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1st Annual Meeting, 22nd September 2015 - A warm welcome...
Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff
Primed for research - collaborate, listen, engage...

Dear colleagues,

We are delighted to welcome you to the PRIME Centre Wales 1st Annual Meeting, 22nd September 2015, Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff.

Primary care is the point of first contact with healthcare services. It covers a range of clinical contexts including general practice, unscheduled and emergency care, and community settings where dental, medical, nursing, Allied Health Professions, and social care interface. 95% of NHS encounters are in primary and emergency care. More and increasingly complex healthcare will be delivered within communities as international priorities focus on ways to cope with unsustainable demand and cost. Primary and emergency care are brought together in this Centre because of their interdependency – interventions in one domain will have wider effects and must be evaluated for their effects on the whole healthcare system.

High quality research is vital to inform patient care, re-design services and identify cost saving opportunities for the NHS. PRIME Centre Wales builds on existing areas of scientific excellence in Wales with core research themes centred on long term conditions, patient centred and prudent health care, infections and antibiotic resistance, emergency and unscheduled (including pre-hospital) care, patient safety and health care improvement, as well as prevention, screening and early diagnosis.

The aim of this event is to bring together primary and emergency (including unscheduled) care researchers and stakeholders and offer a stimulating forum to discuss and share areas of research strength. We hope that the Directors' introductory presentations will offer a helpful overview of the Centre, helping you to identify potential opportunities for future collaboration, and our invited speakers will offer some food for thought and inspiration to take these forward.

On behalf of all the PRIME Centre Wales team, thank you for coming today. We hope you will enjoy the day, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Adrian Edwards, Director, PRIME Centre Wales (Cardiff University)
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Professor Richard Neal, Associate Director, PRIME Centre Wales (Bangor University)
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