

Wrexham Local Health Board

FOREWORD

These accounts have been prepared by the 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 have, with the approval of the Treasury, directed.

Statutory background

The Local Health Board was one of 22 which came into existence on 1st April 2003. As a statutory body governed by Acts of Parliament the LHB is responsible for :

- agreeing the action which is necessary to improve the health and health care of the population of [Wrexham](#).
- supporting and financing General Practitioner-led purchasing of the services needed to meet agreed priorities, including charter standards and guarantees;
- supporting and funding the contractor professions;
- the commissioning of health promotion, emergency planning and other regulatory tasks;
- the stewardship of resources including the financial management and monitoring of performance in critical areas;
- eliciting and responding to the views of local people and organisations and changing and developing services at a pace and in ways that they will accept.

Performance Management and Financial Results

Local Health Boards in Wales must comply fully with the Treasury's Financial Reporting Manual to the extent that it is applicable to them. As a result the Primary Statement of in-year income and expenditure is the Operating Cost Statement, which shows the net operating cost incurred by the LHB which is funded by the Assembly. This funding is allocated on receipt directly to the General Fund in the Balance Sheet.

The statutory duty for Local Health Boards is enacted in the 2002 NHS Reform and Health Care Professionals Act. Net Operating Costs incurred by Local Health Boards should not exceed their allocated Resource Limit.

The primary performance measure for Local Health Boards is note 2.1 Achievement of Operational Financial Balance on page 16. This note compares net operating costs expended against Resource Limits allocated by the Assembly and measures whether operational financial balance has been achieved in year.

OPERATING COST STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

	Note	Total £000	2007-08 Total £000
Expenditure	4.1,4.2,4.3, 4.4	191,219	181,359
Miscellaneous income	3.1	2,335	1,891
Net operating costs		<u>188,884</u>	<u>179,468</u>

**STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009**

	£000	£000
Unrealised surplus on revaluation / indexations of fixed assets	2	2
Net increases / reductions in General Fund due to transfers of assets	0	0
Fixed asset impairment losses	0	0
Recognised gain / (loss) for the year	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2009

	Note	£000	31 March 2008 £000
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible fixed assets	5.1	0	0
Tangible fixed assets	5.2	0	11
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6.1	584	584
Cash at bank and in hand		41	298
Total Current Assets		625	882
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6.2	11,289	10,440
Net current assets / (liabilities)		(10,664)	(9,558)
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	6.3	329	331
Provisions for liabilities and charges	6.4	956	868
TOTAL NET ASSETS		(11,949)	(10,746)
FINANCED BY:			
General fund	6.5	(11,949)	(10,751)
Donated Assets Reserve	6.6	0	0
Revaluation Reserve	6.7	0	5
TOTAL		(11,949)	(10,746)

Signed for and on behalf of the Board

Director of Finance Chief Executive

Date Date.....

Adopted by the Board on.....

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2009

	£000	2007-08 £000
Net operating costs	(188,884)	(179,468)
Adjust for non-cash transactions	(295)	(458)
Adjust for movements in working capital other than cash	847	1,420
Utilisation of provisions	(11)	(8)
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Net cash outflow from operating activities	(188,343)	(178,514)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT:		
Payments to acquire fixed assets	0	0
Receipts from the sale of fixed assets	4	0
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Net cash inflow / (outflow) from investing activities	4	0
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Net cash inflow / (outflow) before financing	(188,339)	(178,514)
FINANCING:		
Net Assembly funding (including capital)	188,082	178,630
Surrender of income from sale of fixed assets	0	0
Donations	0	0
Capital element of finance lease rental payments	0	0
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Net cash inflow / (outflow) from financing	188,082	178,630
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Increase / (decrease) in cash	(257)	116

Notes to the cash flow statement

Adjust for non-cash transactions

	£000	2007-08 £000
Depreciation and other write-offs	9	8
Impairment of fixed assets	0	0
(Profit) / Loss on disposal of fixed assets	0	0
Non-cash provisions	99	(103)
Capital charge interest	(403)	(363)
	<u>(295)</u>	<u>(458)</u>

Adjust for movements in working capital other than cash

	£000	2007-08 £000
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	0	563
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	847	857
	<u>847</u>	<u>1,420</u>

Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt

	£000
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the period	(257)
Cash outflow from debt repaid and finance lease capital payments	<u>0</u>
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows	(257)
Non cash changes in debt	0
Net debt at 1 April 2008	<u>298</u>
Net debt at 31 March 2009	<u>41</u>

Analysis of changes in net debt

	As at 1 April 2008	Cash flows	Other changes	As at 31 March 2009
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cash at bank and in hand	298	(257)	0	41
Bank overdraft	0	0	0	0
Debt due within one year	0	0	0	0
Debt due after one year	0	0	0	0
	<u>298</u>	<u>(257)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41</u>
Total	<u>298</u>	<u>(257)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41</u>

Amount held in Office of Paymaster General bank accounts as at 31 March 2009 was £39,892.98

Analysis of capital expenditure, financial investments and associated receipts

	Capital		Loans		Net Total £'000
	Additions £'000	Disposals £'000	Issues £'000	Repayments £'000	
Total cash payment and receipts	0	4	0	0	4

Reconciliation of loan issues and repayments to cash movements

	Issues £'000	2008-09 Repayments £'000	Net Movement £'000
Total issues and repayments (per creditors note 6.3)	0	0	0
Accrued movement in loan capital	0	0	0
Non-cash adjustments	0	0	0
Total financial investment and associated receipts	0	0	0

Reconciliation of fixed assets and disposals

	Additions £'000	2008-09 Disposals £'000	Net Movement £'000
Total assets and disposals (per fixed assets note 5.1 5.2)	0	22	22
Accrued movement in fixed asset additions	0	0	0
Non-cash adjustments	0	(18)	(18)
Total cash movement on asset additions and disposals	0	4	4

Notes to the Account

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Manual (FReM) issued by HM Treasury to the extent that the Welsh Assembly Government has directed as being appropriate to LHB's. The particular accounting policies adopted by the Local Health Board (LHB) are described below. They have been applied in dealing with items considered material in relation to the accounts.

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified by the application of current cost principles to tangible fixed assets, and in accordance with directions issued by the Welsh Assembly Government and approved by Treasury.

LHB's are not required to provide a reconciliation between current cost and historical cost surpluses and deficits.

Acquisitions and Discontinued Operations

Activities are considered to be "acquired" and disclosed as such, only if they are acquired from outside the public sector. Activities are considered to be "discontinued" and disclosed as such, only if they cease entirely or are transferred outside the public sector.

1.2 Income and funding

The main source of funding for the LHB is resource allocations from the Welsh Assembly Government within an approved cash limit, which is credited to the general fund when the associated cash is received. Income disclosed in the Operating Cost Statement reflects only the amounts other than Welsh Assembly Government Funding.

Miscellaneous income is income which relates directly to the operating activities of the LHB. It comprises principally of fees and charges for services provided on a full cost basis to external customers. Income is from prescription and dental charges.

It includes both income appropriated-in-aid of the Vote and income to the consolidated fund which HM Treasury has agreed should be treated as operating income.

Income is accounted for by applying the accruals convention. Income is recognised in the period in which services are provided.

1.3 Taxation

The LHB is not liable to pay corporation tax. Expenditure is shown net of recoverable VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is charged to the most appropriate expenditure heading or capitalised if it relates to an asset.

1.4 Intangible fixed assets

Intangible assets which can be valued, are capable of being used in a LHB's activities for more than one year and have a cost equal to or greater than £5,000;

Intangible fixed assets held for operational use are valued at historical cost and are depreciated over the estimated life of the asset on a straight line basis, except capitalised Research and Development which is carried at historic cost. The carrying value of intangible assets is reviewed for impairment at the end of the first full year following acquisition and in other periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Purchased computer software licences are capitalised as intangible fixed assets where expenditure of at least £5,000 is incurred. They are amortised over the shorter of the term of the licence and their useful economic lives.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

a. Capitalisation

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they are capable of being used for a period which exceeds one year and:

- individually have a cost equal to or greater than £5,000; or
- collectively have a cost equal to or greater than £5,000, where the assets are functionally interdependent, they had broadly simultaneous purchase dates and are anticipated to have simultaneous disposal dates; and are under single managerial control; or
- form part of the initial setting - up cost of a new building, irrespective of their individual or collective cost.
- form part of an IT network which collectively has a cost more than £5,000 and individually have a cost of more than £250.

b. Valuation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at the lower of replacement cost and recoverable amount. On initial recognition they are measured at costs (for leased assets, fair value) including any costs such as installation directly attributable to bringing them into working condition. They are restated to current value each year. The carrying value of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Land and Buildings

Land and buildings are restated at current cost using professional valuations every five years and appropriate indices in intervening years. The buildings indexation is based on the All in Tender Price Index published by the Building Cost Information Service (BICS). The land index is based on the residential building and land values reported in the Property Market Report published by the Valuation Office. Valuations are carried out by the District Valuers of the Inland Revenue Government Department at five - yearly intervals. A five - yearly revaluation was carried out as at 1 April 2007.

The valuations have been carried out primarily on the basis of Depreciated Replacement Cost for specialised operational property and Existing Use Value for non - specialised operational property.

In respect of non - operational properties, including surplus land, the valuations have been carried out at Open Market Value. The value of land for existing use purposes is assessed to Existing Use Value. Land and buildings held under finance leases are capitalised at inception at the fair value of the asset but may be subsequently revalued by the District

Valuer. The valuations do not include notional directly attributable acquisition costs nor have selling costs been deducted, since they are regarded as not material.

Additional alternative Open Market Value figures have only been supplied for operational assets scheduled for imminent closure and subsequent disposal.

All impairments resulting from price changes are charged to the Statement of Recognised Gains and Losses where there is a credit balance for that impaired asset in the revaluation reserve, otherwise ordinarily they will be charged to the Operating Cost Statement. Falls in value when newly constructed assets are charged to the revaluation reserve even when there is no credit balance.

Equipment

Operational equipment is carried at current value. Where assets are of low value, and/or have short useful economic lives, these are carried at depreciated historic cost as a proxy for current value. Equipment surplus to requirements is valued at net recoverable amount and assets held under finance leases are capitalised at the fair value of the assets. With those exceptions, equipment is valued at Depreciated Replacement Cost.

Assets in the course of construction

Assets in the course of construction are valued at current cost as for land and buildings. These assets include any existing land or buildings under the control of a contractor.

c. Depreciation, amortisation and impairments

Depreciation is charged on a straight - line basis on each main class of fixed asset as follows:

Freehold land and land and buildings surplus to requirements are not depreciated. Assets in the course of construction and residual interests in off - balance sheet Private Finance Initiative contract assets are not depreciated until the asset is brought into use or reverts to the LHB, respectively.

Buildings, installations and fittings are depreciated on their current value over the estimated remaining life of the asset as advised by the District Valuer.

Leaseholds are depreciated over the primary lease term.

Equipment is depreciated on current cost evenly over the estimated life of the asset.

Purchased computer software licences are capitalised as intangible fixed assets where expenditure of £5,000 is incurred. They are amortised over the shorter of the term of the licence and their useful economic lives

1.6 Donated assets

Donated tangible fixed assets are capitalised at their valuation on receipt and are valued and depreciated as described above for purchased assets.

The value of donated tangible fixed assets and the donated element of part - donated assets are reflected in a donated asset reserve. This reserve is credited with the value of the original donation and any subsequent revaluation and indexation; an amount equal to the depreciation charge is released from this reserve each year to the Operating Cost Statement.

1.7 Research and development

Research and development expenditure is charged to the Operating Cost Statement in the year in which it is incurred, except insofar as it is separately identifiable development expenditure relating to a clearly defined project and benefits therefrom can reasonably be regarded as assured.

Expenditure so deferred is limited to the value of future benefits expected and is amortised through the Operating Cost Statement on a systematic basis over the period expected to benefit from the project.

1.8 Pension Costs

Past and present employees are covered by the provisions of the NHS Pension Scheme. Details of the benefits payable under these provisions can be found on the NHS Pensions website at www.pensions.nhsbsa.nhs.uk. 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.

The Scheme is subject to a full actuarial valuation every four years (until 2004, based on a five year valuation cycle), and a FRS17 accounting valuation every year. An outline of these follows:

a) Full actuarial (funding) valuation

The purpose of this valuation is to assess the level of liability in respect of the benefits due under the scheme (taking into account its recent demographic experience), and to recommend the contribution rates to be paid by employers and scheme members. The last such valuation, which determined current contribution rates was undertaken as at 31 March 2004 and covered the period from 1 April 1999 to that date.

The conclusion from the 2004 valuation was that the Scheme had accumulated a notional deficit of £3.3 billion against the notional assets as at 31 March 2004. However, after taking into account the changes in the benefit and contribution structure effective from 1 April 2008, the Scheme actuary reported that employer contributions could continue at the existing rate of 14% of pensionable pay.

On advice from the Scheme Actuary, scheme contributions may be varied from time to time to reflect changes in the schemes liabilities. Up to 31 March 2008, the vast majority of employees paid contributions at the rate of 6% of pensionable pay. From 1 April 2008, employees contributions are on a tiered scale from 5% up to 8.5% of their pensionable pay depending on total earnings.

b) FRS17 Accounting Valuation

In accordance with FRS17, a valuation of the Scheme liability is carried out annually by the Scheme Actuary as at the balance sheet date by updating the results of the full actuarial valuation.

Between the full actuarial valuations at a two-year midpoint, a full and detailed member data-set is provided to the Scheme Actuary. At this point the assumptions regarding the composition of the Scheme membership are updated to allow the Scheme liability to be valued.

The valuation of the Scheme liability as at 31 March 2008, is based on detailed membership data as at 31 March 2006 (the latest midpoint) updated to 31 March 2008 with summary global member and accounting data.

The latest assessment of the liabilities of the Scheme is contained in the Scheme Actuary report, which forms part of the annual NHS Pension Scheme (England and Wales) Resource Account, published annually. These accounts can be viewed on the NHS Pensions website. Copies can be obtained from The Stationery Office.

Scheme provisions as at 31 March 2008

The Scheme is a "final salary" scheme. Annual pensions are normally based on 1/80th of the best of the last 3 years pensionable pay for each year of service. A lump sum normally equivalent to 3 years pension is payable on retirement. Annual increases are applied to pension payments at rates defined by the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971, and are based on changes in retail prices in the twelve months ending 30 September in the previous calendar year. On death, a pension of 50% of the member's pension is normally payable to the surviving spouse.

Early payment of a pension, with enhancement, is available to members of the Scheme who are permanently incapable of fulfilling their duties effectively through illness or infirmity. A death gratuity of twice final year's pensionable pay for death in service, and five times their annual pension for death after retirement, less pension already paid, subject to a maximum amount equal to twice the member's final year's pensionable pay less their retirement lump sum for those who die after retirement, is payable.

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 the Operating Cost Statement at the time the LHB commits itself to the retirement, regardless of the method of payment.

The Scheme provides the opportunity to members to increase their benefits through money purchase Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs) provided by an approved panel of life companies. Under the arrangement the employee/member can make contributions to enhance an employee's pension benefits. The benefits payable relate directly to the value of the investments made.

Scheme provisions from 1 April 2008

From 1 April 2008 changes have been made to the NHS Pension Scheme contribution rates and benefits. Further details of these changes can be found on the NHS Pensions website www.pensions.nhsbsa.nhs.uk.

Between valuations, the Government Actuary provides an update of the scheme liabilities on an annual basis. The latest assessment of the liabilities of the Scheme is contained in the Scheme Actuary report, which forms part of the annual NHS Pension Scheme (England and Wales) Resource Account, published annually. These accounts can be viewed on the NHS Pensions Agency website at www.nhs.gov.uk. Copies can also be obtained from the Stationary Office.

The conclusion from the 1999 valuation was that the scheme continues to operate on a sound financial basis and the notional surplus of the scheme is £1.1 billion. It was recommended that employers' contributions are set at 14% of pensionable pay from 1 April 2003. On advice from the actuary the contribution may be varied from time to time to reflect changes in the scheme's liabilities. Employees pay contributions of 6% (manual staff 5%) of their pensionable pay.

Additional pension liabilities arising from early retirements are not funded by the scheme, except where the retirement is due to ill-health. For early retirements not funded by the scheme, the full amount of the liability for the additional costs is charged to the Operating Cost Statement at the time the LHB commits itself to the retirement, regardless of the method of payment.

1.9 Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange current at the dates of the transactions. Resulting exchange gains and losses are taken to the Operating Cost Statement.

1.10 Cost of Capital

The cost of capital applies to all the assets and liabilities of the LHB, less cash balances held at the OPG and donated assets. The interest rate applied to capital charges in the 2008-09 financial year was **3.5%**.

1.11 Provisions

The LHB provides for legal or constructive obligations that are of uncertain timing or amount at the balance sheet date on the basis of the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is significant, the estimated risk-adjusted cash flows are discounted using the Treasury's discount rate of 2.2% in real terms. Provisions are only recognised where the amount of economic benefit is probable, and the amount of the transfer can reasonably be estimated.

1.12 Liquid resources

Deposits and other investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash at or close to their carrying amounts are treated as liquid resources in the cashflow statement. The LHB does not hold any investments with maturity dates exceeding one year from the date of purchase.

1.13 Leases

Where substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a leased asset are borne by the LHB, the asset is recorded as a tangible fixed asset and a debt is recorded to the lessor of the minimum lease payments discounted by the interest rate implicit in the lease. The interest element of the finance lease payment is charged to the OCS over the period of the lease at a constant rate in relation to the balance outstanding. Other leases are regarded as operating leases and the rentals are charged to the OCS on a straight line basis.

1.14 Contingent liabilities

- a possible obligation arising from past events whose existence will be confirmed by the occurrence of future events not wholly within the LHB's control;
 - a present obligation arising from past events for which it is not probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; or
 - a present obligation where the amount of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient accuracy.
- Contingent liabilities are not disclosed where the probability of them becoming liabilities is considered to be remote.

Contingent assets are disclosed where a possible asset exists as a result of past events whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence of one or more uncertain future events met wholly within the LHB's control. Contingent assets are disclosed only where the future outflow of economic benefit is considered to be probable.

1.15 Deferred Income

Deferred income is recognised where income has been received with an obligation to use the monies for a specific purpose, but these monies have not yet been spent. Only third party income between non-government bodies may be recognised.

1.16 Expenditure

Interest payable arises from the unwinding of discount on provisions, as the value is restated to reflect the present value of the provision at the closing balance sheet date. Interest payable also arises on bank overdrafts and finance leases and is recognised on the accruals basis. Interest payable is not shown separately on the face of the Operating Cost Statement, but is included within expenditure.

Certain expenditure relating to reimbursement of General Practitioners for the provision of Family Health Services is defined by the National Assembly as "non-discretionary" and is deducted from net operating costs for the purposes of assessing outturn against revenue resource limit in note 2.1.

Programme expenditure is defined as costs relating directly to the provision of healthcare, social care and other services relating to the LHB's functions provided directly to the public. All other expenditure is classified as administration expenditure.

1.17 Financial Instruments

Financial Assets

Financial assets are recognised on the balance sheet when the LHB 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.

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.

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.

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.

Available for sale financial assets

Available for sale financial assets are non-derivative 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.

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.

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 LHB 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 or 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.

Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are recognised on the balance sheet when the LHB 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.

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.

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 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.

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.

2.1 Achievement of Operational Financial Balance

	£000	2007-08 £000
Net operating costs for the financial year	188,884	179,468
Non-discretionary expenditure	(314)	(520)
Operating costs less non-discretionary expenditure	<u>189,198</u>	<u>179,988</u>
Revenue Resource Limit	189,242	180,057
Under / (over) spend against Revenue Resource Limit	44	69
Unplanned resource brokerage received	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Operational Financial Balance	<u>44</u>	<u>69</u>

The LHB in meeting its financial target has underspent against the Resource Limit by £44,000

Details of resource brokerage and cash brokerage brought and carried forward.

	Cash £'000	Resource £'000
Cash brokerage returned from Cardiff LHB 2007/08	£450	
Cash brokerage returned from Cardiff LHB 2007/08	£5,000	
Cash brokerage adjustment with WAG 2007/08	-£150	
Brokerage Returned from Carmarthen LHB 2007/08	-£800	£800
Continuing Healthcare brokerage returned from WAG 2007/08		£1,035
In Year Cash surplus brokered forward to Swansea LHB	-£4,500	
In Year Cash surplus brokered forward by WAG	-£95	
In Year Resource/Cash surplus brokered forward by WAG	-£520	-£520
Net Effect of In Year Brokerages	-£615	£1,315

The LHB has continued to be fully involved in assisting the North Wales NHS Trust East Division with its recovery process during 2008/09 in the context of working in partnership with the North East Wales Health Community. This includes the provision of £500,000 to the North Wales Trust of repayable brokerage agreed with the Transitional Director.

The North East Wales NHS Trust merged with Conwy & Denbighshire NHS Trust on 1st July 2008 to form the North Wales NHS Trust, which is reporting achievement of Operational Financial Balance in 2008/09

3.1 Miscellaneous income

	£000	2007-08 £000
Fees & Charges	0	0
Prescription charge income	711	526
Dental fee income	1,170	1,132
Income for trust impairments	0	0
Deferred Income released to revenue	0	0
Rental income from finance leases	0	0
Rental income from operating leases	0	0
Other	454	233
Total	2,335	1,891

Other

Prescription charges were abolished with effect from 1 April 2007, in accordance with the Welsh Assembly Government charging policy. The main prescription income is now received from the North Wales Trusts, with a small amount of cross-border income.

Other Income includes a healthcare recharge to Wrexham County Borough Council of £160,000, to NLIAH of £28,000, to LHBs of £80,000, and to the Welsh Assembly Government of £176,000. The balance of £10,000 is miscellaneous income.

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Expenditure:**4.1 Primary health care**

	Cash limited	Non cash limited	Total	2007-08 Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
General Medical services	17,886	0	17,886	17,740
Pharmaceutical services	5,198	(1,274)	3,924	2,909
General Dental services	5,950	0	5,950	5,684
General Ophthalmic services	0	960	960	961
Other Primary health care expenditure	1,115	0	1,115	1,210
Prescribed drugs and appliances	22,810	0	22,810	22,888
Total	52,959	(314)	52,645	51,392

4.2 Secondary and Community health care

	Total £000	2007-08 Total £000
NHS Trusts:		
Provider 1 - ...North Wales Trust (East Division)	106,876	101,215
Provider 2 - ...North Wales Trust (Central Division)	6,682	6,262
Provider 3 - ...Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic	4,493	4,225
Provider 4 - ...Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen	688	547
Provider 5 - ...Countess of Chester	445	405
Provider 6 - ...Royal Shrewsbury and Telford	309	309
Provider 7 - ...South Staffordshire	287	278
Provider 8 - ...North West Wales	183	167
Provider 9 - ...Cheshire and Wirral	113	4
Provider 10 - ...Telford & Wrekin Primary Care Trust	100	98
Other Welsh NHS trusts	136	146
Other non Welsh NHS trusts	931	752
Local Authorities	58	64
Voluntary Organisations	417	398
NHS Funded Nursing Care	1,642	1,730
Continuing Care	10,276	8,547
Private providers	1,233	1,244
Specific projects funded by Welsh Assembly Government	0	0
Other	181	176
Total	135,050	126,567

Note 4.1:

Staff Costs included in Primary Health Care Expenditure are £314,093. In 2007/08 the figure was £447,139
 Consultancy Costs included under Primary Care Expenditure is £33,768. In 2007/08 the figure was £4,848

Note 4.2:

The Local Authority Expenditure is for the Wanless Scheme

Other expenditure includes a payment of £178,687 to Denbighshire LHB for cancer services

The North East Wales NHS Trust merged with Conwy & Denbighshire NHS Trust on 1st July 2008 to form the North Wales NHS Trust. For consistency with the 2007/08 accounts the organisations are shown separately above as North Wales Trust East Division and North Wales Trust Central Division

Notes 4.1 & 4.2

The 2007/08 figures for GMS, Prescribed Drugs and Appliances, Other Non Welsh NHS Trusts, NHS Funded Nursing Care, Continuing Care and Private Providers has changed due to re-classification

4.3 Other programme expenditure

	2007-08	2007-08
	£000	£000
Salaries and wages	645	482
National Public Health Service	847	828
Losses, special payments and irrecoverable debts	0	0
Research and development	0	0
Other	215	193
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Total	1,707	1,503

4.4 Administration expenditure

	2007-08	2007-08
	£000	£000
Non-officer members' remuneration	88	86
Other salaries and wages	1,056	1,087
Consultancy services	4	0
Establishment expenses	124	123
Transport and moveable plant	1	2
Premises and fixed plant	132	123
External contractors	13	9
Auditors' remuneration - audit fee	70	69
Auditors' remuneration - other fees	0	0
Business Services Centre recharge	671	700
Interest payable - unwinding of discount	0	0
Interest payable - other	0	0
Capital - Depreciation	9	8
Amortisation	0	0
Capital charge interest	(403)	(363)
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
(Profit) / loss on disposal of fixed assets	0	0
Other	52	53
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Total	1,817	1,897

Note 4.3: Included within Other Programme Expenditure is an amount of £28,126 relating to Consultancy Costs. In 2007/08 this figure was £36,552.

Note 4.4: Included within Administrative Expenditure within the Business Service Centre/Support Partnership recharge is an amount of £10,365 for the external audit of the Business Service Centre/Support Partnership, attributable to Wrexham LHB. In 2007/08 this figure was £13,774

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

	Total	2007-08 Total
	£000	£000
Clinical negligence	0	0
Personal injury	0	0
All other losses and special payments	0	0
Defence legal fees and other administrative costs	0	0
Gross increase / decrease in provision for future payments	0	0
Contributions to Welsh Risk Pool/insurance premiums	0	0
Irrecoverable debts	0	0
Less: income received/due from Welsh Risk Pool	0	0
Total	0	0

Personal injury includes £ nil in respect of permanent injury benefits

For 2008-09 the contribution to the Welsh Risk Pool continues to be made directly by the Welsh Assembly Government for health bodies in Wales with resource allocations reduced accordingly.

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4.6 Hire and operating lease rentals

	£000	2007-08 £000
Hire of plant and machinery	2	2
Other operating leases	57	54
Total	59	56

Commitments under non-cancellable operating leases:

	Land and Buildings £000	Other Leases £000	2007-08 Land and Buildings £000	2007-08 Other Leases £000
Operating leases which expire:				
Within 1 year	0	0	0	0
Between 1 and 5 years	0	2	0	2
After 5 years	57	0	54	0

4.7 Executive Directors and staff costs

	Total £000	2007-08 Total £000
Salaries and wages	1,574	1,492
Social security costs	126	101
Employer contributions to NHSPA	217	189
Other pension costs	0	0
Agency / seconded staff	88	224
Total	2,005	2,006

The figures for 2008/09 include staff costs within Notes 4.1 (£314,000), 4.3 (£645,000) and 4.4 (£1,046,000) (the salaries and wages figure in Note 4.4 of £1,056,000 includes employer's costs of £10,000 for non-officer members, which is not required within Note 4.7).

For 2007/08 these figures were Note 4.1 (£447,000), 4.3 (£482,000) and 4.4 (£1,077,000)

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4.8 Board Directors' remuneration

	£000	2007-08 £000
Non-officer members' remuneration	95	93
Executive Directors' remuneration:		
basic salaries	370	330
benefits	10	6
performance related bonuses	0	0
pension contributions	52	46
Compensation for loss of office	0	0
Pensions to former directors (early retirees)	0	0
Total	527	475

	Chairman £000	Chief Executive £000
Basic Salary	34	63
Benefits	0	5
Compensation for loss of office	0	0
Performance related bonuses	0	0
Pension contributions	5	9
Total	39	77

Remuneration waived by directors and allowances paid in lieu:

	Number	£000
Directors' remuneration waived	0	0
Allowances paid in lieu of remuneration	0	0

The basis on which performance related bonuses are calculated is as follows:

There were no performance related bonuses paid in 2008/09

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 From November 2008 the Chief Executive was appointed to the North Wales Trust East for 3.5 days per week with the LHB reimbursed for the related costs.

For 2008/09 remuneration information has been included for the Head of Planning & Community Services who now meets the criteria for inclusion as a Director.

The Director of the Regional Commissioning Unit is included for 2008/09 in total in Note 4.8, the related costs are borne equally by the six North Wales LHBs.

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4.9 Average number of employees

The average number of employees during the year was:

	Permanent staff	Agency, temporary and contract staff	Staff on inward secondment	Total	2007-08
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Executive Board Members	4	0	0	4	5
Other Local Health Board Staff	41	8	3	52	50
Recharged staff	0	0	0	0	0
Total	45	8	3	56	55

The average number of employees is calculated as the total number of employees under contract of service in each week in the financial year divided by the number of weeks in the financial year.

Expenditure on staff benefits

	£	£
Nature of expenditure:		
a.	0	0
b.	0	0
c.	0	0
d.	0	0
Total	0	0

The staff numbers for 2008/09 include staff reported within Notes 4.1, 4.3 and 4.4.

From November 2008 the Chief Executive was appointed to the North Wales Trust East for 3.5 days per week with the LHB reimbursed for the related costs.

For 2008/09 remuneration information has been included for the Head of Planning & Community Services who now meets the criteria for inclusion as a Director.

The Director of the Regional Commissioning Unit is not included for 2008/09 in Note 4.9, as the related costs are borne equally by the six North Wales LHBs and the post is no longer an Executive Board Member.

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4.10 Retirements due to ill-health

During 2008-09 there were 0 early retirements 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 £0.

4.11 Public Sector Payment Policy - Measure of Compliance

The Welsh Assembly Government requires LHB's to pay non-NHS trade creditors in accordance with the CBI prompt payment code and Government Accounting rules. The target is to pay all trade creditors within 30 days of receipt of goods or a valid invoice (whichever is the later) unless other payment terms have been agreed with the supplier.

	Number	£000	2007-08 £000
Non- NHS			
Total bills paid 2008-2009	4,034	16,665	14,081
Total bills paid within target	4,008	16,610	13,993
Percentage of bills paid within target	99.4%	99.7%	99.4%

In addition, the Welsh Assembly Government requires LHB's to pay other NHS bodies in accordance with Government Accounting rules. The target is to pay all other NHS bodies within 30 days of receipt of goods or a valid invoice by the authority (whichever is the later) unless other payment terms have been agreed with the NHS body.

	Number	£000	2007-08 £000
NHS			
Total bills paid 2008-2009	867	124,225	116,573
Total bills paid within target	866	124,223	116,563
Percentage of bills paid within target	99.9%	100.0%	100.0%

	Number	£000	2007-08 £000
Total			
Total bills paid 2008-2009	4,901	140,890	130,654
Total bills paid within target	4,874	140,833	130,556
Percentage of bills paid within target	99.4%	100.0%	99.9%

4.12 The Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998

	2007-08 £	£
Amounts included within Interest Payable arising from claims made by small businesses under this legislation (see note 4.4).	0	0
Compensation payable to cover debt recovery costs	0	0

5.1 Intangible Fixed Assets

	Software licences £000	Licenses and trademarks £000	Patents £000	Development expenditure £000	Total £000
Gross cost at 1 April 2008	0	0	0	0	0
Additions	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
Gross replacement cost at 31 March 2009	0	0	0	0	0
Accumulated amortisation at 1 April 2008	0	0	0	0	0
Provided during the year	0	0	0	0	0
Additions	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
Accumulated amortisation at 31 March 2009	0	0	0	0	0
Net book value at 1 April 2008	0	0	0	0	0
Net book value at 31 March 2009	0	0	0	0	0

Tangible fixed assets

5.2 Tangible assets at the balance sheet date:

Cost or valuation	Land £000	Buildings, excluding dwellings £000	Dwellings £000	Assets under construction and payments on account £000	Plant and machinery £000	Transport equipment £000	Information technology £000	Furniture and fittings £000	Total £000
At 1 April 2008	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	24	45
Indexation	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Additions - purchased	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additions - donated government granted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers	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
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	(22)	0	0	(22)
At 31 March 2009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25
Depreciation									
At 1 April 2008	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	20	34
Indexation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additions - purchased	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additions - donated government granted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers	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
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	(18)	0	0	(18)
Provided during the year	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	5	9
At 31 March 2009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25
Net book value									
at 1 April 2008	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	4	11
at 31 March 2009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net book value of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts									
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The total amount of depreciation charged in the Operating Cost Statement in respect of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts:									
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Value of assets held at open market value	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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6.1 Debtors

	£000	2007-08 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Welsh Assembly Government	87	12
Health Commission Wales	0	0
Local Health Boards	146	11
Primary Care Trusts	7	0
NHS Trusts	43	307
Welsh Risk Pool	0	0
Capital debtors	0	0
Other debtors	178	142
Provision for irrecoverable debts	0	0
Pension Prepayments:	0	0
Other prepayments and accrued income	123	111
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Sub total	584	583
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Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Welsh Assembly Government	0	0
Health Commission Wales	0	0
Local Health Boards	0	0
Primary Care Trusts	0	0
NHS Trusts	0	0
Welsh Risk Pool	0	0
Capital debtors	0	0
Other debtors	0	1
Provision for irrecoverable debts	0	0
Pension Prepayments	0	0
Other prepayments and accrued income	0	0
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Sub total	0	1
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Total	584	584
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Provision for irrecoverable debts (impairment of receivables):		
Balances at 1 April	0	0
Provided in year	0	0
Written-off in year	0	0
Recovered during year	0	0
Balance at 31 March	<hr/> 0 <hr/>	<hr/> 0 <hr/>
Debtors past due date but not impaired:		
Up to 3 months	0	0
3 to 6 months	0	0
More than 6 months	0	0
Total	<hr/> 0 <hr/>	<hr/> 0 <hr/>

6.2 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2007-08	
	£000	£000
Welsh Assembly Government	12	6
Health Commission Wales	0	0
Local Health Boards	114	24
NHS Trusts	1,125	818
Primary Care Trusts	4	0
Income tax and social security	50	42
VAT	0	0
Non-NHS creditors	2,581	3,493
Capital Creditors	0	0
Overdraft	0	0
Rentals due under operating leases	0	0
Obligations under finance leases and HP contracts	0	0
GPFH savings	0	0
Pensions: staff	21	12
Accruals	7,382	6,045
Deferred Income	0	0
Other creditors	0	0
Total	11,289	10,440

6.3 Creditors

Amounts falling due after more than one year:	2007-08	
	Total	Total
	£000	£000
Obligations under finance leases and HP contracts	0	0
NHS creditors	0	0
Assembly loans	0	0
Pensions: staff	329	331
Other	0	0
Total	329	331

6.4 Provisions for liabilities and charges

	At 1 April 2008	Structured settlement cases trans- ferred to WRP	Transfer of prov- isions to creditors	Arising during the year	Reversed unused	Utilised during the year	Unwind- ing of discount	At 31 March 2009
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
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 costs.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pensions	0			0	0	0	0	0
Other	868			403	(304)	(11)		956
Total	868	0	0	403	(304)	(11)	0	956

Expected timing of cash flows:

	Within 1 year £000	Between 2 and 5 years £000	After 5 years £000	Total £000
Clinical negligence	0	0	0	0
Personal injury	0	0	0	0
All other losses and special payments	0	0	0	0
Defence legal fees and other administration costs	0	0	0	0
Pensions	0	0	0	0
Other	956	0	0	956
Total	956	0	0	956

The LHB estimates that in 2009-10 it will receive £0 , and in 2010-11 and beyond £0 from the Welsh Risk Pool in respect of losses and special payments.

The LHB estimates that in 2009-10 it will receive £0 , and in 2010-11 and beyond £0 from the Welsh Risk Pool in respect of losses and special payments.

Provisions under "Other" includes:

NHS Continuing Care	874
Agenda for Change	47
Primary Care	15
Dental Provision	20

6.5 General fund

The movement on the General fund in the year comprised:

	£000
At 1 April 2008	(10,751)
Net operating cost for the financial year	(188,884)
Net Assembly funding (including capital)	188,082
Capital charge interest	(403)
Transfers to NHS bodies	0
Transfer to general fund of realised elements of the revaluation reserve	7
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Balance at 31 March 2009	<u>(11,949)</u>

6.6 Donated asset reserve

The movement on the donated asset reserve in the year comprised:

	£000
Balance at 1 April 2008	0
Additions	0
Impairments	0
Revaluation and indexation	0
Disposals and write-offs	0
Depreciation	0
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Balance at 31 March 2009	<u>0</u>

6.7 Revaluation reserve

The movement on the revaluation reserve in the year comprised:

	£000
Balance at 1 April 2008	5
Revaluation	0
Indexation	2
Transfer to general fund - realised revaluation	(7)
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Balance at 31 March 2009	<u>0</u>

6.8 Contingent liabilities -

The following contingent losses/gains have not been included in the accounts

Nature:	2007-08	
	£000	£000
Legal claims for third parties liabilities	0	0
Doubtful debts	0	0
Other	0	0
Total	0	0

Uncertainties affecting outcome:

6.9 Intra Government balances

	Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year £000	Debtors: Amounts falling due after more than one year £000	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year £000	Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year £000
Balances with other central government bodies	171	0	117	0
Balances with local authorities	0	0	0	0
Balances with NHS trusts and Foundation trusts	43	0	1,125	0
Balances with Local Health Boards	153	0	118	0
Balances with public corporations and trading funds	0	0	0	0
Balances with bodies external to government	217	0	9,929	329
Total at 31 March 2009	584	0	11,289	329

Balances with other central government bodies	30	0	328	0
Balances with local authorities	75	0	144	0
Balances with NHS trusts and Foundation trusts	307	0	818	0
Balances with Local Health Boards	11	0	24	0
Balances with public corporations and trading funds	0	0	0	0
Balances with bodies external to government	160	1	9,126	331
Total at 31 March 2008	583	1	10,440	331

6.10 Post balance sheet events

Post balance sheet events having a material effect on the accounts are:

1.	0
2.	0
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Total	0

6.11 Capital commitments

The Local Health Board has the following capital commitments:

	2007-08	
Contracted	0	0
Authorised but not contracted	0	0
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Total	0	0

Footnote to Note 6.10 Post Balance Sheet Events

Reconfiguration of the NHS in Wales

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

The LHB will continue in its present form until that date. These financial statements are the final full year financial statements. Six month financial statements from 1st April 2009 to 30th September 2009 will be produced and on 1st October 2009 the LHB will merge with the other 5 North Wales LHBs, North Wales NHS Trust and North West Wales NHS Trust to form the Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board. All of the assets and liabilities of the LHB will transfer to the new LHB at that date and all operations are continuing.

6.12 Related Party transactions**£000**

Total value of transactions with Board members and key senior staff in 2008-2009 **0**

Wrexham Local Health Board is a body corporate established by order of the National Assembly.

The Assembly is regarded as a related party. During the year Wrexham 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,

	2008/09	2007/08
	£m	£m
North Wales NHS Trust (East & Central Divisions)	113.4	107.8
Flintshire LHB	1.3	0.1
Powys LHB	0.5	0.5
Velindre NHS Trust	0.8	0.8
North West Wales NHS Trust	0.2	0.3
Welsh Ambulance NHS Trust	0.3	0.3

There were also material transactions with entities in England, namely:

Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt NHS Trust	4.7	4.2
Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen NHS Trust	0.7	0.5
Countess of Chester NHS Trust	0.4	0.4
South Staffordshire NHS Trust (2007/08 services provided by Shropshire County PCT)	0.3	0.3
Royal Shrewsbury NHS Trust	0.3	0.3

In addition, the Local Health Board has a significant number of material transactions with other Government Departments and other central and local government bodies. Most of these transactions have been with Wrexham County Borough Council in respect of NHS Registered Nursing Care and NHS Continuing Care NHS

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 Wrexham LHB. However, Non Officer Board Members have declared their involvement with organisations as noted below with which the Board has financial commitments:

- (a) Practicing GPs within the LHB area
- (b) The Ophthalmic, Pharmaceutical and Dental 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 Wrexham County Borough Council
- (e) Members with a declared interest in voluntary organisations which receive grant assistance or who supply services to the LHB

6.12 Related Party transactions

The names and relationships of the Non-Executive Directors with the LHB during the year are as follows:

Dr TG Roberts (Chair), GP	Mr M Scriven, North East Wales NHS Trust
Mrs ME Dykins, Voluntary Sector	Dr EE Roberts, Dental Member, Conwy & Denbigshire NHS Trust
Dr P Alstead, GP	Mrs J Roberts, North East Wales NHS Trust
Dr MP Myres, GP	Mr M Common, North East Wales NHS Trust
Dr JRA Davies, GP	Mr P Walton, Wrexham County Borough Council
Ms SEL Jones, Pharmacist	Mr A Figiel, Wrexham County Borough Council
Mr G Seys-Llewelyn, Optician	Mr Andrew Bailey, Wrexham County Borough Council
Dr P Stevenson, NPHS	Cllr Joan Lowe, Wrexham County Borough Council
Mrs Margaret Williams, Associate Member Community Health Council	Cllr M Edwards, Wrexham County Borough Council
Mr James Wild, Community Member	Mrs Sally Rees, Carer Member
Mr J Gilbert, Voluntary Sector	

From November 2008 the Chief Executive was appointed to the North Wales Trust East for 3.5 days per week with the LHB reimbursed for the related costs.

6.13 Losses and special payments

Losses and special payments are transactions that the Welsh Assembly Government would not have contemplated when it allocated and distributed funding for the National Health Service. By their nature they are items that should not arise. They are therefore subject to special control procedures compared with the generality of payments and special notation in the accounts to draw them to the attention of the Welsh Assembly Government. They are divided into different categories, which govern the way each individual case is handled. These payments are charged to the Operating Cost Statement in accordance with UK GAAP but are recorded in the losses and special payments register when payment is made. Therefore, this note is compiled on a cash basis.

	Number of cases	Value of cases £
Personal injury	0	0
Fraud cases	0	0
All other losses and special payments	362	4,398
Total losses and special payments	362	4,398

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

	Amounts paid out in year £	Cumulative amount £	Approved to write-off in year £
Cases exceeding £250,000			
.....	0	0	0
.....	0	0	0
.....	0	0	0
.....	0	0	0
.....	0	0	0
.....	0	0	0
.....	0	0	0
.....	0	0	0
.....	0	0	0
Sub-total	0	0	0
All other cases	4,398	0	4,398
Total cases	4,398	0	4,398

6.14 Financial Instruments

Financial Risk Management

FRS 29 "Financial Instruments: Disclosures" requires disclosure of the role that financial instruments have had during the period in creating or changing the risks an entity faces in undertaking its activities. Due to the way that LHBs in Wales are financed, they are 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 the listed companies to which this standard mainly applies. LHBs have no powers to borrow or invest surplus funds 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.

Liquidity Risk

The LHBs income allocations and capital expenditure are financed from resources voted annually by Parliament. Therefore they are not exposed to significant liquidity risks.

Interest Rate Risk

All of the LHB's financial assets and financial liabilities carry nil or fixed rates of interest. Therefore, they are not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

Foreign Currency Risk

The LHB has negligible foreign currency income or expenditure. Therefore, it is not exposed to significant foreign currency risk.

6.15 Finance lease obligations

The future minimum lease payments under finance leases to which the Local Health Board was committed at the balance sheet date were as follows:

	£000	2007-08 £000
In one year or on demand	0	0
In more than 1 year but no longer than 2	0	0
in more than 2 year but no longer than 5	0	0
After 5 years	0	0
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Subtotal	0	0
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Less finance charges allocated to future periods	0	0
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Total	0	0
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The total net obligation under finance leases can be analysed as follows:

Creditors: amounts due within one year	0	0
Creditors: amounts due after more than one year	0	0

6.16 Pooled Budgets

Wrexham LHB did not operate a pooled budget in 2008/09.

6.17 Financial Assets

	At fair value through Profit & Loss £000	Loans and receivables £000	Available for sale £000	Total £000
Embedded derivatives	0	0	0	0
NHS receivables	196	0	0	196
Cash at bank and in hand	41	0	0	41
Other financial assets	388	0	0	388
At 31 March 2009	625	0	0	625
Embedded derivatives	0	0	0	0
NHS receivables	318	0	0	318
Cash at bank and in hand	298	0	0	298
Other financial assets	266	0	0	266
At 31 March 2008 (Prior year)	882	0	0	882

6.18 Financial liabilities

	At fair value through Profit & Loss £000	Other £000	Total £000
Embedded derivatives	0	0	0
Borrowings	0	0	0
PFI and finance lease obligations	0	0	0
Other financial liabilities	12574	0	12574
At 31 March 2009	12574	0	12574
Embedded derivatives	0	0	0
Borrowings	0	0	0
PFI and finance lease obligations	0	0	0
Other financial liabilities	11639	0	11639
At 31 March 2008 (Prior year)	11639	0	11639

**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.....2009 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:2009

Chief Executive: Dated:2009

Director of Finance: Dated:2009

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 Wrexham Local Health Board is accountable to the Welsh Assembly Government (WAG). The accountability for the management of risk is through 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 year ended 31 March 2009 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts, and accords with Welsh Assembly Government guidance.

3. Capacity to handle risk

The risk management process is led by the Director of Finance who Chairs the LHB's Risk Management and Healthcare Standards Group (RM & HIW Group) with representation from each Directorate. The Group combines the work to comply with the risk agenda and the Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW) Healthcare Standards. The Director of Nursing leads on the LHB's response to the Healthcare Standards. The RM & HIW Group reports to the Audit Committee which provides an overview of the work for assurance purposes for the Board. The RM and HIW Group is advised by the MIAA who are represented on the Group.

The overall risk management process includes the following elements:

- * self assessment and audit review against HIW Healthcare Standards.
- * preparation of an annual Healthcare Standards Improvement Plan that is approved by the Board and monitored by the WAG.
- * the maintenance and development of a Risk Register with individual Directorate sections which cross reference to former LHB Welsh Risk Management Standards.
- * Board level involvement and approval of the Risk Register for high level risks. This is used to inform the annual Internal Audit Plan.
- * Audit Committee Review of the RM & HIW Group's work, the Risk Register and the Risk Management and Healthcare Standards Annual Report.
- * Training and awareness sessions on various aspects of risk management.

4. The risk and control framework

The LHB's risk strategy during 2008/09 includes responding to the HIW Healthcare Standards. The strategy is managed operationally through the process of compiling the Risk Register and the Healthcare Standards Improvement Plan which are both regarded as prime documents. These documents draw on the evidence and compliance requirements of both the Healthcare Standards and the former Welsh Risk Management Standards. The documents are compiled by Directorate members of the RM and HIW Group who identify and evaluate compliance and other risks on behalf of their Directors who control the risks within their remit.

The LHB's self assessment scores against the key Healthcare Standards requiring publication in the accounts are as follows:

	2008/09 Self Assess	2007/08 Final Verified
Standard 14		
Corporate	4	4
Operational/Clinical Outcomes	4	4
Use Experience	3/4	4
Standard 16		
Corporate	4	4
Operational/Clinical Outcomes	3/4	4
Use Experience	3/4	4
Standard 27		
Corporate	4	4
Operational/Clinical Outcomes	4	4
Use Experience	4	4
Standard 28		
Corporate	4	4
Operational/Clinical Outcomes	4	4
Use Experience	4	4

The LHB recognises that performance against all Healthcare Standards contribute to overall good risk management across the range of the organisation's activities. The LHB has completed a self assessment against all Healthcare Standards for 2008/09 and submitted this in line with the HIW timetable. The LHB's process was co-ordinated through the RM & HIW Group which includes the lead officers for each Healthcare Standard. To ensure that staff within the organisation are widely involved, none of the 16 lead officers have responsibility for more than 4 standards.

Board involvement is achieved through regular briefings and each Board member having standards to review before the overall submission is quality checked by the Director of Nursing (lead Director) and the Chief Executive. The overall self assessment and final scores are reported to the Board and the Board has approved the Healthcare Standards Improvement Plan for 2008/09.

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 the RM & HIW Group) and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

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 in to 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.

The Board maintains an overview of management controls through management and audit reporting and through reviewing the high level risk register and the more detailed assurance work of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee reviews all external audit, internal audit and counter fraud plans and reports and receives all risk management reports.

Signed:.....

Chief Executive

(on behalf of board)

Date:.....

The Certificate and Report of the Auditor General for Wales to the National Assembly for Wales

I certify that I have audited the financial statements of Wrexham LHB for the year ended 31 March 2009 under Section 61 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004. These comprise the Operating Cost Statement, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and Statement of Recognised Gains and Losses and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out within them. I have also audited the information in the remuneration report that is required to be audited.

Respective responsibilities of Directors, the Chief Executive and the Auditor

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

My responsibility is to audit the financial statements and the part of the remuneration report to be audited in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory 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 and whether the financial statements and the part of the remuneration report to be audited 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 thereunder. I also report whether in all material respects the expenditure and income have been applied to the purposes intended by the National Assembly for Wales and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

In addition I report to you if in my opinion, Wrexham LHB has not kept proper 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 Wrexham LHB 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 Wrexham LHB's corporate governance procedures or its risk and control procedures.

I have read the other information contained in the Annual Report and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. This other information comprises the Foreword, the unaudited part of the Remuneration Report, the Chairman's Statement and the remaining elements of the Operating and Financial Review. I consider the implications for my report if I become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. My responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

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 examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts, disclosures and regularity of financial transactions included in the financial statements and that part of remuneration report to be audited. 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 Wrexham LHB 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 and that in all material respects, the expenditure and income have been applied to the purposes intended by the National Assembly for Wales 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 and that part of remuneration report to be audited.

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 thereunder by Welsh Ministers of the state of affairs of Wrexham LHB as at 31 March 2009 and of its net operating costs, recognised gains and losses and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the financial statements and that part of the remuneration report to be audited have been properly prepared in accordance with the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 and directions made thereunder by Welsh Ministers.

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 for Wales 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 Wrexham LHB arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2009 will be reported separately in the published Annual Audit Letter.

Jeremy Colman
Auditor General for Wales
17 June 2009

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ACCOUNT OF - 2008-2009

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE IN WALES ACCOUNTS DIRECTION GIVEN BY WELSH MINISTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE 9 SECTION 178 PARA 3(1) OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (WALES) ACT 2006 (C.42) AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF TREASURY

LOCAL HEALTH BOARDS

1. Welsh Ministers direct that an account shall be prepared for the financial year ended 31 March 2009 and subsequent financial years in respect of the Local Health Boards (LHB). The basis of preparation and the form and content shall be as set out in the following paragraphs and Schedules.

BASIS OF PREPARATION

2. The account of the LHB shall comply with:

- (a) generally accepted accounting practice in the United Kingdom (UK GAAP);
- (b) the accounting and disclosure requirements of the Companies Act;
- (c) all relevant accounting standards issued or adopted by the Accounting Standards Board, in so far as they are appropriate to the NHS and are in force for the financial year for which the accounts are to be prepared;
- (d) accounting guidance approved by the FRAB and contained in the Financial Reporting Manual (FReM), as detailed in the LHB Manual for Accounts, but specifically excluding schedules 1 and 5;
- (e) the historical cost convention modified by the inclusion of fixed assets at their value to the business by reference to current costs; and stocks at the lower of net current replacement cost (or historical cost if this is not materially different) and net realisable value.

FORM AND CONTENT

3. The account of the LHB for the year ended 31 March 2009 and subsequent years shall comprise an operating cost statement, a balance sheet, a cash flow statement and a statement of recognised gains and losses as long as these statements are required by FRAB, including such notes as are necessary to ensure a proper understanding of the accounts.

4. For the financial year ended 31 March 2009 and subsequent years, the account of the LHB shall give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at the end of the financial year and the operating costs, recognised gains and losses and cashflows during the year.

5. The balance sheet shall be signed by the chief executive and the director of finance of the LHB and dated.

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6. The direction shall be reproduced as an appendix to the published accounts.
7. The notes to the accounts shall, inter alia, include details of the accounting policies adopted.
8. Notes providing further explanations of figures in the accounts shall be made where it is considered appropriate for a proper understanding of the accounts.

Signed by the authority of Welsh Ministers

Signed :

Dated :

ACCOUNT OF - 2008-09

SCHEDULE 1

APPLICATION OF THE ACCOUNTING AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMPANIES ACT AND ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

Companies Act

1. The disclosure exemptions permitted by the Companies Act shall not apply to the NHS unless specifically approved by the Treasury.
2. The Companies Act requires certain information to be disclosed in the Director's Report. To the extent that it is appropriate, the information relating to NHS bodies shall be contained in the foreword.
3. The operating cost statement, balance sheet and cashflow statement shall have regard to the format prescribed in the Financial Reporting Manual.
5. NHS bodies are not required to provide the historical cost information described in paragraph (33) of Schedule 4 to the Companies Act.

Accounting Standards

6. NHS bodies are not required to include a note showing historical cost profits and losses as described in FRS 3.

SCHEDULE 2

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. The foreword shall include a statement that the account has been prepared to comply with a Direction given by the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with schedule 9 of the NHS (Wales) Act 2006.
2. The foreword shall also contain a description of the statutory background and main functions of the LHB together with a fair review of their operational and financial activities and a summary of their performance against targets.

