

General NEP News

The move of the National Endoscopy Programme into the NHS Executive, from the NHS Collaborative, took place at the beginning of April. There are still many factors to be ironed out with regards to any changes that will affect the Programme.

Looking towards March 2024 when the NEP in its current format ends, the NEP Senior Management Team (SMT) are working to identify and further plan the completion of all activities that are achievable in the Endoscopy Action Plan by the end of the Programme (March 31, 2024).

The SMT are also looking at what will remain incomplete beyond March '24 from the plan and what ongoing areas of activity a future iteration of the Programme/Network would need to support. This will inform planning for support of Endoscopy services beyond March next year.

Endoscopy Programme - Leavers & Joiners

Naomi Davies – Clinical Pathways Project Manager finished with the programme at the end of May – we wish Naomi all the best for the future! You will be missed!!

Elizabeth Hughes - Joined the programme in April as the Senior Project Manager.

Mary Bate - Joined the programme in April as Senior Project Support Officer.

JAG Support Forum Meetings

In January we started to hold these meetings to support endoscopy units across Wales to achieve JAG Accreditation. They are held once a month and focus on unit plans, any issues/questions arising and sharing best practice.

These sessions are open to all colleagues involved in working towards JAG accreditation.

Please feel free to forward this information on to endoscopy colleagues within your service (clinical or non-clinical).

Dates of upcoming JAG Support Forum meetings:

- 8th June
- 13th July
- 10th August
- 14th September
- 12th October
- 9th November
- 14th December

If you would like to attend these meetings please email Julia.thomas6@wales.nhs.uk to be added to the distribution list.

NEP Attendance at WAGE Spring Event

The programme team attended the WAGE Spring event back in March, it was great to see many of you – thank you for coming over to our stand for a chat!! We had great numbers of individuals completing our staff survey and also

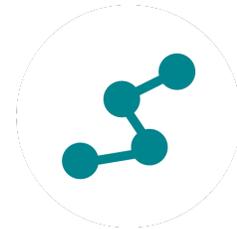
sharing the survey with colleagues to also complete. Overall, we had a great number of responses from many individuals working in Endoscopy across Wales.



Latest Workstream Updates

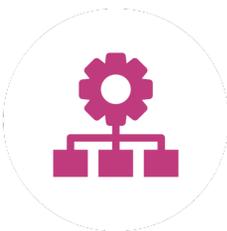
Clinical Pathways

- Colon Capsule Endoscopy (CCE) national pilot - the workstream continues to support health boards to pilot CCE and a national model of reporting, facilitated by remote reading software, as an innovative way to help ease workforce pressures for this procedure. The pilot is now running in 4 health boards (Cardiff & Vale UHB, Swansea Bay UHB, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB, and Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB). The evaluation of the pilot to date has also commenced, and the team has been out visiting the pilot sites to carry out process mapping of the pathway.
- There will be an exciting opportunity to give a presentation on the pilot at a showcase event in September at the Swansea Waterfront Museum, alongside the other Bevan Exemplar projects supported by the 2022/23 Planned Care Innovation Programme.
- Specialist Endoscopy services - we are grateful to health boards for their hard work in providing us with detailed information on the provision of specialist endoscopy services over the past 6 months to enable us to provide an up-to-date overview of the position across Wales and to inform further work. We are currently analysing the responses and writing up the findings in order to publish this later this year.
- Symptomatic FIT is now rolled out across primary care in all health boards following implementation in the final health board in April 2023.



Demand and Capacity

- New D&C model submissions have been received and analysed.
- Regional outputs from the models have been shared with the health boards.
- A trial in which productivity data will be collected by the NEP has been agreed and we're working with two health boards to progress this.



Workforce, Training & Development

Clinical Endoscopists

- All three National Clinical Endoscopist job descriptions have now launched [Click here to view the Clinical Endoscopist Leaflet](#)
- Clinical Endoscopist Task and Finish Group established with representation from Health Boards to focus on job planning, mentorship and CPD (first meeting to take place on 8th June 2023)
- The September 2023 Clinical Endoscopist Training Programme has now closed for applications with interviews taking place



on 7th June 2023.

Attraction Campaign

- The #BeVital Attraction Campaign continues to run on social media – look out for video clips of some of our endoscopy workforce in Wales.
- Electronic Direct Messages via UCAS media have gone out to over 5,000 nurses and student nurses (both newly qualified or about to qualify) across Wales and border regions.
- Digital attraction campaign in proximity to large hospital sites.

Retention Survey

- All Wales Endoscopy PULSE Survey launched and closed – results collated and will be published shortly.



Informatics

Welsh Clinical Portal (WCP)

- Endoscopy results are now available in the Welsh Clinical Portal for Cwm Taf Morgannwg, Hywel Dda and Swansea Bay University Health Boards, also Powys Teaching Health Board. Work is progressing to complete the same in Betsi Cadwaladr UHB following the instalment of the Health Board's new Endoscopy Reporting System.



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