

Agenda Item

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Quality Safety and Outcomes Sub-Committee
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Policy Group Report

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Acronyms / Glossary of Terms	
AWMSG	All Wales Medicines Strategy Group
NICE	National Institute for Clinical Excellence
NWJCC	NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee

1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

This report provides NHW Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (NWJCC) Quality, Safety and Outcomes Sub-Committee with an update on activity and output from the NWJCC Policy Group during the period 01 April 2025 – 16 February 2026.

2. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

2.1 Policy work undertaken this financial year

The following data includes information for the current financial year up to and including the 16 February 2026. There are currently 235 policies and service specifications listed on the NWJCC Policy Register. Of these, 169 are published and 66 are in progress, under review or on hold. Policy development and review work for the financial year up until 16 February 2026 is shown in Figure 1. The detailed list of all policies published this financial year is shown in Appendix 1.

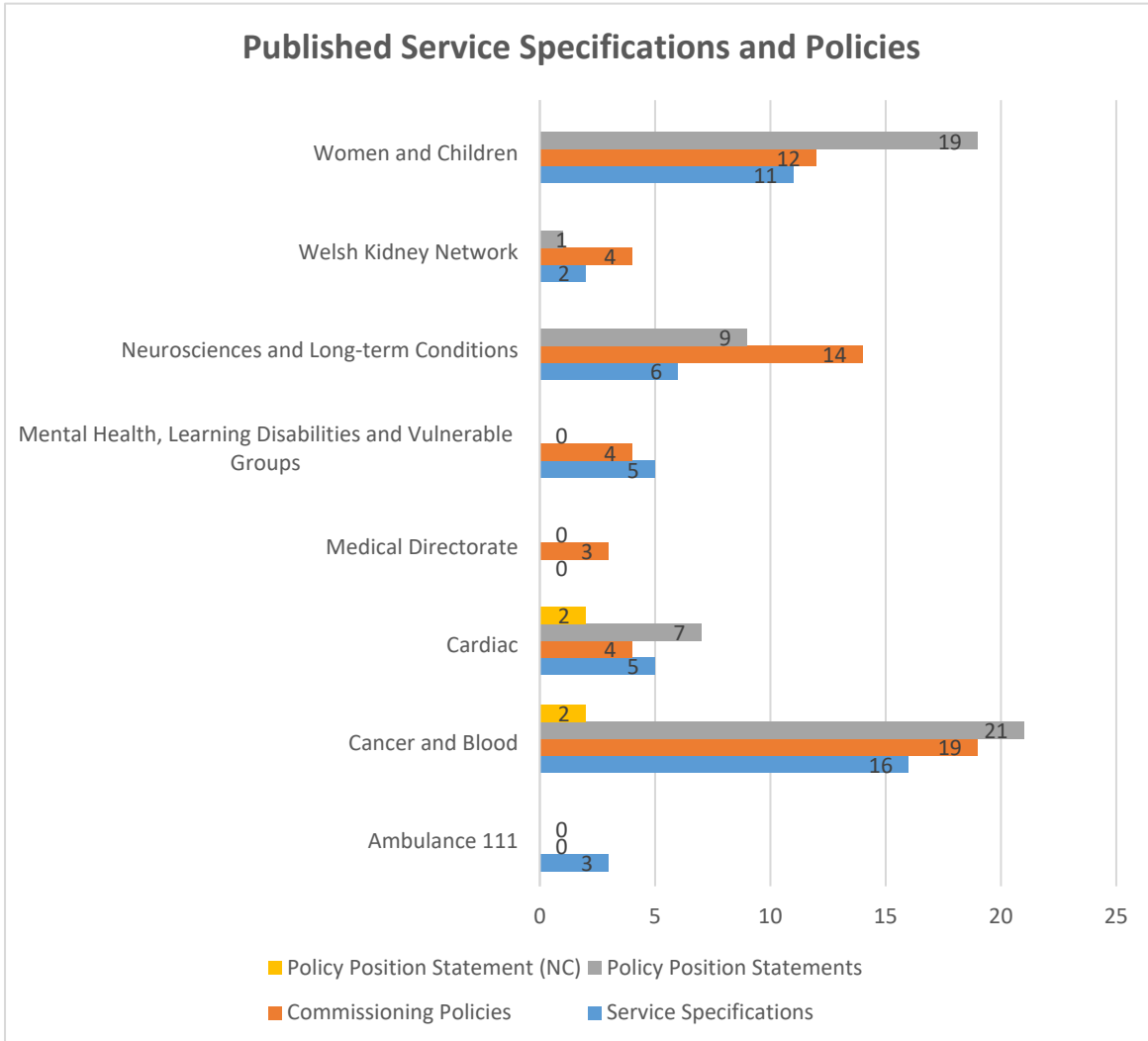
Figure 1 - Policy development/review activity for 1 April 2025 – 16 February 2026

	Policies issued for consultation	Consultations closed	Policies published	New proposals added to register	Policies stood down
April 2025	3	3	3	1	0
May 2025	0	2	0	0	0
June 2025	4	5	4	6	0
July 2025	6	0	0	5	0
August 2025	3	5	4	1	0
September 2025	5	4	5	1	0
October 2025	0	7	15	0	2
November 2025	4	0	1	0	0
December 2025	0	2	0	0	0
January 2026	5	2	0	0	0
February (up to 16th)	3	4	7	0	0

2.2 Current position of published policies

There are 169 published policies available on the NWJCC website. Data are presented on these policies by commissioning team and type (Figure 2).

Figure 2 – Published policies by team and type as of 16 February 2026



Of these 169 published policies, there are:

- 133 published policies within their review date
- 36 published policies outside their review date
 - 10 of which are under review
 - 22 of which are not currently being reviewed
 - 4 of which the review is on hold
- 27 published policies under review (**Appendix 2**)
 - 16 published policies within review date and under review
 - 11 published policies outside review date and under review
- 9 published policies whose review is on hold (**Appendix 2**)

2.3 Current position of new policies

There are 66 new policies at various stages of development within the policy process. These are listed in **Appendix 3**. This total includes policies which have been registered with the Policy Team but have yet to enter the scoping phase of development.

- 46 new policies in progress
- 1 new policy at validation
- 3 new policy proposal
- 16 new policies on hold

2.4 Current policy consultation and publication work

As of 16th February 2026 there are:

- 9 policies approved by Policy Group for publication
- 4 policies approved by Policy Group for consultation

3. KEY RISKS / MATTERS FOR ESCALATION

3.1 Development of policy pages on the new NWJCC website

Work has now been completed to move the NWJCC clinical policies and any associated documents onto the NWJCC website and the legacy WHSSC website has now been closed. Work is continuing to ensure that the most up to date versions of all policies and service specifications are available and to publish new and updated policies as they are approved by Policy Group.

Future website work is planned to develop a searchable list of policies, which will also include a copy of the completed WLIA and a themed and anonymised consultation comments and response document.

3.2 Policy Group ToR update

A Task and Finish Group consisting of the Chair and Vice Chair of Policy Group together with input from Corporate and Planning are undertaking a revision of the membership, scope and purpose of Policy Group. The final draft will be submitted to Quality, Safety and Outcomes Committee for approval.

3.3 Procedure for NWJCC Commissioned Policies

A scope and checklist for Policy Group together with a draft 'Procedure for the development, review and update of NWJCC commissioned policies' will be submitted to Quality, Safety and Outcomes Committee for approval once the final drafts are completed.

4. ASSESSMENT

Objectives / Strategy	
Dolen i Amcan (au) Strategol CBC / Link to JCC Strategic Objectives(s)	Ensure Quality
	Maximise Value
	Improve Equity and Population Health
Dolen i Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol – Nodau Llesiant / Link to Wellbeing of Future Generations Act – Wellbeing Goals 150623-guide-to-the-fg-act-en.pdf (futuregenerations.wales)	A Resilient Wales
	A Healthier Wales
	A More Equal Wales
Dolen i Hwyluswyr Ansawdd <i>(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) /</i> Link to Enablers of Quality (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Learning, Improvement & Research
Dolen i Feysydd Ansawdd <i>(Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (llyw.cymru)) /</i> Link to Domains of Quality (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Effective
	All Items
Effaith Amgylcheddol/ Cynaliadwyedd (5R) / Environmental /Sustainability Impact (5Rs)	No - Not Applicable

Impact Assessment		
Ansawdd <i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Ansawdd? /</i> Quality <i>Have you undertaken a Quality Impact Assessment Screening?</i>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome:	An EIA is completed for each policy/service specification.
Cydraddoldeb <i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb? /</i> Equality <i>Have you undertaken an Equality Impact Assessment Screening?</i>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome:	An EIA is completed for each policy/service specification.
Cyfreithiol / Legal	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.	
Enw da / Reputational	Yes (Include further detail below)	
	NWJCC policies and service specifications including those published during the current financial year, together with the rationale for their development are publicly available and we have a responsibility to develop and publish high quality, evidence-based documents within a reasonable timeframe.	
Effaith Adnoddau <i>(Pobl / Ariannol) /</i> Resource Impact <i>(People / Financial)</i>	There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.	
	Resource impact would be linked to specific policies and guidance	

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

The members of the Quality Safety and Outcomes Sub Committee are asked to:

- **Note** the Policy work and development undertaken during the year to date.