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|  <b>GIG</b><br>CYMRU<br><b>NHS</b><br>WALES         Iechyd Cyhoeddus<br>Cymru<br>Public Health<br>Wales | <b>Name of Meeting</b><br>Knowledge, Research and<br>Information Committee<br><b>Date of Meeting</b><br>8 March 2023<br><b>Agenda item:</b><br>5.1a |
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| <b>Research and Evaluation Strategy Priorities</b> |  |
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| <b>Approval/Scrutiny route:</b> | Discussed at Executive Team Meeting- Feb 2023 |
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| <b>Purpose</b><br><p>This paper provides an overview of the development of the refreshed Public Health Wales (PHW) Research and Evaluation Strategy including priorities identified through internal and external engagement.</p> <p>We have consulted externally through engagement by the James Lind Alliance and internally with PHW long-term strategic leads / groups, BET and the PHW Executive team, to develop our research and evaluation priorities.</p> |
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| <b>Recommendation:</b>   |   |                                       |                                   |                                       |
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| The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Receive and consider</b> this paper on the development of the PHW Research and Evaluation Strategy.</li> <li>• <b>Provide views</b> on the emerging priority evaluation areas and research questions under each PHW strategic theme.</li> </ul> |   |                                       |                                   |                                       |

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| <b>Link to Public Health Wales <a href="#">Strategic Plan</a></b><br><br>Public Health Wales has an agreed strategic plan, which has identified seven strategic priorities and well-being objectives. |
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This report contributes to the following:

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| <b>Strategic Priority/Well-being Objective</b> | All Strategic Priorities/Well-being Objectives |
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### Summary impact analysis

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| <b>Equality and Health Impact Assessment</b> | No Equality and Health Impact Assessment has been undertaken as a decision is not required by the Committee.                         |
| <b>Risk and Assurance</b>                    | Not identified as a risk on the Corporate Risk Register or Board Assurance Framework   |
| <b>Health and Care Standards</b>             | This report supports and takes into account the <a href="#">Health and Care Standards for NHS Wales</a> Quality Themes<br>All themes |
| <b>Financial implications</b>                | None   |
| <b>People implications</b>                   | The process applies to all staff undertaking research and evaluation.  |

## **1. Purpose / situation**

The research and evaluation strategy is being refreshed to include research and evaluation priorities. This is an enabling strategy which will support PHWs long-term strategy.

Since the KRIC meeting of 10 March 2022, we have been progressing four pieces of work:

1. Research mapping exercise of current Public Health Wales (PHW) research activities.
2. User research into the value users place on our current research, knowledge, analysis, and statistical products and how we can improve their impact.
3. Research by the James Lind Alliance into the research and evaluation needs of our stakeholders.
4. Internal engagement with long-term strategy leads and workshops with Public Health Wales staff, BET and the PHW Executive team to identify interventions/policies for evaluation and key research gaps.

These pieces of work have now been completed and we have pulled together emerging areas/ policies for evaluation (aligned to the PHW IMTP) and research questions under each PHW long-term strategy theme to help develop our refreshed research and evaluation strategy.

Attached in Annex A is a presentation outlining the principles underpinning our research and evaluation work in PHW and our emerging Areas of Research Interest.

The areas of research interest have been developed

- in discussion with the leads/groups that have developed the themes underpinning the long-term strategy to identify perceived gaps
- by analysing the draft of the IMTP
- in discussion with the Executive Team

There is further work to develop these further following the meeting by

- sharing with key stakeholders as out-lined in the presentation
- testing with key academics whether these are actual evidence gaps or not
- refine into the areas Public Health Wales will lead ourselves

Finally, this will be woven together into a strategy document setting out our principles, ways of working, staff development and areas of research interest.

This will be brought to KRIC in June for sign-off.

## 1. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Through the development of the strategy, we are striving to meet the approaches in the Act throughout the process.



*The strategy considers the needs of a generation. We are ensuring research and evaluation priorities and ways of working are transparent, so that future changes and unknown technology developments can be taken in our stride. The research and evaluation outputs we design need to find a balance between immediacy and completeness, offering a pragmatic mix of the two.*



*We are identifying research and evaluation priorities which focus on preventing problems occurring and health inequalities to ensure the health and wellbeing of future generations are considered.*



*Our data and research will be designed to be open by default and secure by design. We should trust other members of the NHS by default and seek to be interoperable and collaborative with our partner organisations.*



*In a similar vein to integration, the strategy encourages and enables us to work openly with a wider group of partners to deliver excellent research and evaluation.*



*The strategy considers the needs of the people who interact with us, both as service users, as researchers, as clinicians and more. By ensuring that everyone involved in the design and delivery of the strategy as well as our research and evaluation products, we can involve more people at every stage, and have*

*better services and greater equality of access to them.*

**The Committee is asked to**

- **Receive and consider** this paper on the development of the PHW Research and Evaluation Strategy.
- **Provide views** on the emerging priority evaluation areas and research questions under each PHW strategic theme.

**Iain Bell**

**Executive Director of Data, Knowledge and Research**

**27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**