



# Newsletter

May 2022

## Programme Focus

In April 2020, the NEP developed a recovery plan that was put to the Welsh Government in April 2020. In October 2021 the Welsh Government Minister for Health and Social Care approved the NEP recovery plan, setting out the overall approach to include:

1. Maximising outputs from existing units
2. Continuing health board short term additional activity i.e., insourcing, waiting list initiatives
3. Considering business cases for permanent local increases in capacity
4. Procurement of managed service contracts to develop regional units

The NEP is working closely with Health Boards to work through this approach, in addition to continuing to make progress against the published NEP action plan.

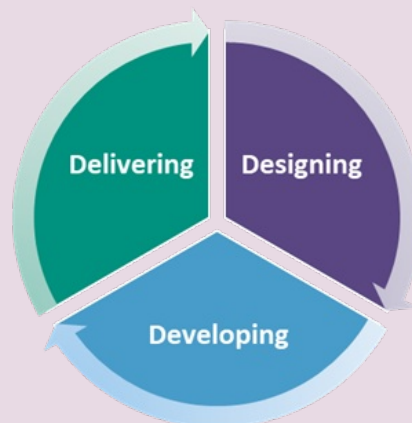
## Spotlight On Building the Future Endoscopy Workforce Together!

The NEP recently hosted an interactive workshop "**Building the Future Endoscopy Workforce (in Wales) Together**" – we had a great turnout of over thirty colleagues from across our Endoscopy Community within Wales.

We asked endoscopy colleagues across different professions "what does a good future look like?" focusing on the following themes:-

- **Our existing and future workforce**
- **Advances in technology and digitalisation**
- **Alternative workforce models (and roles)**
- **Training and developing our workforce**

The discussion generated a number of concepts in order to shape the foundations of a national workforce plan.



**Our Commitment:** The NEP will continue work with those closest to delivering patient care to design, develop and deliver sustainable solutions for the current and future endoscopy workforce.

**Next Steps:** We will be shortly hosting a further workshop and have set up a monthly Workforce Stakeholder Group to take a number of these proposed solutions forward.

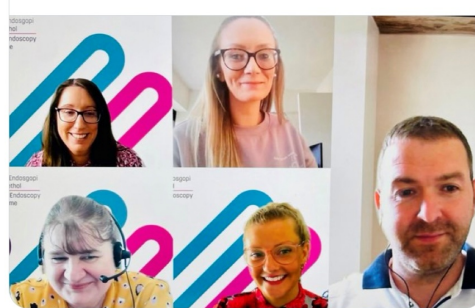
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## Endoscopy Workforce Community coming soon on Teams!

**Want to connect with endoscopy colleagues across Wales?**

**Register your interest to join our new Endoscopy Workforce Community on Teams today using the link below!**

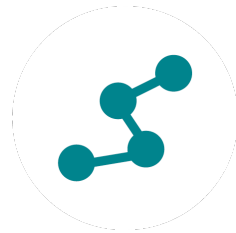
This area will host a series of workforce related resources, including; workforce planning guidance, templates, a Job Description library and more. It will provide the opportunity to have a chat, share learning and good practice.

[Click here to Register \(Link to email\)](#)

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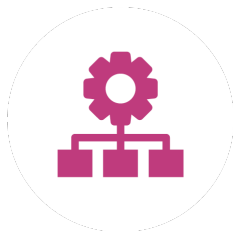
### Clinical Pathways

- Thank you to all those who contributed, attended and supported us in putting on the All Wales Symptomatic FIT event on the 27th of April. There was a fantastic turnout, with inspiring and informative presentations which provoked some great discussion. See below on how to access the recordings!
- We are delighted to announce that our application to Bevan Commission Planned Care Innovation Programme for funding to pilot CCE in Wales was successful. In the coming months we will be busy working with 4 health boards to start up their pilots. Read more about Colon Capsule Endoscopy [here](#). Look out for our Clinical Pathways newsletter next month for more information on this and the rest of our workstream news.



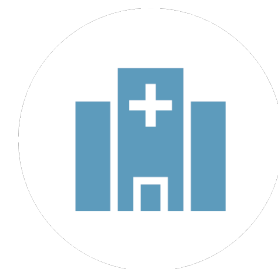
### Demand and Capacity

- Health boards have submitted updated demand and capacity models to the programme.
- Results from updated modelling have been collated and presented to the board and regional groups.
- Ongoing engagement with regional groups to determine capacity gaps and provision of further support as necessary



### Facilities and Infrastructure

- 8 units identified as capable of achieving JAG accreditation in the next 12-18 months
- Programme is continuing to offer support to Health Boards on the JAG accreditation standards. This includes monthly drop-in sessions & a share-point site on MS teams which provides standardised templates and audit documentation to support timely local progress in achieving or maintaining compliance against the defined JAG standards.
- Refreshed decontamination audits undertaken by Shared Services and supplied to Health Board teams to support formulation of local action plans. Programme is supporting Health Boards by escalating key risk areas.
- Programme looking to develop a 'Green Endoscopy' checklist with the BSG to be circulated to Health Board teams to improve the sustainability & efficiency of endoscopy practice.





### Workforce, Training & Development

- Workforce Stakeholder Task-force established which includes endoscopy representatives across Wales to take forward distinct pieces of work
- NEP have developed a number of bench-marked role profiles to be matched nationally and shared across Wales as good practice
- Marketing campaign in development with Health Boards to raise profile of endoscopy and highlight career pathways within profession (both nationally and internationally)
- Endoscopy community (workforce) communication network established
- Plans in place for next national workforce event (July) – building upon Workshop 1: Shaping the Future Endoscopy Workforce Together

For further information and updates, [click here](#) to visit the programme's workstream web page!

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## All Wales Symptomatic FIT event

A virtual event was held on the 27th of April 2022 for healthcare professionals across Wales in primary and secondary care to discuss symptomatic FIT in the Lower Gastro-Intestinal Pathway.

We hope you really enjoyed attending this event - it was great to have many colleagues join the virtual event!

***Missed the event or would like to re-watch the presentations? - Head over to our YouTube playlist where videos from Session 1 & Session 2 can be found.***

[Click here to view recordings](#)

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## Informatics

### Welsh Clinical Portal (WCP) Test Requests

In a joint collaboration between the **National Endoscopy Programme (NEP)**, **Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW)** and **ERS Supplier Medilogik Ltd**, a recent update was applied to the Welsh Clinical Portal (WCP) at Hywel Dda University Health Board and Swansea Bay University Health Board.

Welsh Clinical Portal is an application that is available to health professionals to access to digital patient records across hospitals and Health Boards in Wales.

The update enabled health professionals the ability to access patient endoscopy and bronchoscopy test results all within WCP. The benefit of this work will enable Health Boards the ability to receive instantaneous patient updates within a single digital health record whilst omitting the use and time constraints of using multiple systems.

These are the second and third Health Boards in Wales that have patient endoscopy and bronchoscopy test results enabled within WCP – the first being Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board in May 2021.

### Powys Endoscopy Management System Go-Live

Under the above collaboration, Medilogik Endoscopy Management System recently went live at Powys Teaching Health Board. This change has enabled Powys endoscopy teams (including admins) the ability to link identifiers for patient lists and clinics into the Medilogik management application. Powys are now the first Health Board in Wales to utilise a cloud instance of the Medilogik Endoscopy Management System.

This change has benefited the endoscopy department as a whole and subsequently allowed Powys to move away from their legacy product. The project was run end-to-end in 46 days (from initiation to delivery) which is

a testament to all the hard work undertaken to achieve a technically complex piece of work in such short timescales.

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