

Agenda Item

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Quality Safety and Outcomes Sub-Committee

Policy Validation Group Report

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Statws Cyhoeddi / Publication Status	Open/ Public
	Not Applicable
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Pwrpas yr Adroddiad / Report Purpose	For Noting Choose an item.
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Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt/consideration at Committee/Group)		
Committee / Group / Individuals	Date	Outcome
Policy Validation Group	24/09/2026	Approved
Senior Leadership Team	14/10/2026	Noted

1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

This report provides NHW Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (NWJCC) Quality, Safety and Outcomes Sub-Committee with an update on activity and output from the NWJCC Policy Validation Group during the period 01 June 2026 to 30 September 2026.

2. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2.1 Policy work undertaken this financial year

The following data includes information for the current financial year up to and including the 30 September 2026. There are currently 264 policies and service specifications listed on the NWJCC Policy Register. Of these, 178 are published and 80 are in progress, under review or on hold. Policy development and review work for the financial year is shown in Figure 1. The detailed list of all policies published this financial year is shown in **Appendix 1**.

Consultation work undertaken this financial year is shown in Figure 1 below and Appendix 2.

Figure 1 - Policy development/review activity for 1 March 2026 –30 September 2026

	Policies issued for consultation	Consultations closed	Policies published	New proposals added to register	Policies stood down
April 2026	5	4	6	7	0
May 2026	3	1	1	2	0
June 2026	1	7	2	2	0
July 2026	0	1	1	3	0
August 2026	4	0	6	5	0
September 2026	4	4	4	2	0

2.2 Current position of published policies

All published policies are available on the NWJCC website. Data are presented on these policies by commissioning team and type (Figure 2).

Figure 2 – Published policies by team and type as of 30 September 2026

Commissioning Team	Service Specifications	Commissioning Policies	Policy Position Statements	Policy Position Statement (NC)
Ambulance and 111	3	0	0	0
Cancer and Blood	16	19	24 inc 15*	2
Cardiac	5	4	6 inc 3*	2
Medical Directorate	0	3	0	0
Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Vulnerable Groups	5	4	0	0
Neurosciences and Long-term Conditions	7	13	10 inc 7*	0
Welsh Kidney Network	3	4	2 inc 2*	0
Women and Children	12	12 inc 1*	22 inc 20*	0
TOTALS	51	59	64	4

*Authored by Medicines Optimisation Team

Of these 178 published policies, there are:

- 102 published policies within their review date
- 77 published policies outside their review date
 - 22 reviews in progress
 - 46 reviews not in progress
 - 9 reviews on hold
- 26 published policies under review (**Appendix 3**)
 - 4 published policies within review date and under review
 - 22 published policies outside review date and under review
- 0 published policies whose review is on hold (**Appendix 3**)

2.3 Current position of new policies

There are 80 new policies at various stages of development within the policy process. These are listed in **Appendix 4**. This total includes policies which have been registered with the Policy Team but have yet to enter the scoping phase of development.

2.3 Current policy consultation and publication work

Outstanding as of 30 September 2026 there are:

- 11 policies approved by Policy Group for publication (4 on hold)
- 17 policies approved by Policy Group for consultation (8 on hold)

3. KEY RISKS / MATTERS FOR ESCALATION

3.1 Development of policy pages on the new NWJCC website

Website work is ongoing with the Communications Team to plan and develop a searchable list of policies.

The Equality and Welsh Language Impact Assessments (EWLIAs) are not currently published on the website. A list has been circulated to commissioning teams highlighting the current availability of valid equality impact assessments (EQIAs) and EWLIAs across the clinical policy portfolios. The commissioning teams will then establish a process to ensure that all policies have a valid EWLIA/EQIA.

3.2 Policy Information page on Pulse

The new Pulse site is now live. Work will be undertaken to establish a dedicated policy templates page which will provide access to core policy documentation, including the service specification, commissioning policy and policy position statement templates, together with the policy scoping and checklist template and the Policy Procedure document.

4. RECOMMENDATION

The members of the Quality, Safety and Outcomes Sub-Committee are asked to:

- **Note** the report.

Strategic and Regulatory Assessment

Objectives / Strategy	
Dolen i Amcan (au) Strategol CBC / Link to JCC Strategic Objectives(s)	Ensure Quality
	Maximise Value
	Improve Equity and Population Health
Dolen i Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol – Nodau Llesiant / Link to Wellbeing of Future Generations Act – Wellbeing Goals 150623-guide-to-the-fg-act-en.pdf (futuregenerations.wales)	A Resilient Wales
	A Healthier Wales
	A More Equal Wales
Dolen i Hwyluswyr Ansawdd <i>(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) /</i> Link to Enablers of Quality (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Learning, Improvement & Research
Dolen i Feysydd Ansawdd <i>(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) /</i> Link to Domains of Quality (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Effective
	All Items
Effaith Amgylcheddol/ Cynaliadwyedd (5R) / Environmental /Sustainability Impact (5Rs)	No - Not Applicable

Impact Assessment		
Ansawdd	Yes: ☐	No: ☒

Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Ansawdd? / Quality <i>Have you undertaken a Quality Impact Assessment Screening?</i>	Outcome:	An EWLIA is completed for each policy/service specification.
Cydraddoldeb <i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb? / Equality</i> <i>Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment Screening?</i>	Yes: ☐	No: ☒
	Outcome:	An EWLIA is completed for each policy/service specification.
Cyfreithiol / Legal	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.	
Enw da / Reputational	Yes (Include further detail below) NWJCC policies and service specifications including those published during the current financial year, together with the rationale for their development are publicly available and we have a responsibility to develop and publish high quality, evidence-based documents within a reasonable timeframe.	
Effaith Adnoddau <i>(Pobl / Ariannol) / Resource Impact</i> <i>(People / Financial)</i>	There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report. Resource impact would be linked to specific policies and guidance	

Acronyms / Glossary of Terms	
AWMSG	All Wales Medicines Strategy Group
NICE	National Institute for Clinical Excellence
NWJCC	NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee
PVG	Policy Validation Group