



WALES INFANT FEEDING NETWORK Terms of Reference

Membership	<p>The Wales Infant Feeding Network is the professional forum representing health service infant feeding leads in Welsh Health Boards. It also includes educators and academics in Welsh universities and representatives of Public Health Wales. The network includes lactation specialists and clinical representatives from maternity, health visiting, neonatal services across Wales.</p>
Aims	<p>The Wales Infant Feeding Network aims to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide a cohesive, strong voice for infant feeding specialists or individuals tasked with embedding infant feeding standards and work-stream in Wales eg: Public Health Wales • To raise the profile of breastfeeding as a fundamental public health priority, ensuring that parents are supported in their choices of feeding method in the context of the best available, unbiased, evidence- based information • To work collaboratively to co-ordinate and facilitate action across Wales to ensure that there is a consistent approach to the promotion and support for breastfeeding in accordance with National Standards and Guidelines.
Chair	Wales Infant Feeding Network (WIFN) Chair or nominated deputy
Secretariat	Arranged via Public Health Wales
Frequency	Meetings will be held at least 3 x per year with other training / urgent meetings convened if/as necessary
Quorum	Minimum of 7 members (or nominated deputies) of which there should be at least one from each Health Board with representation from Health Visiting, Midwifery and Neonatal Services
Functions	<p>To provide expert opinion and guidance on moving the infant feeding agenda forward in Wales</p> <p>To contribute to the development of a Breastfeeding Strategy for Wales</p> <p>To provide infant feeding evidence and ideas to the All Wales Infant Feeding Strategy Group, who will be accountable for delivering the outcomes as prioritised</p> <p>To offer clinical expert reviews of relevant Welsh policies and documents</p> <p>To promote inclusivity of breastfeeding and relationship building interactions</p> <p>To provide a mutual inter-professional platform for developing infant feeding education/training/innovative ideas with PHW and University Educators</p> <p>To provide a professional network, which creates support for the implementation and sustaining of UNICEF BFI standards throughout Wales</p> <p>To link WIFN with the National Infant Feeding Network (NIFN) via affiliated membership, in order to share evidence, expertise and knowledge</p>

Communication	<p>The minutes of network meetings will be recorded and forwarded to members within two weeks of the meeting takings place.</p> <p>Minutes will be approved by the network at subsequent meetings.</p> <p>The minutes will be circulated to all network members, whose responsibility it will be to ensure dissemination to their teams</p>
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