



23 July 2013

Dear Colleague,

The National Assembly for Wales' Health and Social Care Committee is undertaking an **inquiry into access to medical technologies in Wales.**

The terms of reference of the inquiry are:

- To examine how the NHS assesses the potential benefits of new or alternative medical technologies;
- To examine the need for, and feasibility of, a more joined up approach to commissioning in this area;
- To examine the ways in which NHS Wales engages with those involved in the development/ manufacture of new medical technologies;
- To examine the financial barriers that may prevent the timely adoption of effective new medical technologies, and innovative mechanisms by which these might be overcome.

These terms of reference have been informed by the [consultation conducted by the Committee in autumn 2012 on the scope of the inquiry](#). **Please note that the Committee does not intend to discuss access to medicines as part of this inquiry, only medical technologies.**

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Invitation to contribute to the inquiry

The Committee welcomes evidence from both individuals and organisations. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.

We will be holding oral evidence sessions in New Year 2014, so it would be helpful if you could indicate in your submission whether you would be prepared to give oral evidence, if invited.

Generally, we ask for submissions to be made in writing, because it is normal practice for the National Assembly to publish evidence provided to a Committee on our internet site so that it becomes part of the public record. However, we are also able to accept evidence in audio or video format. The Committee welcomes contributions in English or Welsh, and we ask organisations with Welsh Language policies / schemes to provide bilingual responses, where applicable, in line with their public information policies.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to HSCCommittee@wales.gov.uk.

Alternatively, you can write to: Committee Clerk, Health and Social Care Committee, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Submissions should arrive by **Friday 18 October 2013**. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

Submissions should:

- be no longer than five sides of A4;
- contain numbered paragraphs;
- (if submitted electronically) should preferably be Word documents, not pdf files; and
- should focus on the terms of reference outlined above.

For your information, the Committee has invited submissions from those on the attached distribution list. We would be grateful if you could forward a copy of the letter to any individuals or organisations that are not included on this list, but might like to contribute to the inquiry. A copy of this letter has

been placed on the National Assembly's website with an open invitation to submit views.

Disclosure of Information

It is normal practice for the National Assembly to publish evidence provided to a Committee. Consequently your response may appear in a report or in supplementary evidence to a report. The National Assembly will not publish information which it considers to be personal data.

In the event of a request for information submitted under UK legislation, it may be necessary to disclose the information that you provide. This may include information which has previously been removed by the National Assembly for publication purposes.

If you are providing any information, other than personal data, which you feel is not suitable for public disclosure, it is up to you to stipulate which parts should not be published and to provide a reasoned argument to support this. The National Assembly will take this into account when publishing information or responding to requests for information.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David F. Rees." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'D' and 'R'.

David Rees AM
Chair

Annex: Distribution list

Health Boards

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board

Aneurin Bevan Health Board

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

Cardiff & Vale University Health Board

Cwm Taf Health Board

Hywel Dda Health Board

Powys Teaching Health Board

Health Trusts

Public Health Wales NHS Trust

Velindre NHS Trust

Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust

Community Health Councils

Board of Community Health Councils in Wales

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg CHC

Aneurin Bevan CHC

Betsi Cadwaladr CHC

Brecknock and Radnor CHC

Cardiff & The Vale CHC

Cwm Taf CHC

Hywel Dda CHC

Montgomery CHC

Official Agencies

All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG)

Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales

Care Council for Wales

Children's Commissioner for Wales

Equality and Human Rights Commission

Food Standards Agency

Health and Safety Executive

Health Protection Agency
Health Solutions Wales
Health and Wellbeing Best Practice and Innovation Board
Healthcare Inspectorate Wales
Institute of Rural Health
Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)
National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE)
NHS Shared Services Partnership
NICE Medical Technologies Evaluation Programme (MTEP)
NHS Wales Informatics Service
Older People's Commissioner for Wales
Social Services Improvement Agency
Surgical Materials Testing Laboratory
Wales Audit Office
Welsh Health Advisory Committees (including Welsh Scientific Advisory Committee)
Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee

Professional Bodies and Trade Associations

Academy of Royal Colleges in Wales
Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Alliance
Association for Clinical Biochemistry
Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland
Association of Breast Surgery
Association of British Neurologists
Association of British Healthcare Industries (ABHI)
Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI)
Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland
Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons of Great Britain & Ireland
Association of Healthcare Technology Providers for Imaging, Radiotherapy and Care (AXrEM)
Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland
Bournemouth Diabetes & Endocrine Centre
British Association for Surgery of the Knee
British Association for the Study of Headache

British Association for the Study of the Liver
British Association of Dermatologists
British Association of Head & Neck Oncologists
British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
British Association of Otorhinolaryngologists, Head and Neck Surgeons
British Association of Paediatric Endoscopic Surgeons
British Association of Paediatric Surgeons
British Association of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgeons
British Association of Social Workers
British Association of Spinal Surgeons
British Association of Stroke Physicians (BASP)
British Association of Surgical Oncology
British Association of Thyroid & Endocrine Surgeons
British Association of Urological Surgeons
British Cardiovascular Intervention Society
British Cardiovascular Society
British Dental Association (BDA) Wales
British Elbow and Shoulder Society
British Gynaecological Cancer Society
British Hip Society
British HIV Association
British In Vitro Diagnostics Association (BIVDA)
British Limb Reconstruction Society
British Maternal and Fetal Medicine Society
British Medical Association (BMA) Wales
British Medical Laser Association
British Neuro-Oncology Society
British Orthodontic Society
British Orthopaedic Association
British Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society
British Orthopaedic Specialists Association
British Paediatric Neurology Association
British Society for Surgery of the Hand
British Society of Breast Radiology
British Society of Gastroenterology

British Society of Interventional Radiology
British Society of Neuroradiologists
British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine
British Society of Skeletal Radiologists
British Thoracic Society
British Transplantation Society
Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
College of Emergency Medicine
College of Occupational Therapists
College of Optometrists
Community Pharmacy Wales
DTR medical
GlaxoSmithKline
General Chiropractic Council
General Dental Council
General Medical Council
General Pharmaceutical Council
General Optical Council
General Osteopathic Council
Health Professions Council
Heart Rhythm UK
Hospital Consultants' and Specialists' Association
Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine
Medi Wales
Medical Technology Group
Nursing and Midwifery Council
Paediatric Intensive Care Society
Pancreatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland
Royal College of Anaesthetists
Royal College of General Practitioners
Royal College of General Practitioners Clinical Innovation and Research
Centre
Royal College of Nursing
Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
Royal College of Ophthalmologists

Royal College of Paediatricians and Child Health
Royal College of Physicians London
Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow
Royal College of Psychiatrists
Royal College of Radiologists
Royal College of Surgeons
Royal Pharmaceutical Society
Society for Research in Rehabilitation
Society of British Neurological Surgeons
Society of Cardiothoracic Surgeons in Great Britain & Ireland
Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists
The Society and College of Radiographers
The British Pain Society
United Kingdom & Ireland Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons
Urology Trade Association
Vascular Society
Welsh Association for Gastroenterology and Endoscopy (WAGE)
Welsh Intensive Care Society (WICS)
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health

Charities and Third Sector

Association of Medical Research Charities
Action on Hearing Loss Cymru
Age Alliance Wales
Afasic
Age Cymru
Alzheimers' Society
Arthritis Care Wales
Arthritis Research UK
ASBAH Cymru (Association of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Cymru)
Bevan Foundation
Brain and Spine Foundation
British Cardiac Patients Association
British Heart Foundation

British Lung Foundation
Cancer Research UK
Carers Trust
Carers Wales
Centre for Independent Living
Children in Wales
Contact a Family
Cystic Fibrosis Trust
Dementia UK
Diabetes UK
Disability Wales
Epilepsy Action Cymru
Genetic Alliance UK
Hafal
Heart Research UK
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Macmillan Cancer Support
Marie Curie Cancer Care
Mencap Cymru
Motor Neurone Disease Association
Multiple Sclerosis Society
Muscular Dystrophy Campaign
Parkinson's UK Cymru
The Patients Association
Prostate Cancer UK
Rare Disease UK
Scope Cymru
Stonewall Cymru
Stroke Association
Tenovus
WCVA
Work Foundation
Wellcome Trust

Academia

Welsh Institute for Health and Social Care (WIHSC)
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Prof. Dyfrig Hughes, Bangor University – Centre for Health Economics and
Medicines Evaluation
Bangor University School of Medical Sciences
Bangor University School of Social Sciences
Cambridge University Health Partners
Cardiff University
Cardiff University School of Medicine
Cedar NHS Evaluation Centre
ESRC Centre for the Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics
Health Communication Research Centre
Imperial College Academic Health Science Collaboration
Institute of Medical and Social Care Research
King's Health Partners
Manchester Academic Health Science Collaboration
Medical Research Council (MRC)
National Institute for Health Research Horizon Scanning Centre (NHSC)
Older People & Ageing Research and Development Network (OPAN Cymru)
Prof. Ceri Phillips, Swansea University – Swansea Centre for Health Economics
Swansea University Centre for Innovative Ageing
Swansea University College of Medicine
Swansea University Public Health and Policy Studies
The Wales Gene Park
UCL Partners
UK Clinical Research Collaboration (UKCRC)
University of South Wales – Health Economics & Policy Research Unit (HEPRU)

Others

All those who provided [responses to the consultation on the scope of the inquiry](#) will be sent the call for written evidence.