Values and aims
The aim of the NHS in Wales is to promote the health and well-being of everyone living in Wales and provide effective and efficient health services.

Why have a corporate identity?
The reorganisation of the NHS offers the chance to create an overall corporate identity so that it is clear that the new Health Boards belong to the same ‘NHS family’. The NHS in Wales also has a duty to be accessible in its branding. A consistent visual and textual approach across public-facing materials will support the patient experience.

When to use the logo
• On any communication undertaken by a Health Board in Wales
• Alongside any logo or corporate identity used by NHS Wales organisations.

Consistent use of the logo helps to promote recognition and recall of the service to patients.

Where to use the logo
• Printed material (e.g. documents, reports, publications)
• Correspondence (e.g. letters, circulars)
• Websites
• Main external signage – i.e. wherever the name or logo of the organisations also appears.
• Any other appropriate communications tools (e.g. advertising etc)

NHS in Wales Logo together with the Health Board titles
The NHS in Wales logo should always appear to the Left of the Health Board title, and the two should always appear together and not be separated.

Who should use the logo
Every Health Board should use their logo for their areas. Each Health Board should have a brand guardian who can advise on usage in line with the corporate guidelines.

Examples of the Health Board logos appear on pages 11-15

When must the full statutory name of a Local Health Board be used?
The full statutory name must be used whenever a Local Health Board wishes to enter into any type of formal agreement or contract. This includes such matters as legal proceedings, land transactions and contracts of any kind.

What are the circumstances under which a Local Health Board may drop the use of “local” from its name?
It is acceptable for a Local Health Board to drop “local” from its name for day-to-day operational purposes, provided adequate steps are taken to prevent any person being misled regarding the identity of the Local Health Board. This means that it is good practice to disclose the full statutory name of the Local Health Board on all correspondence. In addition, the full statutory name should be displayed at all premises belonging to the Local Health Board, and on websites which have been commissioned and/or maintained by the Local Health Board.

Exactly how should the disclosure of the statutory Local Health Board name be made?

**Correspondence**

**Hard copy correspondence**
It is good practice to disclose the full statutory name of the Local Health Board at the foot of all stationery.

The following “disclosure” text can be used, and shown in a manner which makes it easy to notice and read:

Disclosure text:
“xxxx Health Board is the operational name of xxx Local Health Board”.

Email correspondence
Whenever the abbreviated Local Health Board name is shown on email correspondence, for example as part of a signature block, it is good practice for the same disclosure text as for hard copy correspondence to be shown on the email.

**Signage in premises**
It is good practice for the same disclosure text to be shown on a sign in all premises belonging to a Local Health Board. As long as it can be easily seen and read, it does not matter how you show the disclosure text (i.e. the font type etc.). In large premises, you may need to think carefully about the size of the notice and where you display it to make sure that the public will see it. For example, a clearly displayed sign in the main reception area of a building may be sufficient.

**Websites**
It is good practice for the same disclosure text as for hard copy correspondence to be shown on any websites commissioned and/or maintained by a Local Health Board. You will need to make sure that the disclosure text is displayed on a prominent part of the website, to make sure that the public will see it.
Recommended typefaces for designers to use is the Frutiger Family of fonts. The full range of Frutiger can be used, but please note that there should be a 12pt minimum size of font on all documents and where possible the font should not be used smaller than this. Attention should be paid to meeting patients’ rights to request information in a larger font size than 12pt when requested, especially in obvious cases such as for visually impaired people.

55 Frutiger Roman
56 Frutiger Italic
45 Frutiger Light
46 Frutiger Light Italic
65 Frutiger Bold
66 Frutiger Bold Italic
57 Frutiger Condensed
47 Frutiger Light Condensed
As most PC computers do not have the professional fonts used by designers the recommended typefaces for people who are not designers to use is Verdana as most PCs have this font on their system. There should be a 12pt minimum size of font on all documents and where possible the font should not be used smaller than this size. Attention should be paid to meeting patients’ rights to request information in a larger font size than 12pt when requested, especially in obvious cases such as for visually impaired people.

Verdana Regular
Verdana Italic
Verdana Bold
Verdana Bold Italic

IF you do not have Verdana then please use another san serif font, for example, Arial.
Colour versions of the logo

**Full colour logo**
The NHS Wales logo should, wherever possible, be reproduced in full colour.

Pantone: 534 (blue)
Pantone: 465 (gold)

**Single colour logos**
Sometimes this is not practical for the logo to appear in full colour. In these circumstances the colour to be used should be:

Pantone: 534 (blue), or
Black
Or reversed out (white) on a colour
Remember, a reversed out logo works best on a dark background.

The logo should NOT be reproduced in any other colours than recommended colours above. Please see the below examples:

**Reversed out logo examples**
The exclusion zone
This is the clear area around the logo where nothing else should appear. This will help to ensure clarity and improve the impact of the logo. The clear space (x) surrounding the NHS Wales logo will vary proportionally, and is half the height of the logo used. In the sample below, it shows the clear area of the minimum logo size.

The minimum size
To ensure good and clear readability of the corporate mark it must not be used smaller than 24mm high as this will mean that the accompanying. Maximum height is left to the users own discretion.

The logo and Health Board titles
The NHS in Wales logo should always be on the left and the Health Board title should be on the right separated by the single line, the two should always appear together and not be separated.

Placement
The logo should be used consistently and correctly, please make sure you read through the logo guidelines. Placement of the logo should consider the guidelines and when placed with other logos it should be proportional in size to the logo it appears next to.

The placement of the logo can be placed either top right, top left, or bottom left, bottom right of a document.
When to use the NHS in Wales logo on its own
The NHS in Wales logo will be used on its own in communications undertaken by the NHS Wales and the Welsh Government communications teams.

Where to use the logo
• Printed material (e.g. documents, reports, publications, service guidelines, service standards)
• Correspondence (e.g. letters, circulars)
• Any other appropriate communications tools (e.g. advertising)
• Digital communications (e.g. website)

NHS in Wales logo together with the Welsh Government logo
• When used alongside the Welsh Government corporate identity on printed documents, the NHS in Wales logo should appear at the bottom right and Welsh Government logo at the top right.

Design Guidelines for the NHS in Wales logo
The guidelines for the NHS in Wales logo when used on its own are the same as those for the Health Board versions minus their text, and the guidelines on the previous pages should be considered when it is used.

Who should use the logo
• Further guidance on use of the NHS in Wales logo can be obtained from:
This guidance applies to any organisation, company, contractor or authority which has been commissioned to provide services for, or on behalf of, the NHS in Wales (for example, dentists, optometrists, GPs, contractors or any other service provider).

If you have been commissioned to undertake work for NHS in Wales, or offer a service in conjunction with NHS in Wales you may use the NHS in Wales logo on or in your publications, information leaflets, posters and other items; provided that you must do so in accordance with these guidelines.

Your permission to use the NHS in Wales logo is subject to the following conditions:

- We ask that you display the NHS in Wales logo alongside your own branding where possible, and follow these guidelines for size and placement of the NHS in Wales logo (see pages 6-9). The NHS in Wales logo does not have to take prominence as the main brand placement

- If you are a service provider commissioned by a Health Board or NHS in Wales to carry out work for that Health Board or NHS in Wales, you must contact the relevant contract holder to discuss any logo placement and branding use prior to the NHS in Wales logo being placed on any items. This is to maintain the integrity of our brand. The NHS in Wales logo may not be used for profit or commercial gain

- If you have been commissioned to provide services for NHS in Wales, you may (unless we direct otherwise) advertise the fact that you provide services for NHS in Wales (or a particular Health Board), but you are not permitted to use the NHS in Wales logo for direct marketing purposes or for advertising your own business or the services you offer

- You must not use the NHS in Wales logo in any manner which could adversely affect the reputation of NHS Wales or any Health Board or could be detrimental to the NHS in Wales logo

- We may withdraw our consent to your use of the NHS in Wales logo in the event that you breach and/or fail to comply with these guidelines or any other directions we provide to you in relation to your use of the NHS in Wales logo. We may require you to withdraw and/or destroy any non-compliant materials.
Health Board logo versions

Note: these can be used in the colours mentioned on page 6

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
Cwm Taf University Health Board

Hywel Dda University Health Board
Health Board logo versions

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Health Board
Other examples of NHS in Wales branded groups

- Grŵp Cyngori Arbenigol Cenedlaethol Diabetes ac Endocrinoleg
  Diabetes and Endocrinology National Specialist Advisory Group

- Partneriaeth Cefnogi Busnes Gogledd Cymru
  North Wales Business Support Partnership

- Canolfan Ganser Felindre
  Velindre Cancer Centre

- Tîm Gwasanaethau Iechyd Arbenigol Cymru
  Welsh Health Specialised Services Team

- Grŵp Cyngori Arbenigol Cenedlaethol i Ganser
  National Specialist Advisory Group for Cancer

- Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru
  Public Health Wales

- Grŵp Cyngori Arbenigol Cenedlaethol Meddygon Teulu
  General Practice National Specialist Advisory Group

- Law yn Llaw at Iechyd: Rhaglen Gydweithreduol De Cymru
  Together for Health: South Wales Collaborative
Other examples of NHS in Wales branded groups

- Rhwydwaith Canser Gogledd Cymru (North Wales Cancer Network)
- Grwp Cyngori Arbenigol Cenedlaethol Meddygaeth Anadlo (Respiratory Medicine National Specialist Advisory Group)
- Grwpiau Cyngori Arbenigol Cenedlaethol Diabetes (Diabetes National Specialist Advisory Group)
- Partneriaeth Cydwasanaethau Shared Services Partnership
- Ysbyty Arch Noa Blant (Noah’s Ark Children’s Hospital for Wales)
- Arsylfa Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru (Public Health Wales Observatory)
- Pwyllgor Meddygol Cymru (Welsh Medical Committee)
Sample usage
Note these can be used in colours mentioned on page 6

Standard Letterhead Sample

Dear


Director

Joe Bloggs

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg
University Local Health Board
Singleton Hospital
Swansea
SW34 2WE

xxx Health Board is the operational name of xxx Local Health Board

Standard Letterhead showing placement of appropriate awards

Dear


Director

Joe Bloggs

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg
University Local Health Board
Singleton Hospital
Swansea
SW34 2WE

xxx Health Board is the operational name of xxx Local Health Board

Standard Letterhead showing placement of partners

Dear


Director

Joe Bloggs

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg
University Local Health Board
Singleton Hospital
Swansea
SW34 2WE

xxx Health Board is the operational name of xxx Local Health Board


Contact Information:

Hwch help wneud pawb – oes angen i chi printio'r e-bost yma?
Help save paper – do you need to print this email?
Guidance for signage
Mock up of possible signage below and right – illustrative purposes only

The sign should feature the Local Health Board logo in a prominent manner, and it should be on a white background. It should also have the disclosure text in small at the foot of the logo sign panel.

All other signs (if necessary to place other signs on the posts) should appear below the main sign – see illustration on right.

Signs should be positioned in a safe, but prominent place.
Sample Usage – Website
The current Trusts and LHBs have very different looking internet sites, which give no real sense of belonging to the ‘NHS Wales family’. The new corporate identity offers the chance to create an overall online look and feel for all the new organisations.

Headline banners (with the name of the Health Board and logo) at the top of each web page should comply with the guidance as outlined earlier in this document.

Pages 23-31 gives guidance on homepage design and guidance on layout of other sample pages accessible from the homepage.

Health Solutions Wales (HSW) can work with the new Health Boards to develop design and content.

Websites should be easy to navigate and jargon-free. Accessibility options should be made available where possible. For example, colour contrast should conform to web standards and pictures should be saved with a descriptive name for screen readers. DDA requirements should also be met by website managers.

Mandatory content
Health Boards should provide the following mandatory content on their websites, either from the main menu/navigation bar at the top of the page, or via plug-ins (featured boxes) on the homepage.

Main menu/navigation bar:
• News and events
• Local Health Services
• Patient & Visitor Information
• Hospitals and Clinics
• Our Services
• Working for Us

• About Us
• Contact Us
• Cymraeg (link to Welsh content)
• Search engine.

Plug-ins:
• Local Health Services – as this will be a popular search.
• 1000 Lives – as every NHS Wales organisation has signed up to 1000 Lives this should be included on each Health Board website.
• Swine Flu – at least for imminent future as it will be an ongoing issue for some time.

The homepage should also include some text under the heading ‘Welcome to the XX Health Board.

Homepage (pages 25-27)
Three sample homepages are shown which all adhere to the guidelines. Health boards can choose one of the three designs to allow them flexibility.

These sample pages include:
• Headline banner with Health Board name and logo, and an image (each Health Board will be able to supply an image of their choice for inclusion in the banner).
• Welcome text.
• Mandatory ‘Swine Flu’, ‘Local Health Services’ and ‘1000 Lives’ plug-ins.

Other plug-ins can be provided on request, for example ‘Hot Topics’ or ‘News from NHS Wales’, as shown in these sample pages. However, care should be taken to ensure the homepage is not too content-heavy. The homepage should act as a signpost.
Sample usage – Website samples
Websites - Have an ‘our services’ page
For further information or to request any of the NHS in Wales logos please contact us on:

health.enquiries@wales.gsi.gov.uk