</b>	<b>(161,525)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		0	0
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		0	0
Purchase of intangible assets		0	0
Proceeds from disposal of intangible assets		0	0
Interest received		0	0
Payment for investments		0	0
Proceeds of investments		0	0
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Welsh Assembly Government funding (including capital)		85,395	161,486
Capital receipts surrendered		0	(0)
Capital element of payments in respect of finance leases and on-balance sheet finance		0	(0)
<b>Net financing</b>		<b>85,395</b>	<b>161,486</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash &amp; cash equivalents</b>		<b>(27)</b>	<b>(39)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2009</b>		<b>38</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 30 September 2009</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>38</b>

The notes on pages 6 to 50 form part of these accounts.

## Notes to the Accounts

### 1. Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the 2009-10 Local Health Board Manual for Accounts and 2009-10 Financial Reporting Manual (FReM) issued by HM Treasury. These reflect International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and these statements have been prepared to show the effect of the first-time adoption of the European Union version IFRS. The particular accounting policies adopted by the Local Health Board are described below. They have been applied in dealing with items considered material in relation to the accounts.

These accounts apply to the period 1 April 2009 to 30 September 2009 and form the final financial return for the Local Health Boards prior to the establishment of a new NHS Wales Local Health Board structure on 1 October 2009.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention modified to account for the revaluation of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and inventories.

#### 1.2 Acquisitions and discontinued operations

Activities are considered to be 'acquired' only if they are taken on from outside the public sector. Activities are considered to be 'discontinued' only if they cease entirely. They are not considered to be 'discontinued' if they transfer from one public sector body to another.

#### 1.3 Income and funding

The main source of funding for the Local Health Boards are allocations (Assembly Funding) from the Welsh Assembly government within an approved cash limit, which is credited to the General Fund of the Local Health Board. Assembly funding is recognised in the financial period in which the cash is received. Non discretionary funding outside the Revenue Resource Limit is allocated to match actual expenditure incurred for the provision of specific pharmaceutical, or ophthalmic services identified by the Welsh Assembly Government. Non discretionary expenditure is disclosed in the accounts and deducted from operating costs charged against the Revenue Resource Limit. Funding for the acquisition of fixed assets received from the Welsh Assembly Government is credited to the general fund.

- Miscellaneous income is income which relates directly to the operating activities of the Local Health Board and is not funded by the Welsh Assembly Government.
- Income is accounted for applying the accruals convention. Income is recognised in the period in which services are provided. Where income had been received from third parties for a specific activity to be delivered in the following financial year, that income will be deferred. Only non-NHS income may be deferred.

#### 1.4 Employee benefits

##### Short-term employee benefits

Salaries, wages and employment-related payments are recognised in the period in which the service is received from employees.

The cost of leave earned but not taken by employees at the end of the period is recognised in the financial statements to the extent that employees are permitted to carry forward leave into the following period.





## **Retirement benefit costs**

Past and present employees are covered by the provisions of the NHS Pensions Scheme. The scheme is an unfunded, defined benefit scheme that covers NHS employers, General Practices and other bodies, allowed under the direction of the Secretary of State, in England and Wales. The scheme is not designed to be run in a way that would enable NHS bodies to identify their share of the underlying scheme assets and liabilities. Therefore, the scheme is accounted for as if it were a defined contribution scheme: the cost to the NHS body of participating in the scheme is taken as equal to the contributions payable to the scheme for the accounting period.

For early retirements other than those due to ill health the additional pension liabilities are not funded by the scheme. The full amount of the liability for the additional costs is charged to expenditure at the time the LHB commits itself to the retirement, regardless of the method of payment.

Where employees are members of the Local Government Superannuation Scheme, which is a defined benefit pension scheme this is disclosed. The scheme assets and liabilities attributable to those employees can be identified and are recognised in the LHB's accounts. The assets are measured at fair value and the liabilities at the present value of the future obligations. The increase in the liability arising from pensionable service earned during the year is recognised within operating expenses. The expected gain during the year from scheme assets is recognised within finance income. The interest cost during the year arising from the unwinding of the discount on the scheme liabilities is recognised within finance costs. Actuarial gains and losses during the year are recognised in the pensions reserve and reported as an item of other comprehensive income.

## **1.5 Other expenses**

Other operating expenses for goods or services are recognised when, and to the extent that, they have been received. They are measured at the fair value of the consideration payable.

## **1.6 Property, plant and equipment**

### **Recognition**

Property, plant and equipment is capitalised if:

- it is held for use in delivering services or for administrative purposes;
- it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to, or service potential will be supplied to, the LHB;
- it is expected to be used for more than one financial year;
- the cost of the item can be measured reliably; and
- the item has cost of at least £5,000; or
- Collectively, a number of items have a cost of at least £5,000 and individually have a cost of more than £250, where the assets are functionally interdependent, they had broadly simultaneous purchase dates, are anticipated to have simultaneous disposal dates and are under single managerial control; or
- Items form part of the initial equipping and setting-up cost of a new building, ward or unit, irrespective of their individual or collective cost.

Where a large asset, for example a building, includes a number of components with significantly different asset lives, the components are treated as separate assets and depreciated over their own useful economic lives.

### **Valuation**

All property, plant and equipment are measured initially at cost, representing the cost directly attributable to acquiring or constructing the asset and bringing it to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. All assets are measured subsequently at fair value.



Land and buildings used for the LHBs services or for administrative purposes are stated in the statement of financial position at their revalued amounts, being the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Revaluations are performed with sufficient regularity to ensure that carrying amounts are not materially different from those that would be determined at the end of the reporting period. Fair values are determined as follows:

- Land and non-specialised buildings – market value for existing use
- Specialised buildings – depreciated replacement cost

Until 31 March 2008, the depreciated replacement cost of specialised buildings has been estimated for an exact replacement of the asset in its present location. HM Treasury has adopted a standard approach to depreciated replacement cost valuations based on modern equivalent assets and, where it would meet the location requirements of the service being provided, an alternative site can be valued. NHS Wales bodies have applied these new valuation requirements from 1 April 2009.

Properties in the course of construction for service or administration purposes are carried at cost, less any impairment loss. Cost includes professional fees but not borrowing costs, which are recognised as expenses immediately, as allowed by IAS 23 for assets held at fair value. Assets are revalued and depreciation commences when they are brought into use.

For 2009-10 no indexation is applied to the Land and Properties of NHS Wales bodies because they have been subject to a MEA revaluation exercise. The equipment of NHS Wales LHBs is subject to indexation. The carrying value of existing assets at that date will be written off over their remaining useful lives and new fixtures and equipment are carried at depreciated historic cost as this is not considered to be materially different from fair value.

An increase arising on revaluation is taken to the revaluation reserve except when it reverses an impairment for the same asset previously recognised in expenditure, in which case it is credited to expenditure to the extent of the decrease previously charged there. A revaluation decrease is recognised as an impairment charged to the revaluation reserve to the extent that there is a balance on the reserve for the asset and, thereafter, to expenditure.

### **Subsequent expenditure**

Where subsequent expenditure enhances an asset beyond its original specification, the directly attributable cost is capitalised. Where subsequent expenditure restores the asset to its original specification, the expenditure is capitalised and any existing carrying value of the item replaced is written-out and charged to operating expenses.

## **1.7 Intangible assets**

### **Recognition**

Intangible assets are non-monetary assets without physical substance, which are capable of sale separately from the rest of the LHB's business or which arise from contractual or other legal rights. They are recognised only when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to, or service potential be provided to, the LHB; where the cost of the asset can be measured reliably, and where the cost is at least £5,000.

Intangible assets acquired separately are initially recognised at fair value. Software that is integral to the operating of hardware, for example an operating system, is capitalised as part of the relevant item of property, plant and equipment. Software that is not integral to the operation of hardware, for example application software, is capitalised as an intangible asset. Expenditure on research is not capitalised: it is recognised as an operating expense in the period in which it is incurred. Internally-generated assets are recognised if, and only if, all of the following have been demonstrated:



- the technical feasibility of completing the intangible asset so that it will be available for use
- the intention to complete the intangible asset and use it
- the ability to use the intangible asset
- how the intangible asset will generate probable future economic benefits
- the availability of adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the intangible asset and use it
- the ability to measure reliably the expenditure attributable to the intangible asset during its development

### **Measurement**

The amount initially recognised for internally-generated intangible assets is the sum of the expenditure incurred from the date when the criteria above are initially met. Where no internally-generated intangible asset can be recognised, the expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred.

Following initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at fair value by reference to an active market, or, where no active market exists, at amortised replacement cost (modern equivalent assets basis), indexed for relevant price increases, as a proxy for fair value. Internally-developed software is held at historic cost to reflect the opposing effects of increases in development costs and technological advances.

### **1.8 Depreciation, amortisation and impairments**

Freehold land and properties under construction are not depreciated.

Otherwise, depreciation and amortisation are charged to write off the costs or valuation of property, plant and equipment and intangible non-current assets, less any residual value, over their estimated useful lives, in a manner that reflects the consumption of economic benefits or service potential of the assets. The estimated useful life of an asset is the period over which the LHB expects to obtain economic benefits or service potential from the asset. This is specific to the LHB and may be shorter than the physical life of the asset itself. Estimated useful lives and residual values are reviewed each year end, with the effect of any changes recognised on a prospective basis. Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and estimated useful lives.

At each reporting period end, the LHB checks whether there is any indication that any of its tangible or intangible non-current assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is indication of an impairment loss, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated to determine whether there has been a loss and, if so, its amount. Intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually.

If there has been an impairment loss, the asset is written down to its recoverable amount, with the loss charged to the revaluation reserve to the extent that there is a balance on the reserve for the asset and, thereafter, to expenditure. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of the recoverable amount but capped at the amount that would have been determined had there been no initial impairment loss. The reversal of the impairment loss is credited to expenditure to the extent of the decrease previously charged there and thereafter to the revaluation reserve.

### **1.9 Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs are recognised as expenses as they are incurred.



### **1.10 Donated assets**

Donated assets are capitalised at their fair value on receipt, with a matching credit to the donated asset reserve. Donated assets are valued, depreciated and impaired as described above for purchased assets. Gains and losses on revaluations and impairments are taken to the donated asset reserve and, each year, an amount equal to the depreciation charge on the asset is released from the donated asset reserve to the operating cost statement.

### **1.11 Government grants**

Government grants are grants from government bodies other than funds from NHS bodies or funds awarded by the Welsh Assembly Government. Revenue grants are treated as deferred income initially and credited to the operating cost statement to match the expenditure to which it relates. Capital grants are credited to the government grant reserve. Assets purchased from government grants are valued, depreciated and impaired as described above for purchased assets. Gains and losses on revaluations and impairments are taken to the government grant reserve and, each year, an amount equal to the depreciation charge on the asset is released from the government grant reserve to the operating cost statement.

### **1.12 Non-current assets held for sale**

Non-current assets are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. This condition is regarded as met when the sale is highly probable, the asset is available for immediate sale in its present condition and management is committed to the sale, which is expected to qualify for recognition as a completed sale within one year from the date of classification. Non-current assets held for sale are measured at the lower of their previous carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. Fair value is open market value including alternative uses.

The profit or loss arising on disposal of an asset is the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying amount and is recognised in the operating cost statement. On disposal, the balance for the asset on the revaluation reserve, donated asset reserve or government grant reserve is transferred to the General Fund.

### **1.13 Leases**

Leases are classified as finance leases when substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

#### **1.13.1 The Local Health Board as lessee**

Amounts held under finance leases are initially recognised, at the inception of the lease, at fair value or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments, with a matching liability for the lease obligation to the lessor. Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate on interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are charged directly to the operating cost statement.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Lease incentives are recognised initially as a liability and subsequently as a reduction of rentals on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Contingent rentals are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

#### **1.13.2 The health board as lessor**

Amounts due from lessees under finance leases are recorded as receivables at the amount of the health





board's net investment in the leases. Finance lease income is allocated to accounting periods so as to reflect a constant periodic rate of return on the LHB's net investment outstanding in respect of the leases.

Rental income from operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### **1.14 Inventories**

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value using the first-in first-out cost formula. This is considered to be a reasonable approximation to fair value due to the high turnover of stocks.

#### **1.15 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash is cash in hand and deposits with any financial institution repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are investments that mature in 3 months or less from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

#### **1.16 Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Local Health Board has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Local Health Board will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the balance sheet date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows using HM Treasury's discount rate of 2.2% in real terms.

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, the receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursements will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

Present obligations arising under onerous contracts are recognised and measured as a provision. An onerous contract is considered to exist where the Local Health Board has a contract under which the unavoidable costs of meeting the obligations under the contract exceed the economic benefits expected to be received under it.

A restructuring provision is recognised when the Local Health Board has developed a detailed formal plan for the restructuring and has raised a valid expectation in those affected that it will carry out the restructuring by starting to implement the plan or announcing its main features to those affected by it. The measurement of a restructuring provision includes only the direct expenditures arising from the restructuring, which are those amounts that are both necessarily entailed by the restructuring and not associated with ongoing activities of the entity.

#### **1.17 Clinical negligence costs**

The Welsh Risk Pool operates a risk pooling scheme which is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government. The Welsh Risk Pool is hosted by North Wales NHS Trust.



## **1.18 Financial assets**

Financial assets are recognised on the Statement of Financial Position when the Local Health Board becomes party to the financial instrument contract or, in the case of trade receivables, when the goods or services have been delivered. Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights have expired or the asset has been transferred.

### **1.18.1 Financial assets are initially recognised at fair value.**

Financial assets are classified into the following categories: financial assets 'at fair value through profit and loss'; 'held to maturity investments'; 'available for sale' financial assets, and 'loans and receivables'. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of initial recognition.

### **1.18.2 Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss**

Embedded derivatives that have different risks and characteristics to their host contracts, and contracts with embedded derivatives whose separate value cannot be ascertained, are treated as financial assets at fair value through profit and loss. They are held at fair value, with any resultant gain or loss recognised in the operating cost statement. The net gain or loss incorporates any interest earned on the financial asset.

### **1.18.3 Held to maturity investments**

Held to maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity, and there is a positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. After initial recognition, they are held at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment. Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

### **1.18.4 Available for sale financial assets**

Available for sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are designated as available for sale or that do not fall within any of the other three financial asset classifications. They are measured at fair value with changes in value taken to the revaluation reserve, with the exception of impairment losses. Accumulated gains or losses are recycled to the operating cost statement on de-recognition.

### **1.18.5 Loans and receivables**

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments which are not quoted in an active market. After initial recognition, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment. Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

Fair value is determined by reference to quoted market prices where possible, otherwise by valuation techniques [see IAS 39 AG 74 and following paragraphs]

The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

At the balance sheet date, the Health board assesses whether any financial assets, other than those held at 'fair value through profit and loss' are impaired. Financial assets are impaired and impairment losses recognised if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events which occurred after the initial recognition of the asset and which has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the asset.



For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the revised future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The loss is recognised in the operating cost statement and the carrying amount of the asset is reduced directly, or through a provision for impairment of receivables.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed through the operating cost statement to the extent that the carrying amount of the receivable at the date of the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised.

### **1.19 Financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are recognised on the balance sheet when the Local Health Board becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument or, in the case of trade payables, when the goods or services have been received. Financial liabilities are de-recognised when the liability has been discharged, that is, the liability has been paid or has expired.

#### **1.19.1 Financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value.**

Financial liabilities are classified as either financial liabilities 'at fair value through profit and loss' or other financial liabilities.

#### **1.19.2 Financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss**

Embedded derivatives that have different risks and characteristics to their host contracts, and contracts with embedded derivatives whose separate value cannot be ascertained, are treated as financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss. They are held at fair value, with any resultant gain or loss recognised in the operating cost statement. The net gain or loss incorporates any interest earned on the financial asset.

#### **1.19.3 Other financial liabilities**

After initial recognition, all other financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the life of the asset, to the net carrying amount of the financial liability. Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

### **1.20 Cost of Capital**

The cost of capital applies to all the assets and liabilities of the Local Health Board, less cash balances held at the Office of the Paymaster General and donated assets. The charge rate applied to capital charges in the 2009-10 financial year was 3.5% (2008-09: 3.5%)

### **1.21 Value Added Tax**

Most of the activities of the Local Health Board are outside the scope of VAT and, in general, output tax does not apply and input tax on purchases is not recoverable. Irrecoverable VAT is charged to the relevant expenditure category or included in the capitalised purchase cost of fixed assets. Where output tax is charged or input VAT is recoverable, the amounts are stated net of VAT.

### **1.22 Foreign currencies**

Transactions denominated in a foreign currency are translated into sterling at the exchange rate ruling on the dates of the transactions. Resulting exchange gains and losses are taken to the operating cost statement. At the balance sheet date, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at the reporting date.

### **1.23 Third party assets**

Assets belonging to third parties (such as money held on behalf of patients) are not recognised in the accounts since the Health Board has no beneficial interest in them. Details of third party assets are given in Note 25 to the accounts.

### **1.24 Losses and Special Payments**

Losses and special payments are items that the Welsh Assembly Government would not have contemplated when it agreed funds for the health service or passed legislation. By their nature they are items that ideally should not arise. They are therefore subject to special control procedures compared with the generality of payments. They are divided into different categories, which govern the way each individual case is handled.

Losses and special payments are charged to the relevant functional headings in the operating cost statement on an accruals basis, including losses which would have been made good through insurance cover had Local Health Boards not been bearing their own risks (with insurance premiums then being included as normal revenue expenditure). However, the note on losses and special payments is compiled directly from the losses and compensations register which is prepared on a cash basis.

### **1.25 Pooled budget**

There are no pooled budget projects arising from any partnership agreements entered into under section 33 of the NHS (Wales) Act 2006, associates, joint ventures or joint arrangements other than those disclosed in the accounting statements and associated notes.

### **1.26 Critical Accounting Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the LHB's accounting policies, management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from those estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are continually reviewed. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

### **1.27 Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The LHB does not consider that there are any estimation uncertainties at 30th September 2009 where there is a significant risk of causing any material adjustments to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.



## 2. Analysis of gross operating costs

### 2.1 Expenditure on Primary Healthcare Services

			6 months to	
			30 September	12 months
	Cash limited	Non-cash limited	2009	2008-09
	£000	£000	Total £000	Total £000
General Medical Services	8,144	0	8,144	16,526
Pharmaceutical Services	2,315	313	2,628	5,179
General Dental Services	2,793	0	2,793	6,401
General Ophthalmic Services	0	556	556	1,015
Other Primary health care expenditure	282	0	282	121
Prescribed drugs and expenditure	8,847	0	8,847	17,221
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,381</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>23,250</b>	<b>46,463</b>

### 2.2 Expenditure on secondary and community healthcare

			6 months to	
			30 September	12 months
			2009	2008-09
Goods and services from other NHS Wales Trusts			50,605	99,385
Goods and services from other non Welsh NHS bodies			1,392	2,932
Local Authorities			0	0
Voluntary organisations			542	1,136
NHS Funded Nursing Care			742	1,183
Continuing Care			4,134	8,343
Private providers			81	408
Specific projects funded by the Welsh Assembly Government			0	0
Other			0	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>57,496</b>	<b>113,387</b>

### 2.3 Other programme expenditure

			6 months to	
			30 September	12 months
			2009	2008-09
Salaries and wages			447	910
National Public Health Service			353	692
Losses, special payments and irrecoverable debts			0	0
Research and development			0	0
Other			895	2,192
<b>Total</b>			<b>1,695</b>	<b>3,794</b>

\* included in the notes above is a value £9,505 relating to BCU LHB Shadow running costs.

This cost is the proportion agreed to be met by Denbighshire LHB for the additional costs of employing Designate Directors during the shadow running period (1 July to 30 September 2009) for BCU LHB.



**2.4 Administration expenditure**

	<b>6 months to 30 September 2009 Total £000</b>	12 months 2008-09 Total £000
Non-officer members' remuneration	49	99
Other salaries and wages	426	791
Consultancy services	1	2
Establishment expenses	50	81
Transport and moveable plant	4	7
Premises and fixed plant	75	106
External contractors	4	13
Auditors' remuneration - audit fee	53	67
Auditors' remuneration - other fees	0	0
Business Services Centre / Business Services Partnership recharge	233	615
Interest payable - unwinding of discount	0	0
Interest payable - other	0	0
Capital - Depreciation	2	7
Amortisation	0	0
Capital charge interest	-161	-377
Impairments and reversals (property, plant, equipment)	0	0
Impairments and reversals (intangible assets)	0	0
Impairments and reversals of financial assets (by class)	0	0
Loss on disposal of non-current assets	0	0
Other	14	32
	<b>750</b>	<b>1,443</b>

Included in the Business Services Centre and the Business Support Partnership recharge is an amount of £6,619 for the External Audit of the Business Services Centre and the Business Support Partnership attributable to Denbighshire LHB.

Business Services Centre	£6,320
Business Support Partnership	£299

**2.5 Losses, special payments and irrecoverable debts:  
charges to operating expenses**

	<b>6 months to</b>	12 months
	<b>30 September 2009</b>	2008-09
	<b>£000</b>	£000
Clinical negligence	<b>0</b>	0
Personal injury	<b>0</b>	0
All other losses and special payments	<b>0</b>	0
Defence legal fees and other administrative costs	<b>0</b>	0
Gross increase/(decrease) in provision for future payments	<b>0</b>	0
Irrecoverable debts	<b>0</b>	0
<b>Less:</b> income received/ due from Welsh Risk Pool	<b>0</b>	0
<b>Net cost :</b>	<b>0</b>	0

**3. Miscellaneous income**

	<b>6 months to 30 September 2009</b>	12 months 2008-09
	<b>£000</b>	£000
	<b>Note</b>	
Fees and Charges	0	0
Prescription charge income	129	219
Dental fee income	649	1,374
Deferred income released to revenue	0	0
Rental income from finance leases	0	0
Rental income from operating leases	0	0
Profit on disposal of non-current assets	0	0
Other	1,095	1,376
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,873</b>	<b>2,969</b>

**Analysis of Other Income**

Allocation of £872,586 to Cancer Networks (Allocations based upon cancer registrations)

Gwynedd	175,941	178,687
Flintshire	201,366	107,989
Conwy	203,400	199,922
Anglesey	109,836	198,282
Wrexham	182,043	172,731
<b>Total</b>	<b>872,586</b>	<b>857,611</b>

Other income

Miscellaneous Income - Berllan Managed Practice	1,571	7,000
Health Commission Wales - (Cancer Network)	21,636	21,274
Velindre NHS Trust - (Cancer Network)	141,846	139,475
Welsh Assembly Government - (Cancer Network)	53,000	0
Optical Voucher refunds	3,225	0
Wrexham LHB (Approved clinicians)	1,633	0
North Wales Low Secure Projects	0	50,000
Substance Misuse Action Team - (DCC)	0	20,000
Claims for the treatment of WET AMD	0	267,480
Health Commission Wales	0	12,600
<b>Total Other Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>1,095,497</b>	<b>1,375,440</b>

**4. Investment revenue**

	<b>6 months to 30 September 2009 £000</b>	12 months 2008-09 £000
<b>Rental revenue</b>		
Finance lease contingent rental revenue	0	0
Finance lease rentals	0	0
Other	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Bank deposits	0	0
Other loans and receivables	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**5. Other gains and losses**

	<b>6 months to 30 September 2009 £000</b>	12 months 2008-09 £000
Gain/(loss) on disposal of financial assets	0	0
Change in fair value of financial assets at fair value		
- through profit and loss	0	0
- classified as available for sale	0	0
Recycling of gain/(loss) from equity on disposal of financial assets held for sale	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**6. Finance costs**

	<b>6 months to 30 September 2009 £000</b>	12 months 2008-09 £000
Interest on obligations under finance leases	0	0
Interest on late payment of commercial debt	0	0
Other interest expense	0	0
Other finance costs	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**7. Operating leases****As lessee**

The LHB operates solely from a property on St Asaph Business Park, which is leased from a private lessor.

The 10 year lease commenced on 3rd March 2008, but with a 5 year termination option.

To exercise this option on 3rd March 2013, 6 months notice is required by the lessor.

A rent value review is also due after 5 years, but there are no contingent rent liabilities clauses.

The LHB hold a lease in relation to 43 Ffordd Elan, Rhyl, Denbighshire. The 25 year lease commenced on the 2nd July 2002 and is subject to an underlease to Oasis Dental Care Ltd.

The LHB hold a lease in relation to Berllan Surgery, Vale Street, Denbigh with a private lessor. This surgery is a directly managed practice. The 3 year lease commenced on the 1st August 2008.

The LHB hold a lease with BNP Paribas in respect of the Photocopier. The 3 year lease commenced on the 23rd June 2008, but with a 12 month termination option. To exercise this option at least 4 quarterly payments should have been made.

The LHB also has obligations on 7 lease cars, 6 of which have 3 year lease period and 1 with a 4 year lease period.

<b>Payments recognised as an expense</b>	<b>6 months to 30 September 2009 £000</b>	<b>12 months 2008-09 £000</b>
Minimum lease payments	77	128
Contingent rents	0	0
Sub-lease payments	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>128</b>

<b>Total future minimum lease payments</b>	<b>6 months to 30 September 2009 £000</b>	<b>12 months 2008-09 £000</b>
Payable:		
Not later than one year	154	128
Between one and five years	486	473
After 5 years	603	660
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>1,261</b>

Total future sublease payments expected to be received £

**As lessor**

The LHB hold a lease in relation to 43 Ffordd Elan, Rhyl, Denbighshire. The 25 year

lease commenced on the 2nd July 2002 and is subject to an underlease to

Oasis Dental Care Ltd.

	<b>6 months to 30 September 2009 £000</b>	<b>12 months 2008-09 £000</b>
<b>Rental revenue</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total revenue rental</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>Total future minimum lease payments</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>
Receivable:		
Not later than one year	100	0
Between one and five years	288	0
After 5 years	413	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>0</b>

**8. Employee costs and numbers****8.1 Employee costs**

	Permanent Staff  £000	Staff on Inward Secondment  £000	6 months to		12 months 2008-09  £000
			30 September 2009	Total	
			Agency Staff  £000	£000	
Salaries and wages	683	144	1	828	1,603
Social security costs	48	13	0	61	132
Employer contributions to NHS Pension Scheme	94	25	0	119	199
Other pension costs	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>1,934</b>

**8.2 Average number of employees**

	Permanent staff	Staff on inward secondment	Agency staff	Total	2008-09
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Medical and dental	0	0	0	0	0
Ambulance staff	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative and estates	31	4	0	35	35
Healthcare assistants and other support staff	0	0	0	0	0
Nursing, midwifery and health visiting staff	9	2	0	11	10
Nursing, midwifery and health visiting learners	0	0	0	0	0
Scientific, therapeutic and therapeutic staff	6	1	0	7	7
Social care staff	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>52</b>

**8.3. Retirements due to ill-health****8.4 Employee benefits**

£000

The LHB does not have an employee benefit scheme.

There was one early retirement from the LHB agreed on the grounds of ill-health. The estimated additional pension costs of these ill-health retirements (calculated on an average basis and borne by the NHS Pension Scheme) will be £59,524.98.

## 9. Public Sector Payment Policy - Measure of Compliance

### 9.1 Prompt payment code - measure of compliance

The Assembly requires that Health Boards pay all their trade creditors in accordance with the CBI prompt payment code and Government Accounting rules. The Assembly has set as part of the Health Board financial targets a requirement to pay 95% of the number of non-NHS creditors within 30 days of delivery.

	Number	£000
<b>NHS</b>		
Total bills paid	401	57,592
Total bills paid within target	398	57,532
Percentage of bills paid within target	99.3%	99.9%
<b>Non-NHS</b>		
Total bills paid	1,760	6,509
Total bills paid within target	1,744	6,420
Percentage of bills paid within target	99.1%	98.6%
<b>Total</b>		
Total bills paid	2,161	64,101
Total bills paid within target	2,142	63,952
Percentage of bills paid within target	99.1%	99.8%

### 9.2 The Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998

	£
Amounts included within finance costs from claims made under this legislation	0
Compensation paid to cover debt recovery costs under this legislation	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

**10. Property, plant and equipment**

Cost or valuation	Assets							Total £000	
	Land £000	Buildings, excluding dwellings £000	Dwellings £000	Assets under construction on account £000	Plant and machinery £000	Transport equipment £000	Information technology £000		Furniture fittings £000
<b>At 1 April 2008</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	<b>29</b>
Indexation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Additions - purchased	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additions - donated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additions - government granted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reclassification	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impairments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other in-year revaluations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reclassified as held for sale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>At 31 March 2009</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>									
<b>At 1 April 2008</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	<b>13</b>
Indexation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reclassification	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impairments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other in-year revaluations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reclassified as held for sale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provided during the year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
<b>At 31 March 2009</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Net book value at 1 April 2008</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Net book value At 31 March 2009</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Net book value at 31 March 2009 comprises :</b>									
<b>Purchased</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	<b>10</b>
<b>Donated</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Government Granted</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Asset financing :</b>									
<b>Owned</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	<b>10</b>
<b>Held on finance lease</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>On-balance sheet PFI contracts</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>PFI residual interests</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>

The net book value of land, buildings and dwellings at 30 September 2009 comprises :

	£000
Freehold	0
Long Leasehold	0
Short Leasehold	0
	<u>0</u>



**10. Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

Cost or valuation	Assets								Total £000
	Land £000	Buildings, excluding dwellings £000	Dwellings £000	Assets under construction on account £000	Plant and machinery £000	Transport equipment £000	Information technology £000	Furniture fittings £000	
<b>At 1 April 2009</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	30
Indexation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Additions - purchased	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additions - donated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additions - government granted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reclassification	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impairments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other in-year revaluations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reclassified as held for sale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>At 30 September 2009</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>									
<b>At 1 April 2009</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20
Indexation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reclassification	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impairments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other in-year revaluations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reclassified as held for sale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provided during the year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
<b>At 30 September 2009</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Net book value at 1 April 2009</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Net book value at 30 September 2009</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Net book value at 30 September 2009 comprises :</b>									
<b>Purchased</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
<b>Donated</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Government Granted</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Asset financing :</b>									
<b>Owned</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
<b>Held on finance lease</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>On-balance sheet PFI contracts</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>PFI residual interests</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The net book value of land, buildings and dwellings at 30 September 2009 comprises :

	£000
Freehold	0
Long Leasehold	0
Short Leasehold	0
	<u>0</u>

**Disclosures:**

None/Not applicable

**11. Intangible Non-Current Assets**

	Software (purchased)	Software (internally generated)	Licences and trademarks	Patents	Development expenditure	2008-09 Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Cost or Valuation :</b>						
<b>At 1 April 2008</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revaluation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impairment Charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impairment Reversal	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>At 31 March 2009</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Amortisation</b>						
At 1 April 2008	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revaluation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impairment Charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impairment Reversal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provided during the year	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>At 31 March 2009</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>						
<b>at 1 April 2008</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>						
<b>At 31 March 2009</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>						
<b>At 31 March 2009</b>						
Purchased	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Government Granted	0	0	0	0	0	0

**11. Intangible Non-Current Assets (continued)**

	Software (purchased)	Software (internally generated)	Licences and trademarks	Patents	Development expenditure	2008-09 Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Cost or Valuation :</b>						
<b>At 1 April 2009</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revaluation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impairment Charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impairment Reversal	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>At 30 September 2009</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Amortisation</b>						
At 1 April 2009	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revaluation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impairment Charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impairment Reversal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provided during the year	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>At 30 September 2009</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>						
<b>at 1 April 2008</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>						
<b>At 30 September 2009</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>						
<b>At 30 September 2009</b>						
Purchased	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Government Granted	0	0	0	0	0	0

**12. Impairments**

	To 30 September 2009		2008-09	
	Property, plant & equipment £000	Intangible assets £000	Property, plant & equipment £000	Intangible assets £000
Impairments arising from :				
Loss or damage from normal operations	0	0	0	0
Loss as a result of catastrophe	0	0	0	0
Abandonment in the course of construction	0	0	0	0
Unforeseen obsolescence	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Income	0	0	0	0
Changes in market price	0	0	0	0
Others (specify)	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Impairments charged in the year to the revaluation reserve**

Charged to revaluation reserve	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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Note significant events and circumstances giving rise to impairments and impairment reversal

**13. Capital commitments****Contracted capital commitments at 30 September 2009**

	To 30 September	2008-09
	2009 £000	£000
Property, plant and equipment	0	0
Intangible assets	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**14. Other Financial Assets and Liabilities**

	Current 30 September 2009 £000	Non-current 30 September 2009 £000	Current 31 March 2009 £000	Non-current 31 March 2009 £000	Current 1 April 2008 £000	Non-current 1 April 2008 £000
<b>Other Financial assets</b>						
Finance lease receivables	0	0	0	0	0	0
Financial assets carried at fair value through profit and loss	0	0	0	0	0	0
Held to maturity investments carried at amortised cost	0	0	0	0	0	0
Available for sale financial assets carried at fair value	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loans carried at amortised cost	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**Other Financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities carried at fair value through profit and loss	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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**15. Other assets**

	Current 30 September 2009 £000	Non-current 30 September 2,009 £000	Current 2008-09 £000	Non-current 2008-09 £000	Current 2008-09 £000	Non-current 2008-09 £000
Other assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**16. Inventories****16.1 Inventories**

	<b>30 September</b>	<b>31 March</b>	<b>1 April</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Drugs	0	0	0
Consumables	0	0	0
Energy	0	0	0
Work in progress	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**16.2 Inventories recognised in expenses**

Inventories recognised as an expense in the period	0	0
Write-down of inventories (including losses)	0	0
Reversal of write-downs that reduced the expense	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>17. Trade and other receivables</b>	<b>30 September 2009</b>	<b>31 March 2009</b>	<b>1 April 2008</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Welsh Assembly Government	78	41	106
Welsh Health Boards	19	111	27
Welsh NHS Trusts	3,377	84	351
Other NHS Trusts	0	22	77
Other NHS	0	0	0
Welsh Risk Pool	0	0	0
Pension Prepayments:	0	0	0
Other debtors	341	243	337
Provision for irrecoverable debts	(20)	(18)	0
Capital debtors	0	0	0
Other prepayments and accrued income	143	34	58
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>3,938</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>956</b>
<b>Amounts falling due after more than one year:</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Welsh Assembly Government	0	0	0
Welsh Health Boards	0	0	0
Welsh NHS Trusts	0	0	0
Other NHS Trusts	0	0	0
Other NHS	0	0	0
Welsh Risk Pool	0	0	0
Pension Prepayments	0	0	0
Other debtors	0	0	18
Provision for irrecoverable debts	0	0	0
Capital debtors	0	0	0
Other prepayments and accrued income	0	0	0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total Trade and other Receivables</b>	<b>3,938</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>974</b>

Cash brokerage of £3,200,000 to North Wales Trust is included within the figure for Welsh NHS Trusts.  
No interest is charged on trade receivables.



**17.1 Provision for the impairment of receivables**

	<b>30 September</b>	<b>31 March</b>	<b>1 April</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Balance at beginning of the year	0	0	0
Amount written off during the year	0	0	0
Amount recovered during the year	0	0	0
(Decrease)/increase in allowance recognised in income statement	0	0	0
<b>Balance at end of the year</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**18. Cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>30 September</b>	<b>31 March</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Opening balance	<b>38</b>	<b>77</b>
Net change in cash and cash equivalent balances	<b>-27</b>	<b>(39)</b>
Closing balance	<b>11</b>	<b>38</b>
Commercial banks and cash in hand	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>
Held at Paymaster General	<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>

**19. Trade and other payables**

	<b>30 September</b>	<b>31 March</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Welsh Assembly Government	0	0
Welsh Health Boards	266	124
Welsh NHS Trusts	459	499
Other NHS	45	276
Income tax and social security	40	40
Non-NHS creditors	8,019	4,126
Capital Creditors	0	0
Overdraft	0	0
Obligations under finance leases and HP contracts	0	0
Pensions: staff	0	0
Accruals	694	4,190
Deferred Income	0	0
Other creditors	0	0
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<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>9,523</b>	<b>9,255</b>
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**Amounts falling due after more than one year:**

	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Welsh Assembly Government	0	0
Welsh Health Boards	0	0
Welsh NHS Trusts	0	0
Other NHS	0	0
Income tax and social security	0	0
Non-NHS creditors	0	0
Capital Creditors	0	0
Overdraft	0	0
Rentals due under operating leases	0	0
Obligations under finance leases and HP contracts	0	0
Pensions: staff	0	0
Accruals	0	0
Deferred Income	0	0
Other creditors	0	0
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<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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## 20. Provisions

	At 1 April 2008	Structured settlement cases transferr-ed to Risk Pool	Transfer of provisions to creditors	Arising during the year	Utilised during the year	Reversed unused	Unwinding of discount	At 31 March 2009
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Current</b>								
Clinical negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Personal injury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other losses and special payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defence legal fees and other administration	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Pensions relating to: former directors	0			0	0	0	0	0
Pensions relating to: other staff	0			0	0	0	0	0
Other	1,807			1,761	(1,052)	0		2,516
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,807</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,761</b>	<b>(1,052)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,516</b>

**Non Current**

Clinical negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Personal injury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other losses and special payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defence legal fees and other administration	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Pensions relating to: former directors	0			0	0	0	0	0
Pensions relating to: other staff	0			0	0	0	0	0
Other	0			0	0	0		0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**TOTAL**

Clinical negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Personal injury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other losses and special payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defence legal fees and other administration	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Pensions relating to: former directors	0			0	0	0	0	0
Pensions relating to: other staff	0			0	0	0	0	0
Other	1,807			1,761	(1,052)	0		2,516
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,807</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,761</b>	<b>(1,052)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,516</b>

**Expected timing of cash flows:**

	Within 1 year	2 and 5 years	6 and 10 years	After 10 years £000	After 50 years £000	After 75 years £000	Totals £000
Clinical negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Personal injury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other losses and special payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defence legal fees and other administration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pensions - former directors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pensions - other staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restructuring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	2,133	383	0	0	0	0	2,516
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,133</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,516</b>

## 20. Provisions (continued)

	At 1 April 2009	Structured settlement cases transferr-ed to Risk Pool	Transfer of provisions to creditors	Arising during the year	Utilised during the year	Reversed unused	Unwinding of discount	At 30 September 2009
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Current</b>								
Clinical negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Personal injury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other losses and special payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defence legal fees and other administration	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Pensions relating to: former directors	0			0	0	0	0	0
Pensions relating to: other staff	0			0	0	0	0	0
Other	2,516			367	(1,159)	0		1,724
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,516</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>(1,159)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,724</b>
<b>Non Current</b>								
Clinical negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Personal injury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other losses and special payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defence legal fees and other administration	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Pensions relating to: former directors	0			0	0	0	0	0
Pensions relating to: other staff	0			0	0	0	0	0
Other	0			0	0	0		0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>								
Clinical negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Personal injury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other losses and special payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defence legal fees and other administration	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Pensions relating to: former directors	0			0	0	0	0	0
Pensions relating to: other staff	0			0	0	0	0	0
Other	2,516			367	(1,159)	0		1,724
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,516</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>(1,159)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,724</b>

## Expected timing of cash flows:

	Within 1 year £000	2 and 5 years £000	6 and 10 years £000	After 10 years £000	After 50 years £000	After 75 years £000	Totals £000
Clinical negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Personal injury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other losses and special payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defence legal fees and other administration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pensions - former directors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pensions - other staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restructuring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1,466	258	0	0	0	0	1,724
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,724</b>

**21. Finance leases****21.1 Finance leases obligations (as lessee)**

The LHB has not held any Finance leases during the accounting period.

**Amounts payable under finance leases:**

<b>LAND</b>	<b>30 September 2009 £000</b>	<b>31 March 2009 £000</b>	<b>1 April 2008 £000</b>
<b>Minimum lease payments</b>			
Within one year	0	0	0
Between one and five years	0	0	0
After five years	0	0	0
Less finance charges allocated to future periods	0	0	0
Minimum lease payments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Included in:			
Current borrowings	0	0	0
Non-current borrowings	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Present value of minimum lease payments</b>			
Within one year	0	0	0
Between one and five years	0	0	0
After five years	0	0	0
Less finance charges allocated to future periods	0	0	0
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Included in:			
Current borrowings	0	0	0
Non-current borrowings	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**21.1 Finance leases obligations (as lessee) continued****Amounts payable under finance leases:****BUILDINGS**

	<b>30 September</b>	<b>31 March</b>	<b>1 April</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>Minimum lease payments</b>			
Within one year	0	0	0
Between one and five years	0	0	0
After five years	0	0	0
Less finance charges allocated to future periods	0	0	0
Minimum lease payments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Included in:			
Current borrowings	0	0	0
Non-current borrowings	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Present value of minimum lease payments</b>			
Within one year	0	0	0
Between one and five years	0	0	0
After five years	0	0	0
Less finance charges allocated to future periods	0	0	0
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Included in:			
Current borrowings	0	0	0
Non-current borrowings	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**OTHER**

	<b>30 September</b>	<b>31 March</b>	<b>1 April</b>
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>Minimum lease payments</b>			
Within one year	0	0	0
Between one and five years	0	0	0
After five years	0	0	0
Less finance charges allocated to future periods	0	0	0
Minimum lease payments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Included in:			
Current borrowings	0	0	0
Non-current borrowings	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Present value of minimum lease payments</b>			
Within one year	0	0	0
Between one and five years	0	0	0
After five years	0	0	0
Less finance charges allocated to future periods	0	0	0
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Included in:			
Current borrowings	0	0	0
Non-current borrowings	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

**21.2 Finance lease receivables (as lessor)**

The LHB has not held any Finance leases during the accounting period.

**Amounts receivable under finance leases:**

	<b>30 September 2009 £000</b>	<b>31 March 2009 £000</b>	<b>1 April 2008 £000</b>
<b>Gross investment in leases</b>			
Within one year	0	0	0
Between one and five years	0	0	0
After five years	0	0	0
Less finance charges allocated to future periods	0	0	0
Minimum lease payments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Included in:			
Current borrowings	0	0	0
Non-current borrowings	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Present value of minimum lease payments</b>			
Within one year	0	0	0
Between one and five years	0	0	0
After five years	0	0	0
Less finance charges allocated to future periods	0	0	0
Present value of minimum lease payments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Included in:			
Current borrowings	0	0	0
Non-current borrowings	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>



**22. Financial risk management**

Financial reporting standard IFRS 7 requires disclosure of the role that financial instruments have had during the period in creating or changing the risks a body faces in undertaking its activities. Because of the continuing commissioning relationship that the LHB has with NHS Trusts, and in view of the LHBs renouncing by means of Assembly Funding, the LHB is not exposed to the degree of financial risk faced by business entities. Also financial instruments play a much more limited role in creating or changing risk than would be typical of listed companies, to which these standards mainly apply. The LHB has limited powers to invest and financial assets and liabilities are generated by day-to-day operational activities rather than being held to change the risks facing the LHB in undertaking its activities.

**Currency risk**

The LHB is principally a domestic organisation with the great majority of transactions, assets and liabilities being in the UK and Sterling based. The LHB has no overseas operations. The LHB therefore has low exposure to currency rate fluctuations.

**Interest rate risk**

LHBs are not permitted to borrow. The LHB therefore has low exposure to interest rate fluctuations

**Credit risk**

Because the majority of the LHB's funding derives from funds voted by the Assembly the LHB has low exposure to credit risk.

**Liquidity risk**

The LHB is required to operate within cash limits set by the Welsh Assembly Government for the financial year and draws down funds from the Assembly as the requirement arises. The LHB is not, therefore, exposed to significant liquidity risks.

**Maturity of financial liabilities**

	<b>30 September 2009 £'000</b>
In one year	<b>10,989</b>
In more than one year but not more than two years	<b>258</b>
In more than two years but not more than five years	<b>0</b>
In more than five years	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,247</b>

**23. Financial Instruments**

<b>Financial assets</b>	<b>At "fair value" through P&amp;L £000</b>	<b>Loans and receivables £000</b>	<b>Available for sale £000</b>	<b>Total £000</b>
Embedded derivatives	0	0	0	0
Other financial assets	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	11	0	0	11
Other financial assets	3,795	0	0	3,795
<b>Total at 30 September 2009</b>	<b>3,806</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,806</b>

<b>Financial liabilities</b>	<b>At "fair value" through P&amp;L £000</b>	<b>Other £000</b>	<b>Total £000</b>
Embedded derivatives	0	0	0
PFI and finance lease obligations	0	0	0
Other financial liabilities	11,247	0	11,247
<b>Total at 30 September 2009</b>	<b>11,247</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,247</b>

<b>Financial assets</b>	<b>At "fair value" through P&amp;L £000</b>	<b>Loans and receivables £000</b>	<b>Available for sale £000</b>	<b>Total £000</b>
Embedded derivatives	0	0	0	0
Other financial assets	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	38	0	0	38
Other financial assets	483	0	0	483
<b>Total at 31 March 2009</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>521</b>

<b>Financial liabilities</b>	<b>At "fair value" through P&amp;L £000</b>	<b>Other £000</b>	<b>Total £000</b>
Embedded derivatives	0	0	0
PFI and finance lease obligations	0	0	0
Other financial liabilities	11,771	0	11,771
<b>Total at 31 March 2009</b>	<b>11,771</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,771</b>

<b>Financial assets</b>	<b>At "fair value" through P&amp;L £000</b>	<b>Loans and receivables £000</b>	<b>Available for sale £000</b>	<b>Total £000</b>
Embedded derivatives	0	0	0	0
Other financial assets	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank and in hand	77	0	0	77
Other financial assets	898	0	0	898
<b>Total at 1 April 2008</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>975</b>

<b>Financial liabilities</b>	<b>At "fair value" through P&amp;L £000</b>	<b>Other £000</b>	<b>Total £000</b>
Embedded derivatives	0	0	0
PFI and finance lease obligations	0	0	0
Other financial liabilities	11,265	0	11,265
<b>Total at 1 April 2008</b>	<b>11,265</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,265</b>

## 24. Contingencies

	<b>30 September 2009</b>
Contingent liabilities	<b>£000</b>
	<b>0</b>
	<b>0</b>
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	<b>0</b>
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Contingent assets	
	<b>0</b>
	<b>0</b>
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### Continuing Healthcare Cost uncertainties

Liabilities for continuing care costs continue to be a significant financial issue for the LHB. The December 2009 deadline for reclaiming pre-1/4/2003 care costs has resulted in a large increase in the number of claims registered, regarding both pre and post 1/4/2003 costs. Denbighshire Local Health Board is responsible for post 1/4/2003 costs and the financial statements include the following amounts relating to those uncertain continuing healthcare costs:

Note 20 sets out the £523K provision made for probable continuing care costs relating to 10 claims received;

Note 24 sets out Nil contingent liability for possible continuing care costs relating to Nil claims received;

However in addition the LHB has another 51 claims for which the assessment process has not yet started. The assessment process is highly complex, involves multi-disciplinary teams and for those reasons can take many months. At this stage, the LHB does not have the information to make a judgement on the likely success or otherwise of these claims, however they may result in significant additional costs to the LHB.

Any continuing healthcare claims which relate to pre-1/4/2003 are included in the Welsh Assembly Government resource accounts.

## **25. Third Party assets**

The Local Health Board has no Third Party Assets.

## **26. Events after Reporting Period**

### Reconfiguration of the NHS in Wales

In 2008 the Health and Social Services Minister in the Welsh Assembly Government gave approval for the reconfiguration of NHS Trusts and LHBs to create 7 new LHBs from 1st October 2009.

On 30th September 2009, Denbighshire LHB along with Anglesey LHB, Gwynedd LHB, Conwy LHB LHB, Flintshire LHB, Wrexham LHB, North West Wales NHS Trust and North Wales NHS Trust were dissolved and Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board was established. All of the assets and liabilities of Denbighshire LHB transferred to the new LHB at that date and all operations are continuing.

**27. Related Party Transactions****£000**

Total value of transactions with Board members  
and key senior staff was

Nil

The Assembly is regarded as a related party.  
During the year Denbighshire Local Health Board  
has had a significant number of material transactions with the Assembly and with  
other entities for which the Assembly is regarded as the parent body namely,

- 1 - Hospital & Community Health Services Resource Allocations
- 2 - General Medical Services Resource Allocations
- 3 - Pharmacy Contract Resource Allocations
- 4 - Dental Contract Resource Allocations
- 5 - Salary recharges to the Assembly

There were also material transactions with NHS entities in Wales and England totalling  
approximately £52.0m.

**NHS Trusts****£000**

Welsh NHS Trusts

50,605

Non-Welsh NHS Trusts

1,392

During the year none of the board members or members of the key management staff or other  
related parties has undertaken any material transactions with Denbighshire LHB.  
However, Non Officer Board Members have declared their involvement within organisations as noted  
below with which the Board has financial commitments:-

- (a) Practicing GPs within the LHB area
- (b) The Ophthalmic and Pharmaceutical members receive reimbursement for the provision  
of services from the LHB
- (c) Board members and staff of North Wales NHS Trusts
- (d) Officers and Councillors of Denbighshire County Council
- (e) Members with a declared interest in voluntary organisations which receive grant  
assistance or who supply services to the LHB.

A number of the LHB's Board members have/have had interests in related parties as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Interests</b>
Dr Martin Duerden		General Practitioner
Dr Martin O'Donnell		General Practitioner Medical Director Morfa Doc
Dr Su Hesketh		General Practitioner
Dr James Wainwright		General Practitioner
Mr Ian Howard		North Wales Trust (Central)
Dr David Gozzard		North Wales Trust (Central)
Mrs Pam Mainwaring		North Wales Trust (Central)
Mr Chris Gould		Optician

## 27. Related Party Transactions

<b>Name</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Interests</b>
Mr Russell Bennett		Dentist
Mrs Miriam Blanchard		Pharmacist
Mrs Mari Wyn Hughes		Nurse
Mr Alan Benbow		Voluntary Sector
Dr Anne Macleod		Denbighshire Area Committee, Community Health Council
Mrs Sally Ellis		Denbighshire County Council
Mr Iwan Prys - Jones		Denbighshire County Council
Councillor Pauline Dobb		Councillor Denbighshire County Council
Mr Rob Atenstaedt		Velindre NHS Trust
Mrs Susan Meryl Elmusrati		Flintshire County Council
Mrs Pat Mowl		Conwy LHB
Mrs Eirwen Godden		Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council
Mr Neil Stevens		Conwy LHB
Councillor Bobby Feeley		Denbighshire County Council

The Assembly Government has not notified us of any related parties relating to Ministers in 2009-10.

**28. Intra Government balances**

	Trade receivables		Trade payables	
	Amounts falling due within one year	Amounts falling due after more than one year	Amounts falling due within one year	Amounts falling due after more than one year
<b>To 30 September 2009</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Welsh Assembly Government	56	0	0	0
Welsh Local Health Boards	19	0	266	0
Welsh NHS Trusts	3,377	0	459	0
Health Commission Wales	22	0	0	0
All English Health Bodies	0	0	45	0
All N. Ireland Health Bodies	0	0	0	0
All Scottish Health Bodies	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0
Credit note provision	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>3,474</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>0</b>
Other Central Government Bodies				
Other Government Departments	0	0	128	0
HMRC	9	0	40	0
Local Authorities	77	0	1,283	0
Balances with Public Corporations & trading funds	0	0	0	0
Balances with bodies external to Government	378	0	7,302	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,938</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,523</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2008-09</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Welsh Assembly Government	41	0	0	0
Welsh Local Health Boards	111	0	124	0
Welsh NHS Trusts	80	0	499	0
Health Commission Wales	0	0	0	0
All English Health Bodies	26	0	273	0
All N. Ireland Health Bodies	0	0	0	0
All Scottish Health Bodies	0	0	3	0
Miscellaneous	194	0	7,650	0
Credit note provision	(18)	0	0	0
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,549</b>	<b>0</b>
Other Central Government Bodies				
Other Government Departments	0	0	62	0
HMRC	11	0	40	0
Local Authorities	72	0	604	0
Balances with Public Corporations & trading funds	0	0	0	0
Balances with bodies external to Government	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,255</b>	<b>0</b>

**29. Losses and special payments**

Losses and special payments are charged to the Income statement in accordance with IFRS. Losses and special payments register when payment is made. Therefore this note is prepared

**Gross loss to the Exchequer**

Number of cases and associated amounts paid out or written-off during the financial year

	<b>Amounts paid out during period to 30 September 2009</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>£</b>
Clinical negligence	0	0
Personal injury	0	0
All other losses and special payments	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Analysis of cases which exceed £250,000 and all other cases

<b>Cases exceeding £250,000</b>	<b>Case type</b>	<b>Amounts paid out in year £</b>
Case reference		0
		0
		0
		0
		0
		0
		0
		0
		0
		0
		0
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>All other cases</b>		<b>0</b>



### **30. Pooled budgets**

The Health Board has entered into a pooled budget with Denbighshire County Council, Denbighshire Health Board and North Wales NHS Trust.

Under the arrangements funds are pooled under the NHS (Wales) Act 2006 for Community Equipment service.

The pool is hosted by Denbighshire County Council and the formal partnership agreement commenced on the 1st April 2009. The annual contribution by Denbighshire Local Health Board to the running costs is £65,899.

**31. First time adoption**

	<b>General Fund £000</b>	<b>Revaluation Reserve £000</b>	<b>Donated Asset Reserve £000</b>	<b>Government Grant Reserve £000</b>	<b>Total Reserves £000</b>
Taxpayers' equity at 31 March 2009 under UKGAAP	(11,208)	2	0	0	(11,206)
Adjustment to remove negative balances on revaluation reserves	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Adjusted Taxpayers' equity at 31 March 2009</b>	<b><u>(11,208)</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>(11,206)</u></b>
<b>Adjustments for IFRS changes</b>					
PFI	0	0	0	0	0
Leases	0	0	0	0	0
Others (specify)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Taxpayers' equity at 1 April 2009 under IFRS</b>	<b><u>(11,208)</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>(11,206)</u></b>
Net operating costs for 2008-09 under UKGAAP	162,118	0	0	0	162,118
Adjustments for IFRS changes :					
PFI	0	0	0	0	0
Leases	0	0	0	0	0
Others (specify)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net operating costs for 2008-09 under IFRS</b>	<b><u>162,118</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>162,118</u></b>

Narrative disclosure

**32. Cashflow Notes****32.1 Movements in working capital**

	6 months to 30 September 2009 £000	12 months 2008-09 £000
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(3,421)	457
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	0	0
(Increase)/decrease in payables	268	(203)
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>-3,153</b>	<b>254</b>
Less Movement in receivables relating to items not passing through the OCS	0	0
Less Movement in payables relating to items not passing through the OCS	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>(3,153)</b>	<b>254</b>

**32.2 Other cashflow adjustments**

	30 September 2009	2008-09
Depreciation	2	7
Amortisation	0	0
Impairments and reversals	0	0
Cost of Capital Charge	(161)	(377)
Profit/(Loss) on disposal	0	0
Finance Costs	0	0
Interest Revenue	0	0
Change in fair value of financial instruments	0	0
Provisions - Arising in Year	367	1,761
Provisions - Reversed Unused	0	0
Provisions - Unwinding of Discount	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>1,391</b>

**32.3 Analysis of changes in net debt**

	As at 1 April 2009 £000	Cash flows £000	As at 30 September 2009 £000
OPG cash at bank	27	(16)	11
Commercial cash at bank and in hand	11	(11)	0
Bank overdraft	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>(27)</b>	<b>11</b>

### 33. Remuneration Report

#### 33.1 Salaries and pension entitlement of senior managers

Name and title		To 30 September 2009	To 30 September 2009	To 30 September 2009	2008-09	2008-09	2008-09
		Salary (bands of £5,000) £'000	Other (bands of £5,000) £'000	Benefits in kind (to nearest £100) £'000	Salary (bands of £5,000) £'000	Other (bands of £5,000) £'000	Benefits in kind (to nearest £100) £'000
Sally Baxter - Chief Executive		40-45	0	2.9	80-85	0	5.7
Gwyn Pierce-Williams - Medical Director	Left 31/03/2009	0	0	0	35-40	0	0
Martin Duerden - Medical Director	Joint with Conwy LHB	15-20	0	0	0	0	0
Joanna Garrigan - Director of Finance	Maternity leave from 19/01/2009	10-15	0	1.8	60-65	0	3.7
Neil Stevens - Director of Finance	Joint with Conwy LHB	15-20	0	0	5-10	0	0
Jane Trowman - Director of Nursing		25-30	0	2.0	50-55	0	4.4
Pat Mowll - Director of Dev & Perf Mng	Joint with Conwy LHB	15-20	0	0	30-35	0	0

**33. Remuneration Report****33.2 Pension benefits**

Name and title	Real	Lump	Total	Lump	Cash	Cash	Real	Employers
	increase in pension at age 60 (bands of £2,500)	sum at age 60 related to real increase in pension £'000	accrued pension at age 60 at 30 September 2009 (bands of £2,500) £'000	sum at age 60 related to accrued pension at 30 September £'000	Equivalent Transfer Value at 30 September 2009 £'000	Equivalent Transfer Value at 31 March 2009 £'000	increase on cash equivalent transfer value £'000	contribution to stakeholder pension £'000
Sally Baxter Chief Executive	0 - 2.5	2	7.5 - 10.0	29	163	146	17	0
Gwyn Pierce-Williams Medical Director	2.5 - 5.0	11	52.5 - 55.0	165	1,258	1,123	135	0
Joanna Garrigan Director of Finance (Maternity Leave per 19/01/09)	0 - 2.5	2	12.5 - 15.0	43	219	198	21	0
Jane Trowman Director of Nursing	0 - 2.5	1	15.0 - 17.5	50	290	267	23	0

### **34. Operating segments**

No disclosures

Denbighshire LHB has reported the financial performance of its business activities as a single entity since it was established in 2003, in line with financial reporting for all other healthcare bodies. The statutory financial duty for the LHB to break even is evaluated based on its overall financial performance and not separately for each of its individually commissioned and provided healthcare services

### **35. Additional Information**

#### **Forecast Financial Position 2009/2010**

Local Health Boards are required to achieve a breakeven financial position each year except where a recovery plan has been approved by the Welsh Assembly Government in accordance with WHC (2004)34 Statutory Financial Duties of NHS Trusts and Local Health Boards. Where an approved recovery plan is in place, achievement of the breakeven duty will be measured over the life of the plan.

In 2008, the Health and Social Services Minister in the Welsh Assembly Government gave approval for the restructuring of Local Health Boards and NHS Trusts to create one new Local Health Board in North Wales (Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009. However, Denbighshire Local Health Board was still required to plan to achieve a break-even position for the six month period ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009 and work with the other NHS organisations in North Wales to achieve agreement on a single North Wales Annual Operating Framework submission.

A North Wales community 2009/2010 Annual Operating Framework was agreed with the Welsh Assembly Government at the beginning of the year. Plans have been developed to mitigate the Health Community's risks and to ensure the achievement of the 2009/2010 Annual Operating Framework/Local Delivery Plan targets within the health economy's total resources available. In addition, the Local Health Board submitted a balanced 2009/2010 Financial Plan to the Assembly as approved by the Board in March 2009.

At the time of producing these accounts, the Local Health Board was still planning to achieve the agreed financial targets for 2009/2010. However, responsibility for the delivery of the final six months of the agreed Financial Plan falls to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board.

**STATEMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S RESPONSIBILITIES  
AS ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER OF THE LOCAL HEALTH BOARD**

The Welsh Ministers have directed that the Chief Executive should be the Accountable Officer to the LHB. The relevant responsibilities of Accountable Officers, including their responsibility for the propriety and regularity of the public finances for which they are answerable, and for the keeping of proper records, are set out in the Accountable Officer's Memorandum issued by the Assembly.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I have properly discharged the responsibilities set out in my letter of appointment as an Accountable Officer.

Date.....2010 ..... Chief Executive

**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT  
OF THE ACCOUNTS**

The directors are required under the National Health Service Act (Wales) 2006 to prepare accounts for each financial year. The Welsh Ministers, with the approval of the Treasury, directs that these accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the LHB and of the income and expenditure of the LHB for that period. In preparing those accounts, the directors are required to:

- apply on a consistent basis accounting principles laid down by the Welsh Ministers with the approval of the Treasury
- make judgements and estimates which are responsible and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the account.

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the accounts.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the authority and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with requirements outlined in the above mentioned direction by the Welsh Ministers.

**By Order of the Board**

**Signed:**

Chairman: ..... Dated: .....2010

Chief Executive: ..... Dated: .....2010

Director of Finance: ..... Dated: .....2010



## STATEMENT ON INTERNAL CONTROL

### 1. Scope of responsibility

The Board is accountable for internal control. As Accountable Officer and Chief Executive for this Board, I have the responsibility for maintaining a sound system of internal control that supports achievement of the organisation's policies, aims and objectives, whilst safeguarding the public funds and this organisation's assets for which I am personally responsible, in accordance with the responsibilities assigned by the Accounting Officer of NHS Wales.

The Denbighshire Local Health Board is accountable to the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG). The accountability for the management of risk is through the WAG Regional Offices' monitoring and review arrangements with the LHB. These arrangements include agreement of the Annual Operating Framework (AOF), the LHB's annual review, and through monthly financial and performance monitoring return processes. The WAG also receive reports on healthcare standards and risk management for the LHB, including those from the Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW), the Mersey Internal Audit Agency (MIAA) Director of Audit's Annual Report, and the LHB's Risk Management and Healthcare Standards Annual Report.

### 2. The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of organisational policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in the organisation for the period ended 30 September 2009 and up to the date of approval of the accounts to 30 September 2009, and accords with Welsh Assembly Government guidance.

### 3. Capacity to handle risk

The Board takes overall responsibility for risk management and a risk management framework, control, assurance and review process was in place throughout the period. WAG guidance identifies the standards which effectively define the governance framework required by a Local Health Board to manage its overall business. The LHB had, for prior full year periods, provided a self assessment against Healthcare Standards and utilised the toolkit to identify and manage unacceptable and key risks. The LHB has a Risk Management Strategy which embraces the risk management framework and sets out the responsibilities of the Board, committees, Executive Directors, managers and staff.

The Audit Committee reviews the establishment and maintenance of an effective system of integrated governance, risk management and internal control across all activities (both clinical and non clinical), that supports the achievement of the organisations objectives. The Committee reviews; the risk and control statements, ensures there are assurance processes in place to indicate compliance with objectives and management of principal risks, promotes learning and training, ensures appropriate structures are in place to manage risks, reviews the adequacy of policies, monitors compliance with Healthcare Standards and of the implementation of the Healthcare Standards Improvement Plan.

The risk management process has an identified directorate lead, the Director of Finance, and key groups and staff support the process and take responsibility for day to day management of risks. Reports on risk and assurances are received through the Audit Committee and the Board.

Staff and management have received guidance on risk management internally, from the Welsh Risk Pool and Internal Audit and, where identified, have applied good practice. Root cause analysis training was provided in previous years.

#### 4. The risk and control framework

The LHB's risk management framework links to the strategic and organisational objectives and is an integrated part of management activity.

The key elements of risk management are:

A risk management strategy underpinned by other relevant policies including the Incident Reporting Policy, Health and Safety Policy and complaints policy.

A top down and systematic approach to the identification of principal risks which threaten the achievement of primary objectives is adopted.

##### **Risk is identified, evaluated and controlled through:**

The strategy which defines; the objectives of Risk Management, the process and structure by which it is undertaken, lead responsibility and arrangements, key policies, procedures and risk management practices, the approach to the identification, assessment, scoring, treatment and monitoring of risk and defines acceptable risk.

Measures are in place to evaluate and mitigate risks and ensure systems operate effectively e.g. a Departmental Risk Register was used to identify risks at the source and escalate action and the complaints and incident reporting systems are used to inform the process. Risk appetites are determined in accordance with the strategy.

##### **Risk management is embedded through:**

The culture of the organisation, job descriptions, the terms of reference of Committees and groups, and through engagement with staff.

The national Annual Operating Framework and Local Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Strategies form the basis of the commissioning plans and together with the Health Commission Wales (Specialist Services) Annual Commissioning Plan are used to inform the LHB and Local Authority planning processes. The process recognises "Designed for Life", the health and social care strategy for Wales for 2005-2015, "Improving Health in Wales", the response to the Review of Health and Social Care (Wanless report), Welsh Priorities and Planning Guidance, Annual Strategic and Financial Framework Guidance, the National Reporting Framework National clinical quality improvement targets, financial responsibilities; Public Service VFM agreements and standards.

##### **2008-09 and 2007-08 Self Assessment against Healthcare Standards for Wales**

The LHB recognises that performance against most, if not all healthcare standards contribute to overall good risk management across the range of the organisations' activities.

The LHB completed a self-assessment against all healthcare standards for both years. The Board was engaged in the process for 2008-09 and approved the sign off by the Chief Executive following quality check at directorate level.

In compliance with guidance received from the Regional Office, any Criterion within the specific Standards which were self assessed as Aware (Score of 1) or Responding (Score of 2) are included within the LHB's Healthcare Standards for Wales Improvement Plan for 2008/09. For the four standards that underpin the management of risk achieved the results are in the following table:

Std	Objective	2007-2008	2008-2009	2007-2008	2008-2009
14	Safety & Health	Practising	Practising	Practising	Practising
16	Patient Safety - learning from incidents	Practising	Practising	Practising	Practising
27	Governance arrangements	Practising	Practising	Practising	Practising
28	Clinical Governance and Audit	Practising	Practising	Practising	Practising

In 2008-09 the Internal Auditors undertook the following work:

- □ Reviewed the self assessment input on the HIW HCS tool for the four key standards specified in the SIC. This included a review of the explanation, the evidence that supports the explanation and the appropriateness of the self-assessed score in consideration of the maturity matrix requirements.
- □ Assessed the process adopted by the LHB in preparing and completing the self assessment.
- □ Reviewed action plans and the process for monitoring progress, evaluating what improvements have been demonstrated for those areas that were reported as being aware and/or responding.
- □ Confirmed that the Board are appropriately engaged.

#### Healthcare Standards Improvement Plan in 2009/2010

A healthcare standards improvement plan for the year is in place which has been agreed by the Board and assurances on progress are provided each quarter. The plan was prepared in 2008/2009 and addressed all 'aware' and 'responding' level actions. The plan is reported to the Regional Office of the Welsh Assembly Government and is updated in year.

Key ways in which healthcare standards are embedded in the activity of the organisation are;

- the Board receives regular updates on achievement against Healthcare Standards and each report provided includes reference to which healthcare standard it supports the delivery of;
- Healthcare Standards is a standing agenda item at Board meetings, Clinical Governance Committee and the Risk Management Steering Group meetings;
- The Board was involved in the completion, review and submission of the assessment against Healthcare Standards;
- Healthcare Standards are discussed at staff meetings and management meetings. In addition, all directorates are involved in the completion of the assessment against Healthcare Standards and encouraged to use this to demonstrate and reflect upon the developmental work that has been undertaken throughout the year to improve patient care;

For the whole of 2009/2010 the new Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board will be required to embed standards within the new structures ensuring; roles and responsibilities are agreed, awareness raising is effective and timely, that the standards are mapped to the organisations objectives, sound processes and evidence supports assessments and assurance mechanisms are comprehensive and effective. The plan is to be monitored in year and an all North Wales consolidated document is prepared for taking forward high level issues or actions. The final approved Improvement Plan for 2009/2010 was agreed by 31st October 2009.

#### Priorities and Risks that stemmed from the transition period are:

- Failure of Contractor(s) to provide Standards of Care required (e.g. Primary Care Contractors and Care Homes)
- Maintaining effective financial monitoring as staff structures change / pressures on staff resources increase
- Inadequate follow up for patients due to incomplete/inaccurate discharge summaries
- Impact on staff morale and motivation as a result of A4C and job security as a result of NHS re-organisation.
- Impact on LHB capacity to deliver functions and progress national and local objectives during anticipated period of reconfiguration which will follow the consultation on the future structures of the NHS in Wales, with associated disruption to staffing and accountabilities.
- Inadequate assurances regarding Care Home health and safety systems and processes which are not currently monitored by the LHB.

These are identified through:

- the risk management process and engagement with the shadow Board of the new LHB
- reports by internal audit
- Incident reporting systems
- Directorate intelligence

and evaluated by:

- Quality and Safety Work stream composed of senior staff from existing organisations and project groups
- Senior Management Team
- Risk Management Subgroup

and controlled through:

- Work streams and lead directors or managers
- Senior Management Team
- Project transition plan for monitoring of completion

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- Senior Management Team
- Risk Management Subgroup

and controlled through:

- Work streams and lead directors or managers
- Senior Management Team
- Project transition plan for monitoring of completion

## **5. Review of effectiveness**

As Accountable Officer, I have responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. My review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control is informed by the work of the internal auditors and the executive officers within the organisation who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework, and comments made by the external auditors in their management letter and other reports. I have been advised on the implications of the result of my review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control by the Board, the Audit Committee and Risk Management Steering Group and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Obligations under equality, diversity and human rights legislation

Control measures are in place to ensure that all the organisation's obligations under equality, diversity and human rights legislation are complied with.

The strategies, policies, functions and service delivery of the LHB does not discriminate against employees or sections of the community. Service provision is compliant with human rights, disability, gender and race equality legislation. Documentation in support of the measures is located on the LHB's information database and is subject to review and monitoring.

Promoting equality and fairness continues to be a high priority for the LHB in its role as both an employer and commissioner of services.

Equality reports and updates continue to be provided for Board members, staff and the public. A formal update on equality and diversity was given to staff and Board members in 2008-2009. Staff surveys are used to obtain feedback. Equality matters are a standing agenda item for the Board and for the Formal Management Team. A Race Equality Scheme and Action Plan is in place. Detailed equality impact assessments are scheduled for work on such areas as the development of clinical strategies for hospital based unscheduled care; primary and community services; and mental health services.

An annual report was prepared in 2008-2009 on the LHB's delivery of actions under the Disability Equality Scheme. The LHB continues to support primary care contractors in ensuring that the duties under the disability scheme are fulfilled.

A Welsh Language Scheme for the period 2008-2011, is in place in accordance with the requirements of the Welsh Language Act.

The effectiveness of the systems of internal control is ensured through a process of:

Board engagement through receipt of minutes and reports from committees, groups and directorates and actions taken on identified risks and recommendations.

The Audit Committee met regularly and received assurances from Internal Audit, External Audit, other independent bodies and Executive Directors. The Committee was responsible for agreeing the annual internal audit strategy and plan and received the annual Director of Audit's report, for 2008-2009, on assurances provided.

The Risk Management process is supported by the Risk Management Steering Group and governance process, committees and groups. This provides me with evidence that the effectiveness of controls that manage the risks to the organisation achieving its principle objectives have been reviewed.

Internal Audit provided an independent service, conforming with Welsh Assembly Governance Guidance, that reviewed risks and controls through a risk-based plan, an assignment risk assessment, supplied assurances on risks and controls, actions and good practice guidance, as appropriate. The Director of Internal Audit's opinion provides me with an opinion on the overall arrangements for gaining assurance through the Risk Management Framework and on the controls reviewed as part of the internal audit work.

Other review and assurance mechanisms include regular or annual reports by; directors on clinical and non-clinical risks through appropriate committees, groups, HIW, External Audit and partnerships. The External Audit report includes a reference to the effectiveness of internal controls.

As an employer with staff entitled to membership of the NHS Pension Scheme, control measures are in place to ensure all employer obligations contained within the Scheme regulations are complied with. This includes ensuring that deductions from salary, employer's contributions and payments into the Scheme are in accordance with the Scheme rules, and that member Pension Scheme records are accurately updated in accordance with the timescales detailed in the Regulations.

Signed:.....  
Chief Executive  
(on behalf of board)

Date:.....

## **The certificate and report of the Auditor General for Wales to the National Assembly**

I certify that I have audited the financial statements of Denbighshire Local Health Board for the months ended 30 September 2009 under Section 61 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004. These financial statements comprise the Operating Cost Statement, the Statement of Financial Position, the Cash Flow Statement and Statement of Changes in Taxpayers Equity and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out within them.

### **Respective responsibilities of Directors, the Chief Executive and the Auditor**

The Directors and the Chief Executive are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with paragraph 3 of schedule 9 to the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 and Welsh Ministers' directions made there under and for ensuring the regularity of financial transactions. Their respective responsibilities are set out in the Statements of Directors' and Chief Executive's Responsibilities.

My responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and professional requirements, and with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

I report my opinion to you as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Denbighshire Local Health Board as at the end of the period covered by the financial statements, and whether they have been properly prepared in accordance with paragraph 3 of schedule 9 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 and Welsh Ministers' directions made there under. I also report whether the financial statements disclose the expenditure and income have been applied to the purposes intended by the National Assembly and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

In addition I report to you if in my opinion, Denbighshire Local Health Board has not kept adequate accounting records, if I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit or if information specified by HM Treasury or Welsh Ministers regarding remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

I review whether the Statement on Internal Control reflects Denbighshire Local Health Board's compliance with HM Treasury's and Welsh Ministers' guidance and report if it does not. I am not required to consider whether this Statement covers all risks and controls, or to form an opinion on the effectiveness of Denbighshire Local Health Board's corporate governance procedures or internal control procedures.

### **Basis of audit opinions**

I conducted my audit in accordance with the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. My audit includes evidence obtained on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts, disclosures and regularity of financial transactions included in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Directors and the Chief Executive in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are most appropriate to Denbighshire Local Health Board's circumstances, and are consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. In all material respects, the expenditure and income have been applied to the purposes intended by the National Assembly and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them. In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

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## **Opinion**

In my opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 and directions made there under by Welsh Ministers of the state affairs of Denbighshire Local Health Board as at 30 September 2009 and of its net operating costs, its recognised gains and losses and cash flows for the six months then ended; and
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 and directions made there under by Welsh Ministers.

## **Emphasis of Matter**

In forming my opinion, I have considered the disclosure made in note 24 concerning the additional liabilities that may arise from continuing healthcare claims. Whilst the LHB has provided me with sufficient, appropriate evidence to enable me to satisfy myself as to whether IAS37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets would require recognition provision, I consider that the uncertainties relating to these amounts are significant and that once additional assessments of these claims have been undertaken they may result in significant additional costs to the Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board.

My opinion is not qualified in respect of the above item.

## **Opinion on Regularity**

In my opinion in all material respects, the expenditure and income have been applied to the purposes intended by the National Assembly and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

## **Report**

I have no observations to make on these financial statements.

My conclusion on Denbighshire Local Health Board's arrangements for securing economic efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the period ended 30 September 2009 will be reported separately in my published Audit Letter for the six month period.

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24 March 2010

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