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RAPID EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS WORK PROGRAMME

Research question / evidence need		How the evidence will be used	Stakeholder(s) Group(s) submitting evidence need
0005	What is the forecasted prevalence and incidence of long-term conditions in Wales?	Inform WG paper on what the NHS will look like in 10 years' time to plan service provision.	Science Evidence Advice team (WG)
0008	What is the effectiveness of artificial intelligence in radiological diagnostics?	Inform national diagnostic programme and strategy.	Health Sciences Directorate (Policy)
0009	What interventions / innovations could reduce people leaving the labour force and potentially bring people back to work?	Inform next Welsh Government budget and spending review.	Health Economics (Policy)
0010	What is the safe interval for optometry review appointments?	Evidence required to inform revised strategy for recall intervals in optometry.	Optometry & Audiology Services (Policy)
0011	An update of the summary of active and prospective long-covid research in Wales.	Resource available to patients with long covid.	Long Covid leads (NHS)
0018	What are the main public health risks associated with proposed special procedures (e.g. tattooing, acupuncture, body piercing, electrolysis)?	Potential to inform/update Public Health Wales Act 2017, Part 4: Special Procedures.	Special Procedures (Policy)
0019	What is the effectiveness of interventions / innovations to attract, recruit and retain the health visitor / early years workforce?	Inform strategy	Chief Nursing Office (Policy)
0020	Palliative Care Review - Health economics and Value Based Healthcare.	Inform the 'phase 3' report to WG re models of structures & funding, and the wider programme of work.	Palliative and End of Life Care (NHS)
TBC	What is the effectiveness (including costs) of interventions for older adults to address digital exclusion in accessing social care services?	Identified via JLA prioritisation exercise. Links with SCW project on digital innovation. Supports Welsh Government's Digital Communities Wales agenda.	Social Care Wales
TBC	What are the health impacts of air and / or noise pollution?	Evidence will be integrated into the Clean Air Bill.	Climate Change and Environmental Public Health (Policy)
TBC	What works to support better access to mental health services (from primary care to inpatients) for minority groups to reduce inequalities?	Inform two strategies currently being developed: - Together for Mental Health - Talk to me too	Mental Health & Vulnerable Groups (Policy)
TBC	Which anti-smoking interventions are effective for these different population groups?	Inform delivery plan for 2024-2026. Aiming for 5% smoking prevalence rate by 2023.	Public Health Improvement & Inequalities (Policy)

PRIMARY RESEARCH WORK PROGRAMME

POPULATION DATA SCIENCE STUDIES

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0014	What is the cost impact of palliative care on urgent and unscheduled healthcare services in Wales?	Inform the 'phase 3' report to Welsh Government regarding models of structures and funding, and the wider programme of work.	Palliative and End of Life Care (NHS)
0015	What is the cost impact of patients with chronic pain on primary and secondary healthcare services in Wales?	Inform national strategy and service provision.	Chronic Pain Leads (NHS)

IN-HOUSE PRIMARY RESEARCH STUDIES

0016	Patients' needs and preferences for emergency NHS dental care: what could emergency dental care look like? (Qualitative work)	Inform ongoing Dental Reform Strategies.	Dental (Policy)
0017	What if any, are the benefits/disbenefits of changes to gluten free product supply perceived by patients with coeliac disease in Wales? (Qualitative work with possible economic evaluation)	Inform recommendations in review of Dispensing Volumes in Community Pharmacy Strategy.	Pharmaceutical (Policy)

SERVICE EVALUATION ADVICE

0012	Advice on evaluation of newly funded Allied Health Professions (AHP) care models in primary care through Accelerated Cluster Development.	Inform ongoing strategy / service provision in this area.	Allied Health Professions (NHS)
0013	Advice on evaluation of the 'Adferiad' Long Covid service (including patients with medically unexplained symptoms).	Inform ongoing strategy / service provision in this area.	Long covid, stroke, rehabilitation, neurological conditions, frailty (Policy) and Primary Care (NHS)
TBC	What is the effectiveness of diagnostic hubs?	Inform ongoing strategy / service provision in this area.	Health Sciences Directorate (Policy)

Please note - this is the proposed Health and Care Research Wales Evidence Centre Work Programme on the 20 June 2023.

Should policy / practice evidence needs identified during our research prioritisation exercise (January – May 2023) change, our Work Programme can be amended (existing projects can be adapted or removed, and high priority and urgent questions can added).

Further details about our [Rapid Evidence Synthesis Work Programme](#) and our [Primary Research Work Programme](#) can be found on our website: [Health and Care Research Wales Evidence Centre | Health Care Research Wales](#)



The Health and Care Research Wales Evidence Centre

Our dedicated teams work together with Welsh Government, the NHs, social care, research institutions and the public to deliver vital research to tackle health and social care challenges facing Wales.

Funded by Welsh Government, through Health and Care Research Wales, the Evidence Centre answers key questions to improve health and social care policy and provisions across Wales.

Along with our collaborating partners, we conduct reviews of existing evidence and new research, to inform policy and practice needs, with a focus on ensuring real-world and public benefit that reaches everyone

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