United in Improving Health: A Healthier, Happier, Fairer Wales

Welsh Public Health Conference 2015
2-3 November 2015, Cardiff

Call for Abstracts for Posters and Presentations
‘United in Improving Health: A Healthier, Happier and Fairer Wales’ is an exciting two day conference that will bring together dynamic national and international keynote speakers to reflect on the global perspectives in protecting and improving health and wellbeing, the public health challenges and opportunities facing us in Wales today and how we can use systems-working, technology and innovation to drive improvements in outcomes and reduce health inequalities.

The event will bring together partners from across different sectors and different parts of society in Wales including communities, the NHS, local authorities, sport, education, housing, the emergency services, young ambassadors, carers and the third sector to focus on how we can combine our efforts and assets in a purposeful way to create a positive and healthy future for the people of Wales.

This is the fifth annual Welsh Public Health Conference, jointly organised by Public Health Wales and the Welsh Government.

Previous conferences have attracted policy makers, leaders and professionals from across the public sector in Wales, and we’re anticipating that this year’s event will have an even greater reach across all public services.

23 exhibitors and 80 posters were visited by over 350 delegates at last year’s event and this year’s conference will continue to provide an arena for organisations and individuals to share their work.

Call for Abstracts

You are invited to submit an abstract on a project or piece of research relevant to one of the following themes:

- Improving outcomes in early years
- Improving mental health and wellbeing
- Health protection and emerging threats
- Reducing health inequalities to improve outcomes
- Technology and innovation in public health
- Primary, community and integrated services
- Information, measurement and evaluation to inform population needs and outcomes
We are particularly interested in new and innovative work and how this could be implemented in other areas. Your abstract can focus on organisational approaches as well as individual schemes.

This call for abstracts for the conference is for everyone involved in any way in improving the health and wellbeing of the people of Wales, and is your opportunity to showcase your work, and to demonstrate cross sector working.

Attendees will be able to view successful posters at the breaks throughout the two days, and this provides a great opportunity to share your work with colleagues in public services across Wales.

Successful presentations will be included in series of parallel breakout sessions – with one breakout session focusing on each theme.

Information for Submitting Abstracts

Submission criteria

Authors should use the following criteria when submitting their abstract(s):

• The theme that their poster comes under
• Introduction - purpose or aim of project or research question and show that this is a key public health issue and link to the principles of prudent healthcare.
• Context of the research or practice - where did it happen and who was involved
• Methods used to show that this is an evidence based intervention or action
• Use of co-production and consultative methods in developing the intervention or action
• Evaluation and results and the impact of the work
• Conclusion to show what others can learn from this work and implications for practice on a population wide basis

Please ensure you confirm at the start of the submission whether you are applying to showcase a presentation and / or poster at the conference.

Please note the email address that you supply in the Submitter Details will be the email address used to correspond the results of your submission. If you change email addresses during this time, please let us know so we can update the system.

If you are not sure about putting in an abstract please contact us. We are here to help.

Formatting

• Abstracts should be a maximum of 800 words.
• Font style should be Arial, size 12.
• References should be given in the standard Harvard system e.g. (Smith 2005:27) with full references at the end of the text.
• To ensure consistency amongst submissions, please use the attached template for your abstract.
• The final poster format size should not exceed a maximum size of A1 (59 cm x 84cm) or a minimum size of A2 (42cm x 59cm). All posters must be portrait style.
Further Information

If you have queries about preparing an abstract for the conference please contact the Health Promotion Library by email: hplibrary@wales.nhs.uk or telephone 029 2050 3462.

Deadlines

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All abstracts are to be submitted to hplibrary@wales.nhs.uk

(Please do not submit full posters or presentations until your abstract has been accepted by the judging panel).

Judging Panel

The abstracts will be sent to panel members with the name(s) of authors and organisations removed, so that all abstracts are judged anonymously without bias. The judging panel will be selecting 50 posters for the conference exhibition, and a prize will be awarded at the conference for the best poster. A maximum of four presentations will be accepted for each theme.