

# DIRECTORATE REPORT TO BUSINESS EXECUTIVE TEAM AND BOARD

<b>Directorate:</b>	Public Health Research, Data & Digital
<b>Executive Lead:</b>	Iain Bell
<b>Reporting Month:</b>	October 2024
<b>Business Executive Team Meeting Date:</b>	20 November 2024
<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	28 November 2024

## Overview of Key Activities During the Month

### Publications

During October we published

- Our latest figures on smoking-attributable mortality and admissions figures in partnership with Health Improvement colleagues 24/09/24. This was important evidence in support of public health work on smoking and vaping.
- The latest cancer incidence statistics for 2021 were published which showed the different recovery trajectories for different cancers post-pandemic.
- We updated the School Health Research Network dashboard with the latest data which showed increasing levels of physical activity but also increased levels of bullying. This was used by Health Improvement and media colleagues to promote the importance of physical activity.
- We updated the Public Health Outcomes Framework which overlaps with many of our key metrics from the Long-Term Strategy.
- Article published on 10/10/24 in Lancet Oncology with WCISU team as co-authors titled '*Validity and timeliness of cancer diagnosis data collected during a prospective cohort study and reported by the English and Welsh cancer registries: a retrospective, comparative analysis*'
- Article published on 12/10/24 in JAMA Ophthalmology with WCISU team as co-authors titled '*Survival and Health Care Burden of Children with Retinoblastoma in Europe*'

### Strategic development

- Board development session on AI and the implications for PHW held in October
- Worked with Emergency Preparedness and response team to deliver and take part in Exercise Eris to test our ability to respond to a cyber incident as an organization

### Digital and Data routemap

Work continued on the Health Protection alpha phase looking at how we build the business case for a health protection system that meets our needs both now and is pandemic-ready. We are moving closer to having a supplier in place for Newborn screening and will look to ensure work starts this month.

Across the remainder of the routemap, work continues across planning and setting up governance.

### Capability and capacity building

The Evaluation Team presented workshops at the staff conferences “How to know that your work is working”. The sessions were well attended and had very positive feedback.

Evaluation Drop in Clinics set up with the first two clinics running on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2024.

### **Successes**

On 1<sup>st</sup> October, we came together as a new Directorate formed from Data, Knowledge and Research Directorate and Digital Team covering, development, informatics and data, cyber security, cloud and user centred design joining the Directorate.

### **Any Concerns being managed:**

Audit + continues to be managed working with DHCW.

### **Forward Look of key activities for next month**

- Completion of Directorate workforce planning
- Completion of the Covid debrief data collection.
- Qualitative research training methods to be delivered by the evaluation team to the Screening team.
- Establish data, analysis and evidence sub-group of the Our Approach to Health Inequalities programme, to ensure we are making best use of our inequalities data to drive reduction in inequalities





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<b>Directorate:</b>	Health and Wellbeing
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<b>Reporting Month:</b>	October 2024
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<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	28 November 2024

## Overview of Key Activities During the Month

### Health Improvement Division

#### Nutrition and Obesity

- The Nutrition and Obesity team presented at the recent Food Sense Wales 'Food in Communities' Conference 2024. This event was delivered in partnership with the Future Generations Commissioners Office (FGO) and provided an opportunity for food partnership coordinators, system leads, Welsh Government officials and food leaders from across Wales to come together to discuss a range of important developments, topics and issues that affect our food system.
- The Nutrition and Obesity team held their second Bright Spots Event on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024, gathering over 80 stakeholders from across the Welsh infant feeding system, including Welsh Government and third-sector partners, to celebrate and share best practices. Health Boards shared examples of impactful initiatives they adopted from last year's event, with some areas already seeing positive effects on local breastfeeding rates. The event also provided an opportunity to refine system-level recommendations for Welsh Government to help shape societal norms and improve breastfeeding support across Wales.

#### Tobacco Control Programme

- The Tobacco Control programme has been busy supporting the system in relation to recent announcements on legislation, this included media engagement e.g. interviewed on Radio 4's World at One programme regarding the announcement of the ban on disposable vapes in UK nations being introduced on 25th June 2025.

#### NHS Settings Programme

- Making Every Contact Count (MECC) is a national programme that empowers organisations and individuals to recognise their role in promoting healthy behaviours, using conversations they have with other people to support them in making positive changes to improve their health and wellbeing. A MECC performance monitoring dashboard has been developed, which will enable the national MECC Programme to report monthly, quarterly and annual data for E learning MECC modules completed across Wales. This will enable NHS organisations and other stakeholders including local authorities, academic institutions, and the third sector to receive up to date information on health professionals and other people accessing training in addition to PHW nationally retaining an accurate overview. This tool will also in future development be able to build in and incorporate new topic-based MECC module data e.g. healthy weight and alcohol which have been/or are currently being developed.

#### Health and Work – Healthy Working Wales

- The Healthy Work Wales team have successfully implemented the managing sickness absence e-Learning module on Business Wales and Business Online Support Service. This is this is part of a soft launch

where selected Healthy Working Wales employers will test it, prior to a full public launch during November.

- This month has also seen the launch of the Mental Health and Wellbeing and Menopause web topic on the Healthy Working Wales website.

### **Mental Wellbeing Programme**

- A Hapus update was shared with the Wellbeing Partnership Board on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to provide assurance to the new Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing on progress to deliver the Hapus national conversation on mental wellbeing. The update was well received and offers of support to promote Hapus were received from Board members.
- A key element of the Hapus national conversation on mental wellbeing is working with and through others to help spread our messages and increase reach across Wales. To this end a 'Welcome webinar' was held on 2nd October to mobilise the first cohort of 'Hapus Supporter' organisations to share Hapus messages and help spark the national conversation on mental wellbeing in communities. 27 of the 37 Supporter Organisations recruited to date attended the webinar. The remainder will be invited to a further webinar in January 2025, along with new Hapus Supporter organisations recruited up to and including December 2024.

### **Primary Care Division**

#### **Tackling the Public Health Effects of Climate Change**

- Continued promotion and operational support for the [Greener Primary Care Framework and Award Scheme](#) and October [E-Bulletin](#) published. Scheme closed early October and preparation for audits to enable awards underway. Audit day Nov 6 2024.
- Carbon savings attributed to the action's practices have completed in the Scheme completed and interviews with practices who have done carbon foot printing being progressed to help us understand how best to support practices understand their carbon footprint or load.
- Ongoing leadership and input to the National Inhaler T&F Group to tackle climate change including a project with the Finance Delivery Unit, NHS Executive, and separately with Cardiff University School of Pharmacy to understand the financial impact of changing therapy to lower global warming inhalers.
- Participation and presentation on the progress of the Greener Primary Care Framework and Award Scheme at the Bevan Fellows Network Event resulting in an invite to run a workshop with GP Trainees in SW Wales.

#### **Supporting Primary Care Contracts**

- On the back of the *National GMS Quality Improvement Projects 2023-2024 Review Summary report* and presentation to the GMS Quality Assurance Committee, [webpage](#) on PC One further developed and [GMS Resource pack](#) disseminated to GMS practices via WG letter. Webinar being planned in collaboration with Improvement Cymru Academy for end Nov 2024 to support delivery of the two 2 QI projects for 2024/25.

#### **Reducing Health Inequalities through Primary Care**

- Co-production workshops held across Wales to develop an Action Framework to reduce health inequalities through Primary Care, with representatives from all Health Boards, Welsh Government, Strategic Programme, DHCW, RPBs.
- Equity and Inclusion Health toolkit demonstrated and sent to cluster leads and other key partners for current planning cycle.
- Provided Public Health representation at the Digital Inclusion National Conference.

#### **Primary Care Model for Wales (PCMW)**

- CMW Key Indicator Task and Finish met 22/10/24 and agreed the six domains to focus metric development on: Workforce, finance, Healthy Days at Home Wales, National Well-being measures, Patient Reported Experience Measures and Prevention.
- Participated in a strategic workshop discussion on the 'future of primary and community care', with representatives from Welsh Government, Strategic Programme for Primary Care, Executive Director for Primary and Community Care and Assistant Medical Director.

- Cross organisational engagement with PHW colleagues to scope out the 'Public Health approach to Primary and Community care by 2035' work including initial evidence reviews

### Dental Public Health

- The Dental Public Health team provides the national specialty training programme for Dental Public Health in Wales. In October, Jessica Holloway, Dental Public Health Specialty Trainee, had a successful outcome at her Annual Review of Competency Progression with Health Education and Improvement Wales.
- Primary Care Dental Data: Following multistakeholder workshops on oral health intelligence, dental public health team has been working with key stakeholders to bring primary care dental dataset to PHW for analyses of population level indicators. DPIA has been carried out with close support from PHW IG and IT team's support and submitted for sign off. Data Disclosure Agreement is being drafted.
- Dental Public Health team, working with the Welsh Oral health Information Unit at Cardiff University School of Dentistry and Community Dental Services (CDSs) in Wales organised an all-Wales Dental Epidemiology Programme (DEP) Training and Calibration (T&C) event on 23-25<sup>th</sup> of October. All dental examiners successfully calibrated. The DEP field teams in all Health Boards will be collecting dental data (including tooth decay data) from School Year 1 children. Many thanks to the Powys CDS for facilitating local arrangements including access to a local primary school.

### Prevention in Clinical Settings programmes

- **All Wales Diabetes Prevention Programme (AWDPP)** - AWDPP publications for World Diabetes Day finalised (Activity report Two Years on; PREM report; Equity toolkit). All Wales GDM – AWDPP pathway scoped and digital prevention approaches explored.
- **Social Prescribing (SP)** - Overarching evaluation approach and high level milestones/ timescales discussed with oversight group for Warm Wales evaluation;
- **Obesity Prevention** - End of action plan report draft progressed and postnatal weight management systematic review infographic developed ahead of publication.
- **Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Prevention** - Proposed hypertension QI project presented at GMS Quality meeting. Second draft Systematic Review of Reviews of Health Checks, complete and early findings presented to CVD Prevention Steering Group
- **Prevention-Based Health and Care (PBHC)** - PBHC reports further developed to incorporate social care perspectives. 'Prevention-Based Women's Health' chapter and focus on prevention through preconception and postnatal health included within the draft Women's Health Plan.

### Successes

- At the Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR) Cymru awards on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024, the 'Reset Your Mindset' HealthyWeightHealthyYou campaign won GOLD in the Video and Podcast category for its high-quality TV commercial.
- University of South Wales Engagement & Impact award received for collaborative work to develop [Glossary of Terms for Social Prescribing](#).
- Two reports were published in October, detailing two national oral health improvement programmes overseen by the Dental Public Health team. An accompanying news story explained the success of the programmes. [Early years dental health improvement programme recovers to pre-pandemic levels - Public Health Wales](#) Designed to Smile, the national programme for children made considerable progress in its key delivery measures in 2023-24. [Designed to Smile Annual Report 2023-2024 - Public Health Wales](#) Gwên am Byth, the national programme for improving mouthcare in nursing and residential care homes reported positive engagement across Wales. [Gwên am Byth Programme](#)
- Delivered PBHC workshop on prevention priorities at the [MSK Clinical Network Conference](#).
- TED-style talk as part of the "Research Matters" session in the Health and Care Research Wales conference October 2024 by Dr Heidi Seage, Cardiff Metropolitan University on behalf of the research team (PCD plus Cardiff Met). Talk outlined the findings and application of a research project commissioned by the PCD and provides the first published behavioural insight into patient and community pharmacy views about inhaler disposal schemes.

### Any Concerns being managed:

- As the year progresses there are growing concerns regarding the delivery of IMTP milestones due to the impact uncertainty of funding for 2025/26 is having on recruitment and retention of staff across the wider system.
- All Wales Diabetes Prevention Programme: ongoing challenges with contacting VISION regarding operational problems causing delays in data capture and affecting service user throughput; recruitment of Diabetic Lead to reduce staffing pressures and Audit Plus availability for Wales remains a key risk; halting of AWDPP extension to Diabetes audit plus module affecting ability to monitor and audit programme.
- A request from Welsh Government to potentially delay publication of the PBHC Framework report to January 2025, to better align and complement their planning and publication cycle.
- Lack of digital expertise/resources to roll out digital consent in Designed to Smile Programme and Dental Epidemiology Programme remains as a risk.

## Forward Look of key activities for next month

### Primary Care Division

#### Prevention in Clinical Settings programmes

- **All Wales Diabetes Prevention Programme (AWDPP)** - AWDPP outputs to be released to coincide with World Diabetes Day (14<sup>th</sup> November). These will include, an updated activity report, A report on the Equity toolkit and a report on the results gathered via the AWDPP PREM tool.
- **Social Prescribing (SP)** - Theory of Change workshop to be held with key stakeholders to inform Warm Wales evaluation plan.
- **Obesity Prevention (OP)** - [Supporting Postnatal Weight Management webinar](#) to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November, to coincide with publication of infographic and progress, learning and next steps from the Primary Care Obesity Prevention action plan.
- **Cardiovascular Prevention (CVD)** - Time to Talk Report findings will be published and presented to the CVD Prevention Steering Group in November.
- **Prevention-Based Health and Care (PBHC)** - PBHC report and PBHC in Action: Case Studies to be finalised for publication, including Welsh translation.

#### Tackling the Public Health Effects of Climate Change

- Audits with SOS-UK, student volunteers and practices participating in the Greener Primary Care Wales Scheme to enable awards.
- Peer review paper finalised and to be submitted to IJPP sharing behavioural insight into patient and community pharmacy views about inhaler disposal schemes.
- Planning and chairing an hour session on the Co-benefits of climate change and health at Wales Climate Week [virtual conference](#) (Thurs Nov 14 2024)
- PCD Greener Primary Care Wales team participated in Dragon Heart Institute [Spread and Scale Academy](#) with a focus on environmental sustainability.
- Approaches to Healthcare Board attendance as deputy chair and presenting update on inhaler work.
- Presentation and engagement with ED Leads to address inhaler prescribing and TTO packs via the Six Goals Urgent and Emergency Care programme.

#### Supporting Primary Care Contracts

- Webinar in collaboration with Improvement Cymru Academy 27 Nov 2024 to support GP Practices complete the National GMS Quality Improvement Projects 2024-2025.
- 'So what' report on inhaler prescribing as a result of 2023/2024 QI projects to be prepared for the GMS Quality Assurance Committee.
- Further scoping and stakeholder engagement for the 'Public Health approach to Primary and Community care by 2035' work.

#### Primary Care Model for Wales

- Engagement with 'mature clusters' to gather learning on 'what has led to their successes' with a view to cascade learning across Wales.

#### Dental Public Health

- Analysis of Mouth Cancers and an output to support Mouth Cancer Action Month (MCAM). Planned for publication on 13<sup>th</sup> of November as agreed with the Comms Team.

- Analysis of antibiotic prescribing in Dentistry to support AMR action plan esp antimicrobial stewardship has been carried out and outputs will be published to support World Antibiotic Awareness Week (WAAW).



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<b>Directorate:</b>	Operations and Finance
<b>Executive Lead:</b>	Huw George
<b>Reporting Month:</b>	October 2024
<b>Business Executive Team Meeting Date:</b>	
<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	

## Overview of Key Activities During the Month

### Communications

- Campaign to raise awareness of the expansion of the bowel screening programme in Wales to age 50+ featured a video of Treorchy Male Voice Choir singing about the importance of “testing your poo” which attracted 82k views through social media. The video was shared by Wales Online as a news story as well as an item on BBC News and ITV Wales. Well above average engagement with people liking and sharing the content on social media.
- Amplified Newborn Hearing Screening 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with content for social media and an internal staff story.

### Finance and Performance

- Attended several site visits in infection laboratories (increasing exposure, building relationships, improving understanding of clinical areas which the finance team supports).
- The Systems team supported the successful all-Wales migration of the Oracle ledger to Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI).
- QlikSense training for budget holders was rolled out across several divisions and directorates
- October IQPD Meeting with Welsh Government successfully delivered in collaboration with colleagues from HPSS including a deep dive into Environmental Public health, Communicable Diseases and Screening. New format of meeting resulted in greater insight and useful discussion for both PHW and Welsh Government.
- Policy Assurance Statements submitted to Welsh Government to provide updates and highlight progress on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024
- Annual Programme Budgeting Costing Return completed and submitted to Welsh Government
- Production of performance packs to support Directorate Mid-Year Performance Reviews

## **Estates**

- Completed reconfiguration of the Acute Response Centre and Help Me quit Call Centre and rooms made fully operational.
- North Wales Estates project – Initial project board meeting held with operational service leads for North Wales based services / teams.

## **Strategy and Planning**

- Completion of Diabetic Eye Screening Wales Transformation Programme Assurance Review report, which has been submitted to the SRO for comment.
- Board development session delivered on strategic planning approach for 2024/25, and internal integrated planning process launched, which is aligned to the development of our strategic priority route maps.
- Staff Conference Masterclasses on Project and Programme Management delivered
- Procurement and planning successfully completed for next phase (Beta) of Web Transformation Programme
- PMO support agreed to for the Health Protection System Business Case development

## **Digital Services**

- Planning for the delivery of switches (networking equipment) as part of the successful strategic capital bid to Welsh Government
- Delivery of upgrades to the phone system across the PHW estate
- National Breast Screening System (NBSS) server replacement planning and completion of the discovery phase for the system
- Specification and procurement for the replatforming of the Newborn Screening system

## **Successes**

### **Finance and Performance**

- Supported NHS Financial Management Graduate in passing their first ACCA exam.
- Worked collaboratively with PHW Infection/Velindre/Shared Service teams to secure savings of over a quarter of million pounds in Infection testing kits

### **Communications**

- More than 500 staff attended our two Staff Conferences in October, with overwhelmingly positive feedback. An evaluation report will be shared with Execs in November to inform future planning.
- Communications Team picked up Silver for Best in House Team at this year's CIPR Cymru Awards.

## **Estates**

- Experiencing significant and increasing demand for the recently configured event space at Capital Quarter 2, with positive feedback being received from both Public Health Wales users and other NHS organisations utilising the facility.

### **Digital Services**

- Successfully delivered an emergency resilience exercise on cyber security in partnership with the ERPP team

### **Any Concerns being managed:**

#### **Communications**

- Press Office is experiencing capacity pressures with a high volume of proactive publications alongside reactive media work. We are reviewing the workplan and looking to the wider Communications Division to support as much as possible. Some deliverables may need to be replanned given high volume of demand.

#### **Estates**

- Dialogue with CQ2 landlord relating to building service charges.

### **Forward Look of key activities for next month**

- **Ops and Finance Extended Senior Management Team** meeting will take place in November with a focus on supporting people and culture development, building our plans for next year and delivering improvements to our processes and ways of working.

#### **Communications**

- Planning for Welsh Public Health Conference gets underway in November and we will be coming out to Directorates for participation on an editorial panel to ensure the event reflects the breadth of Public Health Wales' strategic work.

#### **Finance and Performance**

- New automated Purchasing Card process due to be rolled out to all cardholders following a successful pilot
- Finance partners will be working with Directorates to finalise spending plans to align with the completion of the IMTP
- Directorate Mid-Year Performance Reviews to be undertaken in November
- PHW JET Mid-Year Review pack to be produced in readiness for December Mid-Year Review Meeting with Welsh Government

#### **Estates**

- Progression and completion of additional works at Capital Quarter 2 to enhance accessibility for building users.

#### **Strategy and Planning**

- Procurement underway for development of a Programme and Project Management Competency Framework
- Engagement on refreshed Programme and Project Management Standards to commence
- Key engagement sessions on draft strategic priority route maps with Leadership Forum and Board to be held in December

### **Digital Services**

- Planning for the first board of the Newborn Screening platform project and onboarding the project manager to support its delivery
- Ongoing work to replace the server for NBSS
- Planning for go live of the Environmental Public Health module for health protection



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<b>Directorate:</b>	Health Protection and Screening Services Directorate
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## Overview of Key Activities During the Month

### Health Protection Division (HP)

- Successfully relaunched the surveillance dashboard with updated, new-look COVID-19 outputs.
- Participated in an All Wales and four nations deep dive on pregnancy vaccinations.
- Drafted a protocol to support HIV antiretroviral (ARV) resistance.
- Supported an incident at an aquapark following a number of reports of gastrointestinal symptoms by members of the public following attendance at the venue.
- Engagement has begun on contingency planning with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Olympic.
- Development discussions with cross-border Health Protection Teams to enhance collaborative working and improved transfers of care.
- Approval given and work now underway to progress with the Safer Inhalation Devices (SID) pilot.
- Actively contributed to the UKHSA response to the recent Marburg virus disease (MVD) outbreak in Rwanda and will lead preparedness activities and awareness initiatives in Wales as needed.

### Infection Services Division

- Further discussions on respiratory testing algorithms, including operational implementation and implications.
- Following receipt of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Inspection report work has commenced in order to comply with key areas identified.
- The Quality Team are performing a gap analysis to move over from ISO 15189: 2012 to the updated standard ISO 15189: 2022. This is a significant piece of work and pressure on a small team.

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- The Quality Team are reviewing, updating and re-writing all Public Health Wales documentation to conform to the new UK Accreditation Service (UKAS) standards.
- A group is being developed to conduct ongoing deep dives into Datix incidents and link findings to the Patient Safety Group. Terms of reference are being drafted to ensure appropriate reporting and governance structures are in place.

### **Screening Division**

- A finance meeting has been scheduled to address concerns about potential delays in delivering the Radiology Informatics System Procurement (RISP) and Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) replacement if the project is not completed within the current financial year.
- Initial demonstration given by Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) on the new Cancer Network Information System Cymru (CaNISC).

### **Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR)**

- Collating and analysing data from phases one and two of staff-wide facilitated learning events for COVID to produce actionable recommendations (phase three).
- Participated in the governance review for the South Wales Local Resilience Forum.
- Participated in the second Wales multi-agency event exploring the implementation of the Charter for the Bereaved.
- Collaborating with Genomics Service to develop 'best practice exemplar' business continuity arrangements, with a view to establishing a more visible approach to business continuity at Public Health Wales.
- Representation across multiple fora including internal and external groups for mpox, the Four Nations EPRR Group, NHS Wales groups such as pre-hospital and system resilience, as well as the Wales Resilience Partnership Team (WRPT), strategic, coordination and 'hazard specific' local resilience forum (LRF) subgroups.

### **Office of the Medical Director (OMD)**

- Two drop-in sessions were held to provide support on inputting job plans onto the new e-system.
- Development work completed on communications plan and, e-job planning roadshow, visiting North and West Wales as well as Laboratory locations across Wales during November.
- OMD colleagues' induction session with the new cohort of microbiology, infectious disease and virology trainees.
- Allied Health Professionals follow-up meeting held to discuss continued professional support, which was well received by all in attendance.
- OMD represented Wales at the People in UK Public Health Four Nations meeting.

### **Successes**

### **Health Protection Division (HP)**

- Successfully recruited to a number of vacant posts within the Vaccine Preventable Disease Programme (VPDP), Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre (CDSC) and Health Protection Team.
- Successful in gaining a grant in the Health and Care Research Wales Integrated Funding Scheme Award for a qualitative study looking at reducing substance use-related harm among people in prison and on their release.
- Sexual Health testing specification and key performance indicators have been completed and submitted to Procurement for progression
- An abstract on mortality for individuals under probation has been accepted for oral presentation at the Health and Justice Summit to be held in London this November.

### **Infection Services Division**

- One member of staff successfully completed their Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS) Certificate of Achievement, while another gained a first class honours degree in Biomedical Science.
- One member of staff awarded their Professional Doctorate as part of Higher Specialist Scientific Training (HSST).
- Successful appointment to consultant role in Hywel Dda.
- The Microbiology team in Singleton Hospital received the Highly Commended Award at the 2024 Royal College of Pathologists (RCPATH) Achievement Awards for their Graduate Entry Medical School (GEMS) student placements, recognised for how innovative and noteworthy the placements they provide are.
- Posters submitted to the Microbe National Conference by the Division won first and second place with the topics being 'Disk Diffusion of Anaerobes: A Network Wide Perspective' and 'The Goldilocks Effect – we need more blood – a Quality Improvement Project'.
- The Singleton Site Delivery Unit (SSDU) have stopped printing reports in line with sustainability work which means a saving of 6 reams of paper per week.

### **Screening Division**

- The implementation of the new Diabetic Eye Screening Wales (DESW) cameras.
- The final stage of optimization for bowel screening is underway, with strong content prepared for a social media campaign. Welsh Government will lead the press release.

### **Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR)**

- Facilitated a two-part debrief review for Llwynhendy (phase three) on behalf of Health Protection.
- Established the internal pandemic preparedness subgroup to expand current workstreams and develop consistent, resilience and co-ordinated and effective response arrangements for a pandemic.
- Delivered an NHS Wales Leadership Summit to explore the state of NHS preparedness post-pandemic in Wales.

- Delivered a Strategic Business Executive Team (BET) discussion on 'EPRR and the Direction of Travel'.
- Supported the delivery of the additional Wales Gold IV Course South Wales, with three colleagues from Public Health Wales participating.
- Participated in Exercise Celtic Response, a maritime response to a major ferry fire/evacuation in the Dyfed Powys area.
- In collaboration with Public Health Wales Digital Team, successfully delivered Exercise ERIS which aimed to explore the response to significant digital disruption in Public Health Wales.

#### **Office of the Medical Director (OMD)**

- A review of 2024 appraisal completion showed 100% compliance for the first three Appraisal Quarters (AQ).
- £18,000 raised by Hilditch Auction Services for obsolete medical devices from the Wales Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening Programme.
- Successful revalidation of one General Medical Council registrant.
- A microbiology trainee completed specialty training and obtained a consultant post in Bristol.

#### **Any Concerns being Managed**

##### **Health Protection Division**

- Delays in the procurement process and initiation of the discovery phase for the sexual health case management system.

##### **Infection Services Division**

- Delay in recruiting a Band 7 Health and Safety Lead is affecting the Singleton team, as well as oversight of health and safety initiatives and training delivery, necessitating support from the Central Training and Health and Safety team.
- Concerns regarding vaccination notifications from the Occupational Health Department (OHD), with challenges in obtaining tuberculosis (TB) vaccinations which means category 3 training is being delayed.
- User Acceptance Testing (UAT) of LIMS 2.0 has been extended due to significant issues across all health boards.
- Engagement with Public Health Wales Digital Services regarding progressing Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) and external IT connectivity.

##### **Screening Division**

- Concerns continue to be raised around timescales for testing of LIMS 2.0 and the resources available.
- The Division continue to focus on the management of colonoscopy waiting times
- Cancer Network Information System Cymru (CaNISC) timelines and meeting colposcopy needs.

#### **Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR)**

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- The release of the UK Respiratory Pandemic Guidance has been delayed and is expected to be released during quarter 3 of 2024-2025.
- COVID inquiry module 01 recommendations being considered by the UK and devolved governments.
- Welsh Government are reviewing the Civil Contingencies in Wales, Public Health Wales EPRR team are engaged in and supporting the process.

#### **Office of the Medical Director (OMD)**

- Monitoring of Public Health Wales trainees in November.
- The requirement of future support for Diplomate exams from the Faculty of Public Health (DFPH).

### **Forward Look of key activities for next month**

#### **Health Protection Division**

- The launch of flu and COVID-19 autumn programmes.
- Attendance at the European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE) conference.
- Epidemiology Consultant post to be re-advertised and commence interview preparations.

#### **Infection Services Division**

- Continued work on achieving My Contribution compliance and maintaining statutory and mandatory training across the network.
- Value based workstreams to look at continued standardisation and appropriate laboratory practice.
- Collation of Microbiology Estates priorities to be completed for onward discussion and escalation.
- The Quality team liaising with all senior managers to ensure that updates for the transition to UKAS ISO15189:2022 accreditation are implementable.
- Discussions regarding the operational implementation of respiratory testing algorithms with implications to be realised and approved.
- Completion of Biofire Bone and Joint Rapid Panel clinical validation and Health Board notification of test charge from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.
- Roche user day in North Wales following the learning event with chlamydia results.

#### **Screening Division**

- Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) implementing new demographic feed from the Welsh Demographic Service (WDS)
- Continuing to progress with the implementation of the very high-risk MRI provision.

#### **Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR)**

- Preparing for the next meeting of PHW Emergency Planning & Business Continuity Group.
- Prepare to deliver internal training sessions for the Loggist and Watchkeeper roles in the PHW Emergency Response Plan V3.1.

- Phase two of the Public Health Wales and University College London project on inequalities in EPRR, with community workshops to be arranged.
- Support the organisation in response to the recommendations from COVID inquiry (Module 01).
- Continued EPRR support to preparation of information for COVID inquiry (new modules).
- Final preparations for the Health Prepared Wales Conference.
- Preparation to attend the 7th UK health Protection Committee as chair of the EPRR subgroup.
- Begin working collaboratively with PHW Communications Team and Welsh Government to develop and exercise for crisis communications across Wales.

### **Office of the Medical Director (OMD)**

- Development of management appraisal guidance for all consultants and Specialty and Specialist (SAS) doctors.
- Communication to line managers of consultants and Specialty and Specialist (SAS) doctors in relation to e-job planning sessions and visits.
- Consultant Engagement Group with Tracey Cooper in attendance to speak about the Leadership Forum.
- Proposal preparation for all registered healthcare professionals (excluding nurses and midwives) relating to ongoing professional support from OMD.
- Project Group to be finalised and meeting date identified in relation on the Post Graduate Education e-Centre implementation.
- Project work to commence relating to electronic recording of annual leave for medical personnel, aligning with the implementation of 'Codi' for NHS Wales.
- OMD collaboration with Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW) Revalidation Support Unit (RSU) resulting in Orbit 360 public health specific survey being produced and launched.
- Registrations open for the Wales Public Health Specialty Training Conference and Train the Trainer taking place in Wrexham (open to Educational and Placement Supervisors).



# DIRECTORATE REPORT TO BUSINESS EXECUTIVE TEAM AND BOARD

<b>Directorate:</b>	Nursing, Quality, and Integrated Governance
<b>Executive Lead:</b>	Claire Birchall, Executive Director
<b>Reporting Month:</b>	October 2024
<b>Business Executive Team Meeting Date:</b>	20 November 2024
<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	28 November 2024

## Overview of Key Activities During the Month

**Integrated Governance Division:** The Division ran three spotlight sessions in respect of Risk, Information Governance, and the Governance Hub at the Public Health Wales' (PHW) Staff Conferences on 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024.

**Public Health Wales' Governance Hub:** The Integrated Governance Division supported the establishment of the Governance Hub to include identification of key stakeholders, clarity of the decision-making structure and Scheme of Delegation within PHW and supporting documentation including toolkits.

**Quality, Engagement and Collaboration team:** Two lightning talks were successfully delivered at the PHW Staff conference in Cardiff on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Mark Griffiths presented a lightning talk called 'An eye for an I' which focused on the development of the Improvement and Innovation Hub, an outline of the work achieved and what is next. Paula Mitchell and Wayne Jepson presented a lightning talk called 'What does Quality mean to you' which focused on the Duty of Quality, the Quality Standards and what they mean to PHW, along with how to develop a quality mindset.

**A People's Experience (service users) Group:** has been set up and implemented, consisting of key individuals from across the organisation to inform improvements, provide insight and share learning from people's experiences of our service. This will also contribute to the Duty of Quality reporting. The inaugural meeting took place on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

**Improvement and Innovation Hub:** Hub staff ran a session on the in October for the Public Health Wales' Strategic Business Executive Team in respect of the Duty of Quality and shared the draft QIA tool which will now be refined by the QUOG.

**Professional Development:** Completed an evaluation of the 2022-2024 Nursing and Midwifery objectives using information collated during the PHW nursing roadshows around Wales. The evaluation highlighted a lack of awareness of use of the objectives within PHW Wales. The results are expected to inform a revision of the objectives and strategy development going forward in 2025/26.

**Visit to North Wales:** The Executive Director of Nursing and Assistant Director of Nursing spent two days in North Wales visiting Screening and Nursing staff. Environmental and patient experience opportunities for improvement were identified and will be worked through with the team.

**All-Wales Female Genital Mutilation Clinical Pathway and Assessment Tool:**

A communication programme and news story was released in early October 2024 on the Public Health Wales' intranet and National Safeguarding Service's (NSS) webpage to support the document launch.

**National Safeguarding Service direct support:** NSS have provided expertise and bespoke support to the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board Corporate Safeguarding team to resource a challenging staffing shortfall. This work is now completed.

**Safeguarding Maturity Matrix (SMM):** The Peer Review for the annual SMM has taken place and supports the report submissions by all health boards and trusts in NHS Wales.

**Successes**

**Analytics Learning Programme:** The National Data Resource within Digital Health and Care Wales and KPMG provided an online "Analytics Learning Programme" to help NHS and local authority staff to improve their analytic and data science skills, which ran between March and September 2024. A separate project was assigned to each project team, composed of individuals who were grouped according to topic preference. Mark Griffiths from the Public Health Wales' Improvement and Innovation Hub was part of a team with wider NHS Wales' colleagues working on a challenge from CAVUHB on right-sizing community services analysing how to manage step-up and step-down services, which aimed at either preventing hospital admissions or reducing the length of hospital stay. The team (which was named RaSCaLS - Right-Sizing Community Services) was presented with the Judges Award for their Power BI data model and panel presentation.

**Restorative Supervision Event for Named Doctors:** An all Wales Designated and Named Restorative Retreat residential event was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 for Named Doctors and medical colleagues with lead roles in safeguarding, and was supported by Health Education and Improvement Wales. Sessions included maintaining psychological safety, managing stress and vicarious trauma in the context of safeguarding caseloads, valuing peer support and compassionate leadership. NSS closed the event with developmental work on a future restorative supervision model to support and sustain colleagues.

**Any Concerns being managed:**

**CNO Independent Review, Strengthening Safeguarding in Health:** This is completed. Welsh Government have recommended a task group to consider the findings and recommendations; membership for steering will include the NSS. This is being resented to WG EDT in November and the NSS will take the lead on at least 4 key national recommendations.

**Infection Prevention and Control lead:** There have been delays in recruiting to this post which will sit within the HARP team. Interviews are scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> November, but the gap between the previous postholder leaving and recruiting to a replacement has meant that the overall IPC work plan for 2024/25 is behind schedule.

**Forward Look of key activities for next month**

**Equalities Project Manager:** An Equalities Project Manager has been appointed on a fixed term basis and will start with PHW from 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024; this post

will run until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 and support a baseline assessment and work in relation to the PHW Strategic Equality Plan.

**Sexual Safety:** The NHS Executive and Chief Nursing Officer's Office are working to deliver national actions in relation to sexual safety in NHS Wales. The NSS, in collaboration with the NHS Wales Safeguarding Network, is supporting this work by developing high level principles for sexual safety. Plans include an accompanying awareness raising media clip in the new year.

**Once for Wales Datix Safeguarding Module:** NSS are continuing to work with health boards and trusts to progress a unified NHS implementation of the module. In addition, NSS will continue to support the national work to ensure the timely development of a multi-agency single safeguarding referral form.

**National Safeguarding week (11-15 November):** NSS will be delivering a session in collaboration with Voices from Care (Looked After Children) sharing their views and experiences about health, specialist care and support. In addition, a Designated Doctor will be presenting work on professional curiosity.



# DIRECTORATE REPORT TO BUSINESS EXECUTIVE TEAM AND BOARD

<b>Directorate:</b>	People & OD
<b>Executive Lead:</b>	Neil Lewis
<b>Reporting Month:</b>	October 2024
<b>Business Executive Team Meeting Date:</b>	20 November 2024
<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	28 November 2024

## Overview of Key Activities During the Month

- The Future Generations Commissioner gave a talk in partnership with the Ymlaen Network, and Mererid Hopwood is also ran a session for Diwrnod Shwmae on 09 October.
- The Reverse Mentoring Scheme which is being piloted by the Enfys Network was launched.
- We have begun work to refresh the organisation's People Strategy, first published in 2020, and will report on progress during October.
- We delivered a development session on writing job descriptions, focusing on improving quality. Part of the aim is to shift person specifications away from being experience-focussed to emphasising what candidates can do/ what skills they have, to improve recruitment decisions and encourage greater diversity of candidates.
- We implemented improvements to our Establishment Control process to simplify the process and improve timeliness of recruitment.
- We held drop-in sessions to raise awareness around the new Worker Protection Act, and to discuss Pay Progression.
- The Strategic Workforce Planning toolkit was launched to support Directorates to develop their workforce plans.
- Launched new dates for the Faculty of Public Health Accredited Public Health Practitioner Programme
- Established the PHW Leadership and Management Academy Steering Group, confirmed dates for cohorts 1-3 (of 12) and developed an app to facilitate directorate participant nominations.
- The NHS Wales Staff Survey launched on 1 October 2024 for a period of eight weeks, with a supporting Comms and Engagement plan designed to encourage all colleagues to participate and have their say.
- We will receive the results for this year's Cultural Competence assessment together with feedback for future improvements.
- Leadership and Management Academy (formal learning and development programme) discovery phase conversations with stakeholder representatives including members of the pilot cohorts from 2023/24.
- Meeting to consider Leading with Impact directorate feedback and next steps / considerations.

- Review of ITT responses to secure a provider for the New Manager Induction and Personal Development Programmes.
- Scheduling Personal Development Programme and New Manager Induction following completion of procurement activity.
- Launch of VinciWorks platform (previously SkillBoosters) – new online, on-demand, bite-sized learning resources on personal effectiveness, EDI and leadership and management topics.
- Socialisation of the vision for the job family approach.

### **Successes**

- We were awarded Gold level with Distinction in Diverse Cymru’s Cultural Competence Scheme. This is the highest level of the scheme and was independently assessed by UK Investors in Equality and Diversity (UKIED). Public Health Wales are the only organisation to achieve this.

### **Any Concerns being managed:**

### **Forward Look of key activities for next month**

- The new Welsh Language Translation arrangements will go live on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. All Divisional representatives have been briefed on the new arrangements, and all procurement processes finalised.
- The final tweaks and DPIA have been completed for the Disability and Carer’s Survey (a Network Board request) and this will go live after the Staff Survey closes (w/c 2/12).
- Meeting to consider Leading with Impact directorate feedback and next steps / considerations.
- Scheduling Personal Development Programme and New Manager Induction following completion of procurement activity. Delayed / pending Contract Award Recommendation Report approval.
- Launch of VinciWorks platform (previously SkillBoosters) – new online, on-demand, bite-sized learning resources on personal effectiveness, EDI and leadership and management topics. Delayed due to DPIA.
- Socialisation of the vision for the job family approach will be ongoing through Q3.
- The next New Colleague Networking Event takes place in CQ2 on Thursday 14 November.
- We will be working with directorates to support development of strategic workforce plans, as well as capturing education commissioning needs. This will enable us to respond to HEIW’s annual education commissioning process (which will inform the 2026-27 Education and Training plan).
- We will engage with key stakeholders, including our Business Executive Team on the refresh of our organisational People Strategy.

- We will continue work on process improvement, including user research to understand the needs, motivations, behaviours, and 'pain points' of People and OD service users.
- New Statutory and Mandatory Training e-learning is coming soon relating to the Anti-racist Wales Action Plan (ArWAP). This will cover the need for:- "Public sector providers to be culturally aware and competent in delivering services to Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) people, recognizing the differences among ethnic minority groups." And that "All staff in public sector and funded bodies receive mandatory training on anti-racism." It's likely we will receive further information in the next few weeks.
- A further cohort of 15 colleagues will attend our Cultural Advocates programme, designed to help in providing knowledge and developing skills that will enable them to confidently and effectively support senior teams as part of our culture work.



# DIRECTORATE REPORT TO BUSINESS EXECUTIVE TEAM AND BOARD

Directorate:	Policy and International Health
Executive Lead:	Sumina Azam
Reporting Month:	October 2024 (M07)
Business Executive Team Meeting Date:	20 November 2024
Board Meeting Date:	28 November 2024

## Overview of Key Activities During the Month

### FPH Charter for International Partnerships Presentation:

The Charter for International Health Partnerships Toolkit was presented at the Faculty of Public Health's Global Health Committee. Members present included: Global Health Special Interest group chairs and representatives from Scotland and England public health bodies and health boards. The group will share the Toolkit with their respective organisations and special interest group members.

### Behavioural Science Unit's support for better health and equity

The Behavioural Science Unit (BSU) have supported WHO Europe Behavioural and Cultural Insights Team's development of a guide to evaluating interventions designed to improve and protect health through behaviour change. BSU members were acknowledged in the publication and presented at the launch webinar for Behavioural Science Focal Points from the 53 member states.

The BSU's ongoing work to integrate behavioural science into policy and practice included a bespoke workshop for the Executive Leadership Team of Transport for Wales; a webinar for over 100 Public Health Network Cymru members; a workshop for the 2024 Bevan Commission Intensive Learning Week; and workshops at the PHW Staff Conferences.

The Team presented at a Faculty of Public Health event, leading to collaboration requests from across the UK. Following an invite to join their Scientific Advisory Board, the BSU were represented at the launch of the NIHR Policy Research Unit for Behavioural and Social Science, an opportunity to connect leading behavioural science research and application.

### Health and Sustainability Hub

The team organised an externally facilitated workshop with Climate Change Programme Board this month to strengthen our Strategic Priority route map.

Eurgain Powell and Tracy Evans supported a Regions for Health Network (RHN) workshop involving Welsh Government, Health Boards, WHO, Italy, Flanders and Sweden to learn about our work on decarbonisation.

The Hub continues to promote the Healthy Environment Workshops, having delivered workshops to 80 staff from 22 teams across 7 directorates over the last 12 months. The team is also trialling interventions to support sustainable travel including a Greener meetings challenge and guidance on sustainable travel to PHW's sites.

### **Public Health Wales and Future Generations Office Partnership Agreement: Collaboration Workshop**

Joint working between FGCO and PHW teams is underway across the 5 missions Cymru Can. This workshop provided an opportunity for both organisations to share updates, successes and challenges at the mid-way point of the partnership and identify next steps for achieving the partnership objectives as well as the wider goals of the Act.

### **Participation in 'Prevention in the Context of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act' Event**

This event was organised by the Future Generations Commissioners Office in collaboration with Public Health Wales to discuss the urgency of the prevention agenda, the barriers and the solutions we are already seeing in some organisations. It was targeted at Health boards and health bodies but representatives from other organisations also attended.

### **Policy Advocacy Training for Wider Determinants of Health Community of Interest: Part 1**

The Polisi Team delivered a 'policy advocacy for public health' training to the Wider Determinants of Health Community of Interest. This training enables local public health teams to develop policy advocacy knowledge and skills in order to maximise the policy impact of work ongoing across their organisations. Parts 2 and 3 will focus on impactful communication with policymakers and data visualisation to influence policy.

### **Sharing Well-being Economy best practice and opportunities across Wales and internationally**

Dr M Dyakova presented the WHO Well-being Economy Initiative and Wales as a Live Innovation Site work at the NHS International Health Activity Group with focal points from Health Boards and NHS Trusts, Wales and Africa, and other stakeholders across Wales; and shared Wales' best practice for well-being and inclusion at the European Platform for Rehabilitation [Public Webinar: An Economy of Wellbeing for Inclusion | EPR](#) co-organised with EuroHealthNet.

Successes

## **RIVM and the Dutch Ministry of Health visit to Public Health Wales**

The aim of the visit by The Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS) and the Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) to Wales was to enable an exchange of knowledge and insights on Health in All Policies. A total of 37 participants including the Director General of the Public Health Directorate of the MOH, The Netherlands, the CMO Wales, and PHW Directors and the Future Generations Commissioner came together over two days to discuss a wide variety of areas of mutual interest. This included climate change, HIA, foresight technologies, the Well-being of the Future Generations Act and how to shift systems to prevention. It was agreed that both parties found the visit useful with a commitment to follow up in the future.

## **Health equity expert webinar: Inverse Care Law in Wales: A Way Forward:**

This webinar included presentations on the Inverse Care Law Programme in North Wales, aiming to share learning from this innovative project. The webinar highlighted the learning from a pilot led by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to kickstart a whole system approach to tackle local health inequalities. The transformation partnership supported collective action and encouraged the development of 38 projects. The webinar discussion focused on funding issues and sustainability.

[Inverse Care Law in Wales: A Way Forward - Public Health Network Cymru](#)

Any Concerns being managed:

- Nil to highlight

Forward Look of key activities for next month

## **Well-being Economy Cymru Festival of Ideas 18 November, Swansea**

The Public Health Economics and Value team is joining Well-being Economy Cymru, Cwmpas, Oxfam Cymru, 4thRegion and the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales as partners of this inaugural WBE Festival of Ideas. The event aims to change how we think about our economy and will highlight practical actions at local, regional and national levels. We are hosting a parallel session, and an exhibition stall, to showcase and promote Public Health high on the WBE agenda, sharing insights into how the health sector can deliver a Well-being Economy.

[Festival of Ideas for the Wellbeing Economy | Wellbeing Economy Cymru](#)

## **Well-being Economy Deep Dive for Wales Report**

This WHO report is showcasing the process and experience of key stakeholders in Wales shifting towards a Well-being Economy through implementing the Well-being of Future Generations Act, Foundational economy and other relevant legislation, policies and developments.

<https://www.who.int/europe/publications/i/item/WHO-EURO-2024-10150-49922-75119>

### **Cold homes in Wales: Is the satisfactory heating regime appropriate for health and well-being?:**

This report assesses the appropriateness of the satisfactory heating regime, as set out in its Tackling Fuel Poverty Plan 2021 to 2035. The report will present evidence from multiple sources, including literature, national data, the findings of a household survey in Wales and consultation with subject matter experts. The recommendations will inform the Welsh Government response to fuel poverty and cold weather resilience and are part of a broader programme of work on housing warmth in Wales.

### **WHIASU@20 - 20 year celebration of HIA in Wales Infographic and Network event:**

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Wales Health Impact Assessment Support Unit (WHIASU), an infographic will be published to highlight the key achievements and milestones that have led WHIASU to become international leaders in the practice of HIA. Alongside this, an HIA network event will celebrate the last 20 years.

### **Cost of Health Inequality to the NHS in Wales (CHEW) Report 2 - Cost associated with Inequality in Primary Care Service Use**

This second CHEW report outlines the differences in financial costs associated with how people at different deprivation levels used General Practice (GP) services in Wales in three fiscal years (2018 – 2021), including during the COVID-19 pandemic. The report describes service use patterns, total costs, average cost per capita, and cost of health inequality of the annual GP service use in Wales, according to sex, deprivation levels, service providers, and consultation types (face-to-face and telephone).

### **Health & Sustainability Hub**

A new Biodiversity Action Plan (2024-27) for PHW will set out how PHW is taking action to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote the resilience of ecosystems.

The Hub has worked with the Innovation Network and IT colleagues to develop a new guide – How to reduce our digital carbon footprint – in response to ideas submitted as part of the Simply Do Climate Change Challenge.

The team is supporting Welsh Government with arrangements for the Health themed day of Wales Climate Week. Taking place on Thursday 14 Nov, PHW will be contributing to 3 different sessions to highlight the work that we're doing on protecting people from the health impacts of climate change, as well as highlighting the health co-benefits of climate action. Further information available at [Virtual Conference | Wales Climate Week 2024](#)

### **Housing & Child Poverty Workshop:**

The Polisi Team will convene stakeholders from the public and third sector to develop a shared vision for healthy homes in Wales and identify tangible next steps toward delivering that vision through policy. The workshop will utilise a Three Horizons methodology.

### **Application of behavioural science to tackle health inequity:**

The WHESRI Platform will incorporate evidence on how behavioural science can help tackle health inequity, including describing the key mechanisms, and actions in Wales.

### **Whole system evaluations of violence prevention programmes in Cardiff and Swansea:**

The evaluations will provide us with an understanding of how the Violence Prevention Unit funded interventions fit into, and inform, the wider violence prevention ecology in Cardiff and Swansea.

### **Lancet Public Health Science conference 2024:**

The Lancet Public Health Science conference 2024 has invited Liz Green, WHIASU to be one of 3 Keynote speakers at the conference. The conference themes include healthy neighbourhoods, the built environment, and public health from a multidisciplinary perspective.

### **Time to Talk Public Health - August 2024 Survey:**

The Time to Talk Public Health (TTPH) August 2024 survey is the 11th TTPH survey to be delivered. The topics of the survey included: cardiovascular health, Non-Emergency Patient Transport Service (NEPTS), travelling to health appointments, healthy weight, mealtimes, and vaccines.

### **IHCC Roadshow Webinar Early Career Network:**

The IHCC will be holding a webinar for the Early Career Network. The Webinar will include themes and discussions around international partnership working and global citizenship, showcasing Public Health Wales' International Health Strategy and Charter for International Health

### **PHW International Public Health Forum:**

The Forum will promote the experiences of colleagues across Public Health Wales, share their learnings from engaging in international health activities and research and provide time to discuss opportunities for the future to engage in international partnerships working and networks.

### **Academic Journal Paper - HIA and SROI of self-sampling sexual health service in an open prison setting:**

This academic paper outlines the findings of the Health Impact Assessment (HIA) and Social Return on Investment (SROI) analysis undertaken on a sexual health self-sampling service offered within a closed prison setting in Wales. It also

includes reflections of using HIA and SROI in tandem and demonstrates the health impact and social value created by investing in this programme.