

Agenda Item

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Quality Safety and Outcomes Sub-Committee
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Policy Validation Group Report

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	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)		
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Committee / Group / Individuals	Date	Outcome
Policy Validation Group	09/06/2026	Noted

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

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 April 2026 – 31 May 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 31 May 2026. There are currently 248 policies and service specifications listed on the NWJCC Policy Register. Of these, 174 are published and 74 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 April 2025 – 31 March 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

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 31 May 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 7*	2
Cardiac	5	4	6 inc 2*	2
Medical Directorate	0	3	0	0
Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Vulnerable Groups	5	4	0	0
Neurosciences and Long-term Conditions	6	14	10 inc 4*	0
Welsh Kidney Network	2	4	2 inc 2*	0
Women and Children	11	12 inc 1*	20 inc 17*	0
TOTALS	48	60	62	4

*Authored by Medical Team

Of these 174 published policies, there are:

- 105 published policies within their review date
- 69 published policies outside their review date
 - 27 reviews in progress
 - 35 reviews not in progress
 - 7 reviews on hold
- 30 published policies under review (Appendix 3)
 - 5 published policies within review date and under review
 - 25 published policies outside review date and under review
- 7 published policies whose review is on hold (Appendix 3)

2.3 Current position of new policies

There are 74 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.

- 56 new policies in progress
- 0 new policy at validation
- 3 new policy proposal
- 15 new policies on hold

2.3 Current policy consultation and publication work

Outstanding as of 31 May 2026 there are:

- 5 policies approved by Policy Group for publication
- 1 policy approved by Policy Group for consultation

3. KEY RISKS / MATTERS FOR ESCALATION

3.1 Development of policy pages on the new NWJCC website

Work has now been completed to move the NWJCC clinical policies and any associated documents onto the NWJCC website and the legacy WHSSC website has now been closed. Work is continuing to ensure that the most up to date versions of all policies and service specifications are available and to publish new and updated policies as they are approved by Policy Group.

Future website work is planned to develop a searchable list of policies, which will also include a copy of the completed Equality and Welsh Language Impact Assessment (EWLIA) and a themed and anonymised consultation comments and response document.

3.2 Policy Information page on Pulse

The new Pulse site is now live. Work is currently progressing 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

5. 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	Learning, Improvement & Research

(<i>Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)</i>) / Link to Enablers of Quality (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	
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 <i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Ansawdd? /</i> Quality <i>Have you undertaken a Quality Impact Assessment Screening?</i>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome:	An EWLIA is completed for each policy/service specification.
Cydraddoldeb <i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb? /</i> Equality <i>Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment Screening?</i>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	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) /</i> Resource Impact <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