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| About us

The Primary Care Division is part of the Health and Well-being Directorate of Public Health Wales. Our work is aligned to supporting transformation and prevention in primary care and dental public health improvement.

| A year in review

All areas of the Primary Care Division were impacted by staff re-deployment or priority changes as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic although the team have recovered well to deliver ambitious plans. We continue to focus on recovery as part of future plans and workstreams to ensure that the division delivers against the expectations outlined by Welsh Government and the Strategic Programme for Primary Care (SPPC).

| The headlines

In this newsletter you will learn of the progress that the Primary Care Division has made over the last 12 months. Headlines include:

- Cluster Planning Support Portal now live
- Accelerated Cluster Development Toolkit now available
- Greener Primary Health Care Framework and Award Scheme set to launch on 05/06/2022
- All Wales Diabetes Prevention Programme moves to implementation phase
- Primary Care Obesity Prevention reports published and Action Plan developed
- Social prescribing landscape report published
- General Dental Services Reform Programme has restarted
- Planning is underway with the Community Dental Services across Wales for a national dental survey of 5 year olds in Wales

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For further information and queries, or to give feedback, please contact PrimaryCare.One@Wales.nhs.uk



| Transformation

Supporting our partners in the delivery of national plans for the transformation of primary and community care in Wales

The Greener Primary Care Framework and Award Scheme

Building on early engagement work and a successful pilot by 12 practices across the four contractor professions, the framework is expected to formally launch in June 2022 to coincide with World Environment Day. Prior to its national launch, a smaller invite-only "soft" launch on 10 May will be centred on a webinar for Phase 3 pilot sites (100+ practices invited).



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Prevention Activities in Primary Care

Contractual levers for prevention activities in primary care were informed by evidence reviews for community pharmacy, primary care dental practice and community optometry, submitted to Welsh Government for consideration as part of contract reform work during 2022-23.

Eye Health Improvement Agenda

The eye health improvement agenda has been supported through public health specialist advice and input relating to policy positions, contract reform, cluster working, and the conduct of an all-Wales eye health needs assessment.



Cluster Planning Support Portal is now live

Scan the QR code using your smart phone to visit. The portal indexes resources from across the system in Wales that may assist in producing and refreshing cluster/ pan-cluster planning group annual plans.

Veteran Health Guidance for General Practices

Development of veteran health guidance for general practices in Wales has progressed in partnership with the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP), Welsh Government and other key partners, and will launch in June 2022 to support Armed Forces Day.

Primary Care Model for Wales

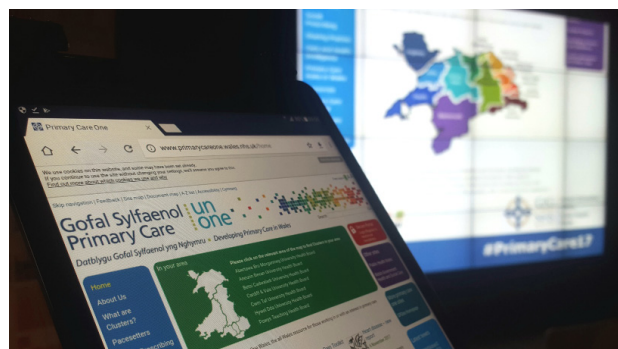
We delivered a Primary Care Model for Wales (PCMW) and Accelerated Cluster Development (ACD) implementation [monitoring and evaluation plan](#) to SPPC colleagues, setting out how these transformation ambitions will provide assurance of progress, shared learning, and support joining up of local and regional plans (the plan describes the step-wise introduction of several supporting tools and products, with initial emphasis on a transition year peer review process).

Pacesetter programme 2022-2023

Following the release of the Year 1 interim report in summer 2021 a report on the full of two year programme has been drafted and is anticipated to be released in Q1/Q2.

Primary Care One

The Primary Care One website continues to be updated regularly and aspires to be the go-to information source for primary care colleagues.



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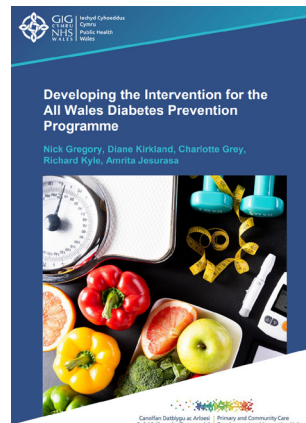
Developing a coordinated approach to prevention in primary and community care

All-Wales Diabetes Prevention Programme (AWDPP)

The All Wales Diabetes Prevention Programme aims to provide an effective, equitable approach to type 2 diabetes prevention delivered through primary care across Wales. Now in the implementation phase, the AWDPP will launch during June 2022 to coincide with Diabetes Awareness Week (13th-17th June 2022).

We have worked in collaboration with multi-disciplinary professionals to develop the intervention design, delivery model and evaluation approach.

Funding from the Welsh Government ensures that dedicated healthcare support workers and dietetic leads are being recruited to deliver the AWDPP in 14 primary care cluster areas. Additionally, funding from individual health boards, clusters and the SPPC Fund will enable additional clusters to be involved in Wave 1 of the programme



Primary Care Obesity Prevention Action Plan

Two reports, developed and published in September 2021, describe the [*Primary care needs of people living with obesity in Wales*](#) and [*Behavioural insights from the primary care workforce on supporting weight management*](#). Recommendations from these reports have informed the development of an Action Plan to support implementation of the primary care elements of the 2021 All Wales Weight Management Pathway and this has been supported and overseen by a Primary Care Obesity Prevention Steering Group, led by the Primary Care Hub.



Social Prescribing

In March 2022, the PC Hub hosted an engagement event for primary and community care colleagues across Wales. The purpose of this was to share information about the social prescribing landscape in Wales, to outline the developing national framework and seek engagement from primary and community care colleagues. At the event, we shared the findings of a report entitled [*'Understanding Social Prescribing in Wales: A Mixed Methods Study'*](#), which was the product of a grant collaboration between the PC Hub, the University of South Wales, and Data Cymru. This report, as well as work to develop logic models to understand the activities and outputs needed to support the high level goals of social prescribing, are feeding into the development of the national framework for social prescribing.



| Dental Public Health

Supporting and leading oral health and dental services improvement in Wales

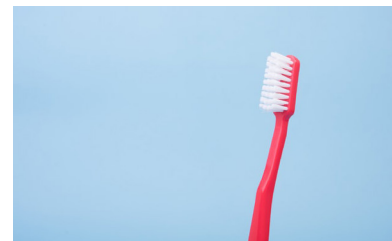
General Dental Services Reform Programme (GDS)

The GDS Reform Programme started in September 2017 with an action learning approach and ultimate aim of developing dental services that deliver preventative and needs based dental care, focused on achieving outcomes for their patient population. The programme was paused during the pandemic, and restarted on 1st April 2022. Working with colleagues from Welsh Government, health boards and Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW), a programme structure has been developed that will be reviewed on a regular basis.

We organised an engagement event on 9th March 2022, which provided an opportunity for dental teams and others to understand the programme and proposed metrics for 2022/23. Practices joining the reform programme will focus on delivery of alternative measures instead of Units of Dental Activity.

Further information at:

<https://primarycareone.nhs.wales/topics1/dental-public-health/dental-reform>



Quality Improvement in the General Dental Services

We host bi-annual GDS Quality and Safety Forum meetings that bring together multiple stakeholders to consider policies/guidance and opportunities and challenges around implementation within health boards, Healthcare Inspectorate Wales, HEIW, NHSBSA and dental practices. The forum provides opportunities to share learning between relevant organisations and networking for all Dental Practice Advisors in Wales.

We nationally co-ordinate and lead ongoing development of the annual Quality Assurance SelfAssessment toolkit. This toolkit sets out minimum standards that dental practices need to achieve to ensure the quality and safety of staff and patients, although the main intention is to promote and ensure quality improvement (QI). A number of funded QI projects are available through HEIW. For further information: <https://heiw.nhs.wales/education-and-training/dental/quality-improvement/>

Dental Public Health Advice and Support

In addition to national programmes, we provide advice and support to a number of organisations and committees in Wales including Welsh Government, HEIW and Welsh Dental Committee. We provide strategic advice and support to health boards and other local stakeholders engaged in developing and implementing local oral health and dental service improvement plans.

Dental Epidemiology Programme in Wales

Planning is underway with the Community Dental Services across Wales for a national dental survey of 5 year olds in Wales in the academic year 2022/23. The programme had been suspended since 2020 due to the pandemic.

Designed to Smile

The Designed to Smile school and nursery tooth brushing and fluoride varnish programmes have restarted following redeployment of staff during the pandemic. Prior to 2020, over 1500 settings across Wales were involved, and it will take some time to return to that level of activity. Follow us on Twitter: [@D2S_Wales](#) or visit <https://phw.nhs.wales/services-and-teams/designed-to-smile>

