

This is the fourth in a series of newsletters to keep practitioners informed about the progress of introducing the mandatory licensing scheme for practitioners of Special Procedures in Wales

UPDATE SUMMARY

As some of you will already be aware Dr Sarah Jones has now returned to her original role in Welsh Government leading on the introduction of the Special Procedures mandatory licensing scheme in Wales. In the last 2 months, significant progress has been made in the preparation work required to introduce this licensing scheme:

- Most of our work is currently involved in preparing the official consultation paper which will be published later this year. This paper will set out our proposals for the licensing scheme and gives you the opportunity to comment on our proposals. We are then required to review all comments and make appropriate amendments.
- The responses we receive will be used to inform what goes into the regulations to govern the licensing scheme and how it will work in practice.
- It is really important that you take part in this consultation process. You will have 3 months from publication of the paper to make your comments.
- When we are able to confirm the date of publication, we will let you know and also advise you of the different ways you can submit your comments.
- The 5 approved training centres in Wales now have access to new revised training materials. This will help with providing consistent delivery of the RSPH Level 2 Award in Infection Prevention and Control.
- A trainer's workshop will take place in July to support the training centres, it is hoped that delivery of this course will commence following this.

Finally, you will be aware that the new Health and Care Act 2022 gives powers to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to introduce a licensing scheme for non-surgical cosmetic procedures. This will in effect bring England into line with the powers we already have in Wales under the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017. Once we have introduced licensing arrangements for the four designated special procedures set out in the 2017 Act - tattooing, body piercing, acupuncture and electrolysis. We will give consideration to adding other cosmetic procedures to the scheme, which would also involve a full consultation process.

RSPH Level 2 Award in Infection Prevention and Control for Special Procedures Practitioners

If you are interested in attending this training course, please contact your preferred training centre on the list provided by RSPH (see link below), or please contact your local authority Environmental Health Department to enquire.

<https://www.rsph.org.uk/qualification/level-2-award-in-infection-prevention-and-control-for-special-procedures-practitioners.html>

Useful links:

Advice for Practitioners: Malignant Melanomas and suspicious moles:

[Moles and your skin: how to spot danger signs | GOV.WALES](#)

Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Business Advice:

[Public health advice for employers, businesses and organisations: coronavirus \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#)

[Public health control measures checklist for businesses, employers and event organisers: coronavirus | GOV.WALES](#)

Main page with key messages and access to guidance/advice:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) | Topic | GOV.WALES](#)

Monkeypox

Public Health Wales updates on Monkeypox including FAQs

[Public Health Wales statement on monkeypox - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](#)

[Monkeypox \(who.int\)](#)

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