The Welsh Netball Talent Centres are intended to identify and develop potential future National Squad players. We are focused on developing the ‘whole player’ to play Netball ‘the Welsh Way’. It is therefore vital that we have a consistent approach to all our Talent Centre trials and training, and that the players completely understand what is expected of them.

Coaches, Team Managers and Umpires are expected to deliver training sessions provided in our coaching booklet to comply with ‘The Welsh Way’. Trials for Talent Centres will be held in December, where players will be selected and begin training in January. Training sessions will run from January – May, twice monthly for 3 hours. On the second training session of every month the training session will consist of competitive match play, internally and externally. A tournament will be held in June where National selectors will be present. We are introducing for 2020 the requirement to track players progress against key player development principles that are embedded in playing Netball “The Welsh Way”. This will be a progress sheet that will consist of not just technical skill development, but wider areas that demonstrate the progression of the person, athlete and performer. This will start to give the national age group coaches more data and insight on what players are in the system and how they are progressing. We recognise that this requires a great deal of trust, and as the system evolves it is our ambition for this to be supported by video footage, but for now it will allow us to know who is in the system and how they are progressing. We also recognise that data does not give the whole picture, so it will not necessarily be those that demonstrate accelerated progress against these markers that are the priority, and where necessary you will be contacted as a coach to discuss certain players based on the data you provide. . Coaches will be asked to submit this at the end of every month. A prompt will be issued by the PSO.

**Under 17 Talent Centres**

Will consist of **4** groups of **20-25** players across Wales. The sessions will be taking place in North (Coleg Cambria), South East (Newport Centre), Central South (USW), West (Coleg Sir Gar/Neath Port Talbot College). The Talent Centres will run twice a month for **3**-hour sessions from January – May. During the second training session there will be competitive match play. There will be a close of programme tournament in June where National selectors will be present.

**Under 21 Talent Centres**

Will consist of **4** groups of **15** players across Wales. The sessions will be taking place inNorth (Coleg Cambria), South East (Newport Centre), Central South (USW), West (Coleg Sir Gar/Neath Port Talbot College). The Talent Centres will run twice a month for **3**-hour sessions from January – May. During the second training session there will be competitive match play. There will be a close of programme tournament in June where National selectors will be present.

The Coaches, Team Managers and Umpires appointed will receive a development package tailored to their specific needs and be granted opportunities to experience a high-performance environment. They will also receive branded kit.

**Welsh Netball are seeking Expressions of interest from Coaches, Umpires and Team Managers to assist in the delivery of this key change and help run the Talent Centre sessions.**

If you would like to be part of the new pathway, please complete the below form and send to lucy.howells@welshnetball.com no later than **12pm on Wednesday 20th November.**

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| **PERSONAL DETAILS** |
| Name: |  | D.O.B |  |
| Address: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Contact Tel: |  |
| Availability to Attend Trials During December (please specify exact dates):  |  |
| **Please complete qualification relevant to post applied for**  |
| Level of Coaching Qualification |  |
| Level of Umpiring Qualification |  |
| Level of Team Manager Qualification/Experience |  |

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| **Role –** I would like to apply for the following role (please tick no more than 3) |
| U21 Talent Centre Head Coach (UKCC L2 or Equivalent) |  | North (Coleg Cambria) |  |
| U21 Talent Centre Assistant Coach |  | East (Newport Centre) |  |
| U21 Talent Centre Team Manager |  | Central South (Sport Wales) |  |
| U21 Talent Centre Umpire |  | West (Neath Port Talbot College/Coleg Sir Gar)  |  |
| Region (please tick) |
| U17 Talent Centre Head Coach (UKCC L2 or Equivalent) |  | North (Coleg Cambria)  |  |
| U17 Talent Centre Assistant Coach |  | South East (Newport Centre)  |  |
| U17 Talent Centre Team Manager  |  | Central South (USW) |  |
| U17 Talent Centre Umpire |  | West (Neath Port Talbot College/Coleg Sir Gar)  |  |