



Dyfodol Governance Board Terms of Reference

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About Dyfodol

The Dyfodol (meaning 'Future') programme offers several workstreams to both respond to challenges and opportunities across the health service, but also to model and design future services and pathways. This is achieved through an evidence-based, and informed approach, and through research collaborations with partners.

Dyfodol is hosted by [National Collaborating Centre for Mental Health](#) (NCCMH), working in partnership with RCPsych in Wales and NHS Wales' Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC).

This Document

This document highlights the Terms of Reference of the Dyfodol Governance Board.

The Terms of Reference were initially drafted during the development of Dyfodol, and agreed at the 1st meeting of the Governance Board in July 2026.

The Terms of Reference follow an outlined process of review and amendment.

Dyfodol Governance Board

Terms of Reference

1. Responsible to	RCPsych Council Welsh Government
2. Clinical Leadership	National Clinical Lead for Dyfodol
3. Staff Support	• Head of Dyfodol • Director of NCCMH • Senior Research Assistant
4. Governance	Dyfodol Governance Board Membership: • National Clinical Lead for Dyfodol (Appointed) • RCPsych in Wales Devolved Council Chair (ex-officio) • RCPsych in Wales Members x 3 (Appointed) • Representatives from Welsh Government x 3 (Appointed) • Head of Dyfodol • Director of NCCMH • Representatives from NHS Wales' Joint Commissioning Committee (co-opted as required) • Representatives from stakeholders co-opted as required
5. Objective	To further the objectives of the RCPsych by informing service design and mental health policy in Wales.
6. Reporting	Progress reports will be produced on an annual or biannual basis, depending on relevance and need. These reports will be submitted for consideration by the RCPsych Council, Welsh Government, RCPsych in Wales Council, Faculty Management Committee (FMC), and Boards of Trustees (BoTs), as deemed appropriate

7. Dyfodol will deliver on agreed commissioned areas of an annual work programme with Welsh Government. Dyfodol will deliver activities that are in line with the College's strategic plan and values.

8. The work of Dyfodol is dependent on commissions which will cover all costs associated with the programme. Appropriate contractual arrangements for the annual programme of work will be managed in line with RCPsych policy, procedures, and regulations.

9. Dyfodol will be appropriately resourced by the RCPsych for the delivery of the programme. This includes staff, logistical arrangements and equipment.
10. Dyfodol will work closely with the RCPsych in Wales Council to ensure alignment of Dyfodol projects with the needs of members in Wales and to ensure opportunities for collaborations with members of the RCPsych in Wales
11. Risks, controls and mitigations associated with Dyfodol will be managed in line with RCPsych policy, procedures, and regulations.
12. The Dyfodol Governance Board shall have responsibility for preparing a budget for all activities planned by Dyfodol for the forthcoming year and shall keep the accounts of the programme. The budget shall be submitted to the Finance Management Committee and then to the Board of Trustees by the end of September each year for approval by the Board of Trustees. The accounts shall be submitted to the College by the end of January each year for the Board of Trustees' consideration. Dyfodol's financial arrangements will be managed in line with RCPsych policy, procedures, and regulations.
13. The Dyfodol Governance Board shall meet quarterly. The Board shall be Chaired by the National Clinical Lead for Dyfodol. Three members of the board shall be a quorum. In the case of a vote, only appointed or ex-officio members will be voting members. In the case of an equality of votes the Chair of that meeting shall have a casting vote
14. Dyfodol shall strive to secure additional funding for further commissioned work, as well as research grants.
15. Dyfodol will work alongside the RCPsych in Wales to enhance the membership offer by enabling members an enhanced opportunity to directly inform the design of future services in Wales. Dyfodol will not detract from the core business or membership offer for members of the RCPsych and will not impact upon the staffing and resourcing to deliver the core College business to members in Wales.
16. Dyfodol will utilise existing RCPsych workstreams to ensure the delivery of individual elements of the programme, to be determined and agreed at the annual agreement of the work programme with Welsh Government.
17. These Terms of Reference will be reviewed, and amended as necessary, every two years by the RCPsych in Wales Council and the RCPsych Council.

