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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your recent Written Question asking how the Welsh Government is supporting research into the long-term impacts of e-cigarettes on human health.

E-cigarette use is a relatively new phenomenon and the longer-term health effects are still emerging. The Welsh Government tracks smoking and vaping prevalence rates for adults over the age of 16 in Wales via the [National Survey for Wales](#), and in young people via the School Health Research Network (SHRN) [Student Health and Wellbeing Survey](#).

The Welsh Government has close working relationships with and contributes funding to the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR), who in 2023 announced it would accept [applications](#) for Application Development Awards as a first step to understanding e-cigarette use better through modelling.

Researchers with an interest in vaping and e-cigarettes can apply to one of the Health and Care Research Wales funding schemes or a relevant partner programme, such as the NIHR Public Health Research Programme, in which Health and Care Research Wales participates. Details of current funding opportunities is available on the [Health and Care Research Wales website | Funding Schemes](#).

Yours sincerely,

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