

WELSH HEALTH CIRCULAR



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**For Action by:**

Health Boards and Trusts

**Action required by:** Immediate

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**Enclosure(s):** UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research – see hyperlink

## **Summary**

1. The purpose of this Welsh Health Circular is to highlight the publication of the UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research.
2. The Policy Framework was published on 16th October 2017 and can be accessed via the Health and Care Research Wales website at the following hyper link - <https://www.healthandcareresearch.gov.wales/research-governance-framework/>
3. The policy framework sets out the principles of good practice in the management and conduct of health and social care research in the UK. The principles protect and promote the interests of patients, service users and the public in health and social care research, by describing the ethical conduct and proportionate, assurance based management of health and social care research, so as to support and facilitate high quality research in the UK.
4. It is for organisations and individuals that have responsibilities for health and social care research. This includes funders, sponsors, researchers and their employers, research sites and care providers.

## **Action**

5. Health Boards and Trusts, where appropriate are expected to have robust arrangements in place to meet the requirements of this policy.
6. Chief Executives of Health Boards and Trusts should ensure that this health circular is shared with colleagues and that relevant action is taken.

## **Background**

7. The new guidelines replaces the previous Research Governance Frameworks published in Wales in 2001 and 2009. This document provides a single, modern set of principles for the whole UK. It has been developed by the Health Research Authority in England and the health departments in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, following public consultation.

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