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Only four items have a status of Draft Report and one of Completed Assurance: there are twenty-two items listed for completion in Q1. Why have eighteen items not been completed? What steps will be taken to complete the reports in Q2?

Answer: The plan gives an indication of audits that are earmarked for starting in Quarter 1 and it is inevitable that some audits will be work in progress at the end of the quarter and would be finalised in the following quarter. A significant amount of grant work was completed in the quarter and we lost some time in completing audits from the previous year due to Covid disruption and from sickness absence. In addition to the imminent appointment of a fixed term Group Auditor, we will be using support from our strategic partner to progress audits in Quarter 2 so that we remain on track to deliver the approved plan by the end of the financial year.