

**Welsh Assembly Government – Consultations and Papers**

<b>Title of Consultation</b>	<b>A Therapy Strategy for Wales</b>
<b>Date</b>	November 2006 (published Feb 2007)
<b>Website address</b>	<a href="http://www.wales.nhs.uk/documents/A_Therapy_Strategy_for_Wale1.pdf">http://www.wales.nhs.uk/documents/A_Therapy_Strategy_for_Wale1.pdf</a>
<b>Overview</b>	<p>With the publication of <b><i>Designed for Life</i></b> and <b><i>Fulfilled Lives, Supportive Communities</i></b> this is an ideal opportunity for the WAG to reconsider the role of therapy services in Wales.</p> <p>This is the first <i>Therapy Service Strategy for Wales</i> and the strategy identifies a vision for the future of therapy services in Wales, the values that underpin their development and ten key and emerging roles the professions can fulfil.</p> <p>There are 3,500 therapists in Wales working in a variety of settings including community locations, hospitals, education establishments and service user's homes.</p> <p>The consultation also covers areas such as organisational structures, accountability, CPD, equipment, IT and evidence based practice.</p>
<b>Implications for community pharmacy</b>	There are no identified implications for community pharmacy.
<b>Opportunities for community pharmacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the future more therapists will request diagnostic procedures and prescribe. There may be local opportunities for pharmacists to make contact with their local community therapists. They will also have a signposting role to other services and be increasingly involved in promoting healthy lifestyles.</li> <li>• Community pharmacists interested in launching obesity management services will find local dieticians very supportive and can provide practical support in setting up weight management services.</li> <li>• Community pharmacists offering CHD screening services should likewise make contact with local occupational therapists, dieticians and physiotherapists who in a position to refer and identify suitable patients.</li> </ul>
<b>CPW: action taken</b>	There is no action for CPW to take in relation to this consultation