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Welcome to the fifteenth edition of the National Imaging Programme Newsletter!

Since the previous Newsletter, the National Imaging Programme Team, in conjunction with our colleagues at the National Imaging Academy of Wales, hosted the third National Imaging Programme Annual Conference to great success (see page 2 for more information). Furthermore, Emily has been working hard on launching our new SharePoint site, which will act as a hub for information and documentation going forward. Finally, as you may have noticed, we have also created a new and improved Newsletter design to not only to be (hopefully!) more aesthetically pleasing, but to keep our updates more succinct and easier to read.

We hope you enjoy the Newsletter and if you would like to be added to the circulation list, or have any feedback regarding our new design, please email NHSPi.National.Imaging.Programme@wales.nhs.uk

Highlights

- NIPAC Conference
- SharePoint Site Launch
- Sustainability and Decarbonisation in Imaging
- National Imaging Equipment and Capital Priorities (NIECP) Project update
- Reducing DNAs in Radiology





National Imaging Programme Annual Conference

On Friday 7th November, the 3rd National Imaging Programme Annual Conference took place at the National Imaging Academy of Wales and was a resounding success, bringing together experts and innovators from across the sector. Highlights included talks from Dr Steve Cross, who delivered an engaging and insightful session that energised attendees and highlighted the potential of bringing imaging professionals to the public eye to demonstrate the excellent work going on. The Dragon's Heart Institute showcased the importance of encouraging how leadership can come from every level. Finally, our very own Gill Lingwood's thoughtful story of her journey as a first-time researcher.



Together, these highlights created a forward-looking conference that left participants motivated and excited for the future of national imaging initiatives. The NIP would like to express our thanks for all those who attended and hope to see you all again next year!





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SharePoint

The National Imaging Programme is delighted to launch our new NHS Wales SharePoint site. The page is accessible to anyone with an NHS Wales e-mail address and is initially launched with the information and resources listed on the right:

You can find our new page [here](#)
Please let us know what information you'd like to see on this page and the team will take your ideas into consideration when continuing to build and develop this site. We are grateful for your feedback!



SharePoint Site Launch

- **Resources Page** – Here you can find an abundance of resources including national radiology agenda for change job descriptions, national guidance documents such as the 'Guidance for the procurement of radiation PPE', and useful links to external relevant organisations and resources
Newsletters – A catalogue of all our Newsletter editions.
- **Annual Conference** – Here you can find information on the Programme's Annual Conference including details of past agendas and sponsors
- **Quality Standards for Imaging (QSI)**
– Information on the QSI Quality Mark including links to the RCR website, the full Quality Standards and Development and Support tool. This page will be used to host nationally agreed supporting evidence such as guidance and process documents.



Sustainability and Decarbonisation in Imaging

RISP Lessons Learned Session

This quarter, following the go-live of the new Radiology Informatics System in Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, the All-Wales Imaging Quality Forum hosted a lessons learned session. In the session, colleagues from Betsi Cadwaladr shared their experience of the go-live including any teething issues and answered questions from other health boards. We will host a similar session with Hywel Dda University Health Board early next year. We hope the session provided useful insight to the health boards who are yet to go live and wish everyone all the best with their implementation!

In a previous edition of the newsletter, we shared some ideas on how to be greener at home. In this edition, we are sharing some ideas of how to save energy in the workplace!

- Work-based initiatives to save energy:
- Remote working – savings on travel emissions
- Green travel – cycle to work or use public transport where possible
- Use of QR codes instead of printing e.g. for patient surveys
- Phasing out unnecessary PPE – see ‘Gloves Off’ campaign
- Energy-efficient lighting/motion sensors
- Correct segregation of waste
- Digital patient information leaflets and discharge information
- Reduce use of paper – and if you do need to print, use recycled paper, double-sided and print in black and white
- Use powder-coated gloves
- Low-flow devices on water taps/toilets
- Appoint a departmental ‘green champion’ or make a departmental pledge

We hope you find these ideas inspiring – if you have implemented any similar initiatives in your radiology department(s) please get in touch to let us know about it and you could feature in a future newsletter!



Reducing DNAs in Radiology

We have recently undertaken a piece of work to understand current booking processes and how did not attends (DNAs) are managed in Radiology departments across NHS Wales. The information collated has been presented to Planned Care Strategic and Operational Group (PCSOG) and National Imaging Programme Steering Group (NIPSG) and we've had approval to establish a 'Reducing DNAs in Radiology Working Group'.

The group will work collaboratively to understand root causes, share best practice, and recommend sustainable improvements that enhance patient engagement and service efficiency. There is huge opportunity to realise a range of benefits, including: optimisation of resource utilisation, a reduction in waiting lists and cost savings from fewer wasted appointments. The inaugural meeting is scheduled for 14th January 2026, we are looking forward to working with members and sharing further updates!

National Imaging Equipment and Capital Priorities (NIECP) Project

Nuclear Medicine (NM) and DEXA (DXA) Leads attended a Task & Finish Group meeting on 17th November to review the NIECP process and agree any necessary updates to bring both modalities fully into scope. We are pleased to confirm that the sixth iteration, commencing in Spring 2026, will formally include all NM and DXA equipment.

