

Pharmacy Research Wales

A pathway to leadership in multi-disciplinary health & care research

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Pharmacy Research Wales launches a new strategy for research in Wales

The Pharmacy Research Wales collaboration is delighted to be formally launching 'Pharmacy Research for Wales: a 5 year strategic action plan for research in Pharmacy'.

There is room for improvement in the way the NHS in Wales uses the £800 million it spends on medicines each year. It is of vital importance that much needed new services and initiatives in the use and safety of medicines are underpinned by high quality evidence of clinical and cost effectiveness. The pharmacy research workforce must be ready to meet these current and future demands. The strategy therefore seeks to increase the capacity and capability of pharmacy professionals in Wales by creating equity in the research training opportunities available to pharmacy professionals and to harness the unique, patient-focused perspectives that they can bring to medicines use research.

Multi-disciplinary research is essential for the rapid adoption and diffusion of the best, transformative and most innovative ideas, products and clinical practices. The recommendations made in this strategy represent the first necessary steps for pharmacy professional in Wales to support, and eventually lead, multi-disciplinary research in health and care, particularly relating to medicines safety and use.

Dr Sarah Hiom, Chair of the Pharmacy Research Wales Steering Group notes 'we are delighted to be able to share our strategy with our pharmacy colleagues, the wider healthcare professional teams and the public across Wales. With a new website designed to engage, inform and support pharmacy professionals we hope to open the discussion about research into pharmacy and medicines use and provide the opportunity for practitioners across healthcare to collaborate through research'.

Details of the strategy and the groups work are available at www.pharmacyresearch.wales

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Notes to editors

[Pharmacy Research Wales](http://www.pharmacyresearch.wales) is multi-stakeholder collaboration established to develop a pharmacy research strategy for Wales and is led by the All Wales Chief Pharmacists Committee. The strategic action plan is primarily aimed at Pharmacy Practitioners interested in medicines use research that can influence practice and policy to benefit the health of the people in Wales and beyond, however multi-disciplinary research and working with all healthcare professionals is encouraged.