

# RUABON NEWS LETTER 515

## New Powers mean Changes to Felling Licences in Wales

New powers under the Forestry Act will allow us to provide better protection for wildlife and the environment during felling operations.



From the 1 April 2024, we will be able to condition, amend, suspend, or revoke a felling licence in Wales. We've now published new guidance on some of the new powers and how we will implement them.

Stephen Attwood, Regulatory Team Leader said:

"This guidance will help us to better safeguard habitats and species in Wales and provide protection from environmental damage during felling operations.

"Throughout the process of developing the guidance, it was important to us that we were engaging with the forestry industry and our stakeholder group, and we would like to thank them for their feedback throughout this process which has been invaluable.

"Many applicants who apply for a felling licence with us do not have a professional forestry background, and so we're hoping that this new information makes the conditions for felling clearer and easier to understand."

### **Pollution Summit Focusses on Conservation and Innovation**

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## **Woodlands and Forests**

### **Report suspected illegal tree felling**

## **Felling licences and permits**

[Check if you need a felling licence.](#)

[Apply for a felling licence.](#)

[Amend your tree felling licence.](#)

[Why we can suspend or revoke your felling licence.](#)

[Why we can amend your felling licence](#)

[Tree felling licence - environmental conditions.](#)

[Check if you need a wildlife licence during forest operations.](#)

[Buying and selling land with a felling licence.](#)

[Check the register of felling licences,](#)

[Statutory plant health notices.](#)

[Apply for a forest management plan.](#)

## **Environmental Impact Assessment for Forestry Activity**

### **Creating new Woodlands**

[Benefits to planting trees and creating woodland](#)

[Get help to plant trees and create woodland.](#)

[Grants for planting trees and creating woodlands](#)

[Get help to plan your woodland.](#)

[Choosing the right tree species](#)

### **Managing your Woodland**

[Identify, report and manage tree pests and diseases.](#)

[Making your woodland or forest more resilient.](#)

[Managing forests in acid sensitive river catchments.](#)

[Assessing and restoring deep peat.](#)

[Identifying ancient woodlands](#)

### **The Welsh Government Woodland Estate**

[How we manage the Welsh Government Woodland Estate.](#)

[Plans for felling the Welsh Government Woodland Estate.](#)

### **Forestry Reports and Statistics**

## Forestry statistics, forecasts and surveys

### Buying and Selling Timber

Sales – timber: online sales.

Long-term timber sales.

Short-term timber sales

Timber sales credit procedure.

Biomass supply chain sales - 2023 to 2025.

Protect the environment during forest operations.

Apply for a harvesting contract.

Timber haulage: our forest and woodland certification.

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## **Pollution summit focusses on conservation and innovation**

Our Chair, Sir David Henshaw, hosted the fourth river pollution summit on behalf of the then First Minister Mark Drakeford and Minister for Climate Change Julie James.

These events have been crucial in bringing together senior leaders from Government, regulators, academia, NGOs and industry to unlock the challenges and drive improvements to water quality in our Special Area of Conservation rivers.

Sir David Henshaw said:

"Recent summits have focussed largely on reducing phosphorus and relieving the pressures on phosphorus-sensitive SAC river catchments to support the delivery of sustainable and affordable housing. And much progress has been made in this respect over

the last six months.

"We are now able to move our attention to initiatives elsewhere, and I was pleased to be able to share an update about our Teifi Demonstrator Catchment project."

[You can read more about the topics discussed at the summit in Sir David's blog.](#)

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## Visit the great Welsh Outdoors Responsibly this Easter



We're gearing up to welcome a high number of visitors to our woodlands and National Nature Reserves over the Bank Holiday weekend and school break and people are being reminded to follow the Countryside Code and any site-specific guidance.

As more people have become aware of the health and well-being benefits of time spent in nature over the last few years, there's been an increase in visitors. Unfortunately, this has led to a rise in anti-social behaviour and environmental damage such as littering, fires and fly-camping which has an impact on nature.

We're encouraging people to visit responsibly by taking litter home, not lighting fires, being a responsible dog owner, remembering sites are home to a range of wildlife and to keep to waymarked paths and tracks to give nature space and avoid disturbance.

There are a wide range of sites throughout Wales - so why not seek out some less well-known destinations!

You can find a full list on the days out section on our website.



## Summer School 2024

We are looking for Senior Organisational Learning and Development contacts!

Upcoming events

Latest learning resources

Noticeboard

# Summer School 2024 - save the dates!

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

More information to follow soon



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## Learning and Development contacts!



We want to widen our contact list and share more of Academi Wales' Learning and Development opportunities, including our Winter & Summer Schools, conferences and events for Public and Third Sector organisations.

If you would like to be recorded as the **Organisational Learning and Development lead for your organisation or know someone would like to be**, please arrange for the following survey to be completed:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TI1L8A/>

The survey will be used to understand your organisation communication preferences and your preferences to which conferences you would like to be informed of. This also helps support our recruitment process for Summer School due to the volume of applications from the same organisation. Upon completion of the survey, we will keep your details until you inform us otherwise.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your continued support, and we look forward to hearing from you.

If you want to know more, please contact us at  
[TalentManagement@gov.wales](mailto:TalentManagement@gov.wales)

## Upcoming events:

## Practicing Positive Psychology - In person - Llandudno



Positive psychology is a useful tool for us maintain a good sense of mental wellbeing in everyday life, it becomes even more useful during times of uncertainty and adversity and can help us stay on the brighter side of things.

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - 09:30 - 12:30

## **Leadership on Ice - Online**



As a leader, you will have much to learn from this gripping and inspirational account of survival against all odds as you strive to lead and effectively deliver. services in the midst of a high pressured, fast moving and



continuously changing environment.

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - 13:00 - 16:00

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - 13:00 - 16:00

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## **AWCIC - Learn and Share: Why Discuss the Menopause at Work? - Online**



Best practice employers are engaging with menopause awareness and training because they care about employee wellbeing; in return this helps employees give their best to their work so maintaining productivity, loyalty and the retention of talent.

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - 14:00 - 15:00

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## **AWCIC Learn and Share: Menopause Awareness – for Men Supporting Women - Online**

Men and women do not live and work in isolation – this menopause session will help you support those you love, care about and work with.

Menopause may not directly affect you, but it is very likely

to indirectly affect you.

**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 - 10:00 - 11:00**

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## **Leadership in a Nutshell – Online**

You will be introduced to key principles and practices that will help grow and enable your ability to influence teams and lead change. In an ever-changing and uncertain world, this workshop will also develop your self-awareness and help you achieve constancy as you strive to be an authentic and exemplary leader.

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - 12:30 - 13:30**

**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - 12:30 - 13:30**

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - 12:30 - 13:30**

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### **Learning Resources:**

**New podcast episode –**

**Conversations on Leadership with Julia**

## Zorab

The theme for this episode is 'Developing yourself into Leadership' and our guest is Julia Zorab.

Julia delivers the Springboard programme which is designed to get participants back on track and thinking about their ambitions, what they want to achieve, and identifying what is important to them.

This episode share insights on continuous growth, focusing on the bigger picture and working the right way for you.

### Noticeboard

From Bangor University,  
School of Medical Sciences -

### Patient Powered Safety - Designing better care with (not for) patient

**We are hosting the 6th international symposium on participatory patient safety in Bangor!**

Together we will hear from researchers and patients about their experience of complex modern healthcare. We will explore how to spot that things are going wrong, witness amazing new technology and map-out the ethical and legal implications of increased control of healthcare by patients.

While we would love to see you in Bangor we will also broadcast content online on the day.

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and Conditions and eligibility criteria.

If you have anything to add to the Noticeboard section of our next Opportunities Bulletin, please send bilingual content and an accompanying image to [academiwales@gov.wales](mailto:academiwales@gov.wales).

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Wrexham Family Information Service



– Nature Grant –

## Learning Through Landscapes

Local School Nature Grants programme is open for applications from 26/04/2024! Supported by the People's

Postcode Lottery, we're offering schools in England, Scotland, and Wales the chance to get their hands on £500 of outdoor equipment and a free outdoor learning training session.

Start preparing your application by taking a look at our tips and tricks for writing a winning bid.



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

## Early Childhood Play, Learning and Care (ECPLC)

What we will do to develop play, learning and care for all children between 0-5 years old.

## Happy Easter from The Childcare Team

Email: [childcareteam@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:childcareteam@wrexham.gov.uk)

Tel: 01978 292094

<https://www.Facebook.com/WFISChildcareTeam>

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## **Make it Public Week 2024**

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[Read a blog by our Director of Policy and Partnerships, Naho Yamazaki](#), about this year's data, and visit our website to see the details on the 1545 clinical trials audited.

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## HRA Latest - March 2024

Welcome to HRA Latest, with news and updates for those working or involved in health and social care research.

This month, we were delighted to host Make it Public Week. During the week more than 100 people came together at our event on how to improve registration rates of clinical trials.



We're also pleased to announce a new pilot which we hope will streamline and speed up the process for approving studies that are part of the same programme of research.

You can also read about how we marked the second anniversary of our Shared Commitment to Public Involvement.

As always, for regular updates and the latest news, you can follow us on X [@HRA\\_Latest](https://twitter.com/HRA_Latest).

Matt Westmore  
Chief Executive

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Our pilot project will involve Research Ethics Committees reviewing an overall study application. If it gets ethics approval, any sub studies connected to the main study don't need to go through the same approvals process.

If you think that you have a programme of research which might be suitable for our pilot, please get in touch.



## **Call for comment on study template arrangement**

We've worked in collaboration with the devolved administrations of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and the R&D Forum, on a new study agreement template.

The draft template is proposed for use between non-commercial sponsors and commercial organisations providing support for chief investigator initiated trials.

We are asking for feedback on the draft template and for suggestions to be shared before the deadline on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

## **Making it easier for people to hear about research**

We're working with partners on a project to recommend opportunities to streamline and standardise how patients are approached about taking part in research.

To do this we set up a small UK-wide project group, which included members of the public, to advise this work.

The project was launched in response to the recommendations in the

Lord O'Shaughnessy review of commercial clinical trials in the UK.



'We welcomed that the Information Commissioner's Office had recognised the importance of patient and public involvement and engagement, especially the need to involve patient and public groups when developing and evaluating transparency materials.

Our desire is to work with the ICO on the next stages of development for this new guidance.'

**Dr Kirsty Edwards, HRA Policy Manager**

NHS  
Health Research  
Authority

#MakeItPublic

## Information Commissioner's Office consultation on transparency

We have taken part in a public consultation on new draft guidance to support health and social care organisations to be more transparent.

The consultation was led by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and we worked collaboratively with two public contributors from the Make it Public campaign group to co-ordinate our response.

### [Our regular update on clinical trials](#)

Our [clinical trials update](#) is a regular round-up of the latest news on work we're doing to help make the UK a great place to do clinical trials.

[Read the March edition](#) and sign up to receive future updates.

### News from across UK research

Below are some of the latest updates about health and social care

research in the UK:

- the National Institute for Health and Care Research has [announced £17.9m funding to the Advanced Therapy Treatment Centre](#) network to bolster clinical trial infrastructure in the UK
- [NIHR Applied Research Collaborations \(NIHR ARCs\)](#) across the country paired up with their corresponding regional [Health Innovation Networks \(HINs\)](#) to support [post pandemic NHS priorities](#)
- NHS Confederation, supported by Google Health, has published a [new guide to help guide health and care leaders](#) harness the potential of patient-facing tech in healthcare.

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Very best wishes to you all and I hope you  
are able to enjoy a lovely Easter Holiday  
Sybil (Bremner)