



National Diagnostics Implementation Plan

The [National Diagnostics Implementation Plan](#) has been finalised, providing detail of the National Endoscopy Programme workplan across 9 key themes. The programme is ambitious, and will enable us to develop our services together, particularly in the areas of quality, safety and capacity, reliable usable data and modelling, digitalisation, workforce support, design and development, and clinical pathway innovation and best practice standardisation. Working collaboratively with you and our partners nationally, regionally, and locally, we will support all services and all staff to help enable patients to access timely, safe, effective, and high-quality care. We thank you all for your continued support and collaboration.

Upcoming Events

Over the next couple of months, the NEP will be attending a series of events. We look forward to seeing you.

The National Cancer Recovery Programme have invited us to join the NHS Wales Capsule Sponge Event on Monday, 17th March at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff. If you have any queries or would like to attend, please email stevie.davies@wales.nhs.uk

The follow up session of the All Wales ERCP EUS Service Review will take place Wednesday, 2nd April at the Marriott in Swansea. Save the date meeting invites have been sent, please email national.endoscopyprogramme@wales.nhs.uk for further information.

The WAGE Spring Meeting is taking place on Thursday, 3rd April at the National Waterfront Museum, Swansea. Information about the event is available on the WAGE website [WAGE Spring Meeting 2025](#)

Green Endoscopy

The green endoscopy presentation was requested by the NHS Executive, alongside information from the Radiology and Pathology Programmes, so that a broad picture of sustainability across diagnostics could be obtained. The presentation reflects the good work already happening in endoscopy units across Wales including local initiatives, and broader collaborations. The international and national evidence and recommendations are reflected, as well as possible future projects such as reducing 'low yield endoscopy'.



Diagnostics and Therapies Dashboard

The NHS Executive's Data and Analytics team have produced a new dashboard showing the published national waiting list positions for diagnostics and therapies – which includes the published waiting list position for diagnostic endoscopy.

The dashboard can be accessed by anyone with an NHS Wales log-in and is available here: [Diagnostics and Therapies Dashboard](#)

The endoscopy waiting list can be viewed by navigating to the Waiting List Summary page and using the "subservice" filter to include only colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy and gastroscopy, so that other diagnostics and therapies in the same dataset are excluded. It's also possible to filter to specific health boards or hospital sites.

This same data is also published on the [StatsWales website](#). However you may find the new dashboard makes the data more accessible and easier to visualise.



(screenshot from the new dashboard showing the total endoscopy national waiting list size)

Note that this published data does not include screening or surveillance waits for endoscopy.

For more detail on the waiting list, you may wish to view the NEP's own scorecard. This scorecard does include surveillance and screening waits, as well as the ability to filter by priority (e.g suspected cancer, urgent and routine), however it contains **unvalidated data** that may not be as reliable as the published data found on StatsWales or the Diagnostic and Therapies Dashboard.

The NEP scorecard can again be accessed by anyone with an NHS log-in and can found on SharePoint [Endoscopy Scorecard](#)

If you'd like more information or require any assistance please contact the team on national.endoscopyprogramme@wales.nhs.uk

Latest Updates

Workforce

Endoscopy Administrative and Clerical Workforce Review

The NEP has commenced a national review of job descriptions for the Endoscopy Administrative and Clerical workforce, this work is closely aligned to the National Endoscopy Academy development of a training and education pathway for A&C staff. We have now received information from every Health Board and used this to draft three job descriptions which have been sent out to all Endoscopy Directorate Managers and Unit Managers. This will support the standardisation of the booking and admin support functions across endoscopy in Wales.

Cross-boundary working

The NEP are working with Legal and Risk Services (NWSSP) to develop a viable solution for cross-boundary working within Wales to enable services to be delivered on a regional and national basis. We aim to pilot this approach within Colon Capsule Endoscopy to create a more flexible workforce which will support a sustainable delivery model.

National Retention Programme

A number of 'Introduction to Retention' sessions have taken place across Diagnostics, chaired by the National Retention Lead for Wales (HEIW). Rachel Hayward, Endoscopy Network Manager at Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board is working with her local Retention Lead to undertake a Retention Quality Improvement project within the administrative and clerical team.

Endoscopy Career Framework

The NEP is currently developing its website to include a career framework for the endoscopy workforce which will be sent out to the endoscopy community for feedback before publication.

Social media campaign

The NEP ran a 'Countdown to Christmas' social media campaign featuring endoscopy services- thank you for all of your festive photos.



Performance

Arrangements around the sharing of National Endoscopy Database (NED) data from the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) is entering final stages, with data agreement now under review.

Initial list of endoscopy measures generated. Dashboard development now commencing.

D&C Outputs generated and shared with health boards in I&I meeting.



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