

The Cancer Innovation and Improvement Programme in Wales

CIIP 2022: An Introduction



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The background

The Cancer Innovation and Improvement Programme (CIIP) comes at a time where the NHS needs to capitalise on identifying new opportunities and ideas in order to solve the current problems and meet the challenges of delivering outstanding patient care as a result of the pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated existing pressures on, and in cancer services and, introduced new challenges to pathways for patients. The suppressed demand seen over the term of the pandemic to date is beginning to re-emerge and capacity within the service is effectively reduced.

Developing intelligence demonstrates increasing volumes of patients waiting at all stages of the cancer pathway with potential impact on the outcomes, experience and prognosis for patients with cancer. The potential for the situation to significantly impact staff well-being, and therefore sickness and vacancy levels, may reasonably be expected to increase pressure on an already fragile system. Even with all of this taking place, there is an opportunity to change and champion new ways of working, bring in innovation and make sustainable improvements.

Learning from the evidence to date, supporting the adoption and adaptation of innovation and improvement leads to an increased chance of success and faster paced change. We have been working with a number of innovation-focussed leads and partners to develop supportive space for teams who would like to adopt and adapt innovations that can make a sustainable difference to the early part of the cancer pathway (up to and including diagnosis). This is a new opportunity to support change to innovate and improve the services and outcomes in Wales.

About the Programme



This Programme is designed to support projects that can make a positive impact and long lasting change in Wales through the adoption and spread of innovation and sustainable improvement. The participating projects are focused on the initial part of the cancer pathway up to and including diagnosis.

- A 4 to 12 month programme working with the Bevan Commission and innovation partners receiving support to complete the project.
- Funding to support the change has been made available covering a range of costs associated with delivering the project including staff time.
- The programme is focussed on making an impact that includes solving the current problems and meet the challenges of delivering outstanding patient care as a result of the pandemic.

The Cancer Innovation and Improvement Programme is a collaboration between the Wales Cancer Network, Bevan Commission and the innovation leads/partners across Wales.

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About the selection process

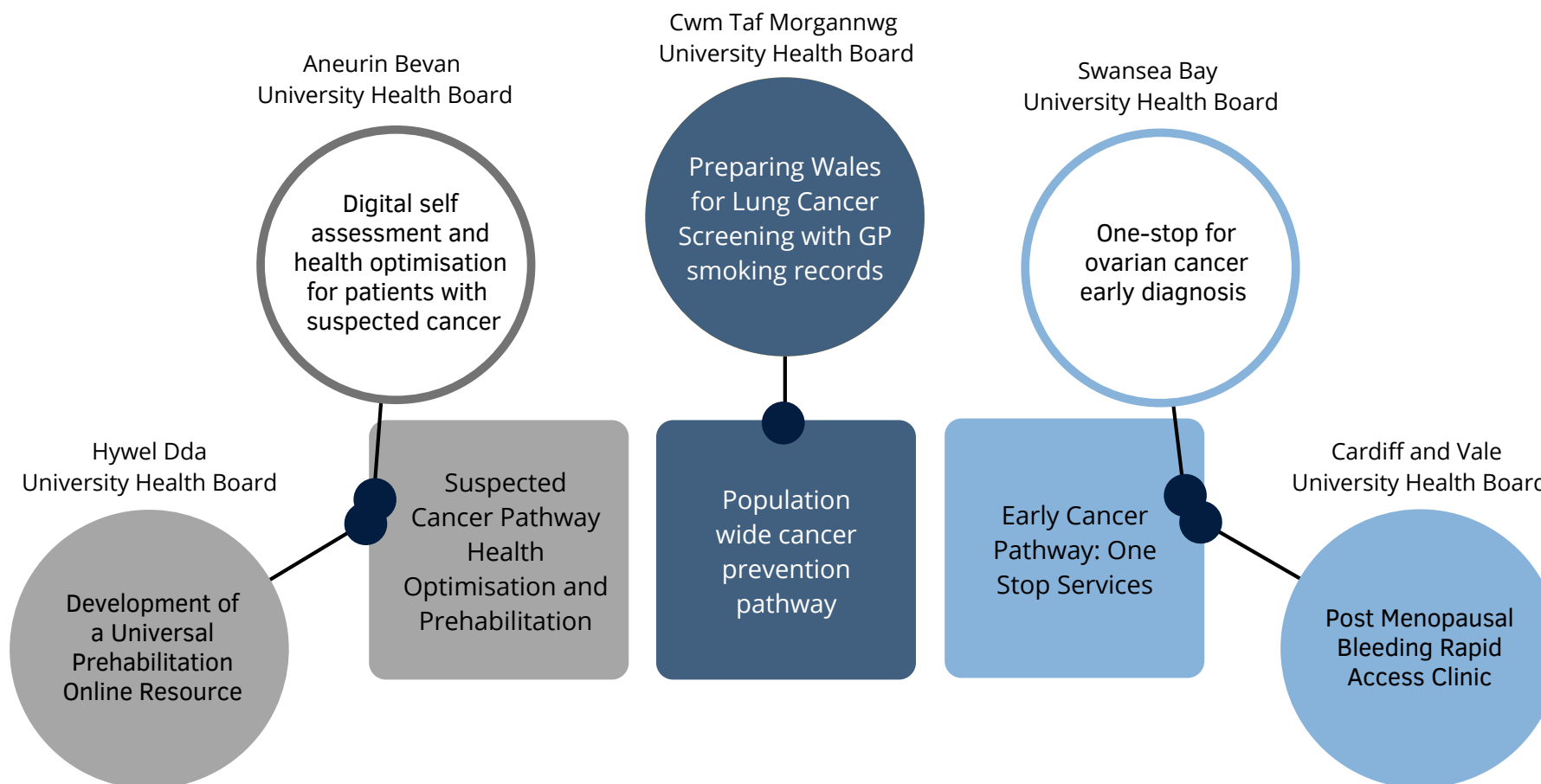
The call for applications was launched in September 2021 with applications welcomed from community, primary and secondary care teams, and especially welcomed as partnerships across sectors and areas. Guidance was provided as part of the call for applications and there was an information briefing.

The applications received went through a due diligence process with partner organisations in Wales being asked to provide feedback where necessary and additional information gathered as needed working closely with innovation partners. The applications were anonymised and presented to a panel in November 2021 which had representation from Wales Cancer Network, Bevan Commission and Innovation Partners.

With a total of 17 applications received, five projects were selected by the panel for participation in the programme. The panel also requested that projects with a similar aim should work together to align their work and collaborate as they participate in the Programme. Therefore, four out of the five selected applicants were asked to participate in a phased programme designed to support teams working together.

The final stage of the selection process was to provide feedback to the applicants. The unsuccessful applicants were given additional feedback and an opportunity to explore other upcoming opportunities. The successful applicants were invited to introductory meetings and given the opportunity to reflect on the requirements of the programme and the phased approach that was put forward as part of selection.

Who has been selected to be on the Programme?



How the programme will work

The programme will be delivered over 4 to 12 months with up to 4 group half-days, optional learning sessions, access to online learning and sharing platform and 1-2-1 sessions. The duration of the programme will be determined with each project team taking into account the time required for adopting and adapting the innovation to their context, and reporting on impact.

The paired projects will be asked to participate in up to two guided sessions to introduce their projects to each team, consider the commonalities and areas for development. A presentation will be made to the Programme Recruitment Panel at the end of the pairing sessions (taking place in February/March 2022), and participation in Phase 2 will be based on approval from the project teams and the Panel.

At key milestones for each project, a presentation will be made to the Wales Cancer Network and Innovation Partners to review progress and consider implications for Wales-wide uptake of the innovation. There will be a showcase presentation at the end of the Programme led by the Bevan Commission. Please note that due to the Covid-19 disruptions, all projects will receive opportunities for 'pausing' and 'unpausing' their projects and this may impact on timelines.

Find out more and stay in touch



The Cancer Innovation and Improvement Programme is a collaboration between the Wales Cancer Network, Bevan Commission and the innovation leads/partners across Wales. The programme will run from January to December 2022 with regular updates depending on the projects and successful completion of milestones.

This introduction provides an update at the start of the programme in January 2022. For more information, please contact bevan-commission@swansea.ac.uk.



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