

NPPG Wales regional group report – July 2026

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A formal committee structure has been established for the NPPG Wales regional group for the first time. Representation has been secured from all Welsh health boards except one, with work ongoing to achieve full national representation. The committee has agreed revised Terms of Reference and a schedule of regular meetings to support collaborative working across the region. Initial discussions have focused on identifying opportunities for joint projects, shared learning and regional audit activity to strengthen paediatric pharmacy practice across Wales.

The annual NPPG Wales study afternoon was held in Cardiff and was well attended by pharmacists and pharmacy technicians from across Wales. The event provided an opportunity for networking, professional development and discussion of issues affecting paediatric pharmacy services. Feedback from attendees was very positive, with participants particularly valuing the opportunity to share experiences and build links between organisations.

The project to work with NHS Wales Procurement and the NHS Wales Medicines Value Team to embed a dedicated paediatric pharmacist review within the central tendering process for unlicensed liquid medicines is nearing completion. The process has been developed to ensure that paediatric-specific considerations, including excipient exposure and practical issues affecting use in children, are formally assessed during product evaluation. Although the work has reached an advanced stage, it was not quite ready for launch and presentation at this year's NPPG Conference. It is anticipated that implementation will take place in the coming months and will provide a sustainable mechanism for ensuring paediatric input into national procurement decisions.

Aims

Embed and evaluate the new NPPG Wales committee structure and maintain representation from all health boards.

Develop collaborative regional projects and audit programmes to support service improvement and shared learning.

Continue to strengthen the network of paediatric pharmacists and pharmacy technicians across Wales.

Support implementation of the paediatric review element within the NHS Wales unlicensed liquid medicines tender process.

Plan and deliver the next NPPG Wales study afternoon in 2027 with support from committee.