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Welcome to the seventeenth edition of the National Imaging Programme!

Ultrasound Project Update

In this Newsletter, we will dedicate a large portion to updating you on the work we have begun on supporting ultrasound services across Wales.

This will include topics on:

- Programme Priorities
- National Imaging Academy of Wales (NIAW) Collaboration
- Workforce & Leadership
- Women's Health

We are proud to be working together as a team to support improvements in ultrasound services across Wales. Our focus this year is on supporting data accuracy, understanding workforce challenges, and collaborating with colleagues and partners to improve access, quality and patient experience. Thank you to everyone who continues to share your insights and expertise – together we can make a real difference.

Highlights

- Ultrasound Project
- All-Wales Role Resources
- “In Other News”



Ultrasound Project

Programme Priorities

Workstream 1. Booking & Scheduling

This includes the development of a national booking process, DNA & cancellation guidance and a standardised patient data input.

Workstream 2. Validation & Pathway Management

This will include guidance on clerical, clinical vetting procedures, referral and RTT guidance and standardised management pathways.

Workstream 3. Data and Reporting

This includes the development of a National minimum dataset for ultrasound and the standardisation of terminology and coding. These aim to improve service intelligence, benchmarking, and support wider patient pathways.

RSI Resources

Following discussions with sonographers across Wales, where work-related musculoskeletal disorders and RSI remained a significant concern, we have developed a series of podcasts exploring prevention, reporting and learning. These podcasts can be found here:

<https://youtu.be/nmR1bmRK0E8>

<https://youtu.be/vsSFLbrqK8o>





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NIAW Collaboration & Women's Health

We continue to work closely with colleagues at NIAW to establish a more robust and sustainable clinical training environment for student sonographers. Since December, a pilot training programme has been running to explore how dedicated clinical education models can increase placement capacity and support workforce growth.

We are working with NIAW to explore opportunities for enhancing sonographer skills in the detection and assessment of women's health conditions, including endometriosis. This work aims to strengthen workforce capability, improve diagnostic pathways and support earlier diagnosis for women across Wales.

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Workforce & Leadership

Earlier this year, Gill had the opportunity to speak at the Senedd as part of her leadership journey through the intensive Learning Academy Wales.

Whilst reflecting on her leadership experiences, she also highlighted some of the key challenges and opportunities facing ultrasound across Wales, including:

- Growing patient demand
- Workforce shortages
- The importance of national collaboration and standardisation
- The need for sustainable training models

This opportunity helped raise awareness of the vital role ultrasound plays in supporting patient care across NHS Wales.



All-Wales Role Resources

We are pleased to share that All-Wales job descriptions to support the Diagnostic Radiographer workforce have now completed the matching process and have been approved by Welsh Partnership Forum.

A comprehensive suite of All-Wales Job Descriptions from Radiology Clinical Support Worker to Advanced Practitioner is available via our [Resources](#) page, all available for download to support recruitment processes.

All-Wales Job Descriptions for Consultant Practitioners in Diagnostic Radiography, Sonography and Mammography have also been developed, matched and are in the final stages of approval by Welsh Partnership Forum. We will add these to our site as soon as possible.

We would like to thank all colleagues who have supported the development of these documents, providing consistency and optimisation across the NHS Wales diagnostic imaging workforce.

Training Opportunity

The National Imaging Academy Wales has confirmed they are able to support imaging services to develop Agored assessors within their radiographer workforce. Please contact imaging.academy@wales.nhs.uk for further details and to access this opportunity.

Radiology Nursing Workforce

The NIP has brought together a Task & Finish Group of key stakeholders from across NHS Wales, Trade Unions, Professional Bodies and Health Education and Improvement Wales to support the development of All-Wales Job Descriptions for the Band 5 and Band 6 Radiology Nursing Workforce. The T&F Group have had some great discussions, and we look forward to keeping you updated as this work progresses.



"In Other News"

UK Imaging & Oncology Conference

UKIO 2026 in Liverpool was attended by members of the team, along with Gill Lingwood's poster presentation on her work in ultrasound. Time was spent visiting suppliers on the stands, attending interesting lectures, meeting colleagues and building networks (as well as bagging a few freebie pens!). Ideas were gained for the NIPAC conference hopefully being held later this year. Watch this space.

Reporting Radiographer Meeting

For the first time in 20 years, the All-Wales Reporting Radiographer group met face-to-face at Neville Hall to establish and strengthen a national reporting radiography community and reinforce a shared focus on quality, patient-centred care, and governance-assured accuracy.

Site Visits

The National Imaging Programme is visiting Imaging departments across Wales to understand how Soliton/RISP is being used in practice. The visits explore booking, vetting, validation, data quality and reporting processes; identifying common challenges, local good practice and opportunities for national standardisation to support safer, more consistent imaging pathways and performance reporting.

All Wales Ultrasound Governance Document

All Wales Ultrasound Governance Document has been completed and that once it has been signed off at WSAC it will be shared with all health boards.

Amanda's Wedding!

Congratulations to our very own Amanda Evans, who begins her new chapter as Amanda Bell since her wonderful wedding day! Join us in wishing her and her new husband a lifetime of love, happiness, and cherished memories together.

