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Knowledge, Research and  
Information Committee  
**Date of Meeting**  
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**Agenda item:**  
5.1

**Research and Evaluation Strategy Priorities**

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<b>Approval/Scrutiny route:</b>	<p>Discussed at Executive Team Meeting and the newly formed Research and Evaluation Oversight Group.</p> <p>The Executive Team reviewed the draft on 6 June, and made comments around style, and these comments will be combined with the comments from the Knowledge, Research and Information Committee to produce the final version of the Strategy for presentation to Board.</p>
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**Purpose**

This paper provides an overview of the development and completion of the refreshed Public Health Wales (PHW) Research and Evaluation Strategy.

**Recommendation:**

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The Committee is asked to:

- **Receive** the PHW Research and Evaluation Strategy.
- **Recommend** the Research and Evaluation Strategy to the Board for final approval.

**Link to Public Health Wales [Strategic Plan](#)**

Public Health Wales has an agreed strategic plan, which has identified seven strategic priorities and well-being objectives.

This report contributes to the following:

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

<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  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 PHW Research and Evaluation strategy has been refreshed for 2023. This is an enabling strategy which will support PHWs long-term strategy.

Since the KRIC meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023, we have:

1. 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.
2. Set-up and delivered the first meeting of the Research and Evaluation Oversight Group which has senior cross-divisional PHW membership. This Group has given feedback on the Research and Evaluation Strategy and each divisional lead is working to further develop our emerging Areas of Research and Evaluation Interest.

The PHW research and evaluation priority areas will follow on from the strategy and will be presented as a separate document called 'PHW Areas of Research and Evaluation Interest'. This document will be regularly updated as emerging research questions and evaluation priorities develop.

This will be brought to KRIC in September 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 Executive Team is asked to:

- **Receive** the PHW Research and Evaluation Strategy.
- **Recommend** the Research and Evaluation Strategy to the KRIC an Board for final approval.

**Iain Bell**

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

**30<sup>th</sup> May 2023**