Implications of the New Treatment Fund for AWTTC





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"New treatment fund, open for business" – says Health Secretary

The Welsh Government's new treatment fund is "open for business" with £80 million being made available over the life of this government to speed up access to the very latest medicines – Health Secretary Vaughan Gething has announced today.

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A total of £12 million will be released to health boards with immediate effect, with a further £4 million being made available later. The fund will provide additional support of £16 million annually to help health boards in Wales speed up access to medicines recommended by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG).

Under the new system, all health boards in Wales will be required to make a NICE or AWMSG recommended medicine available no later than two months from the date the final guidance is published, shortening the

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New Treatment Fund

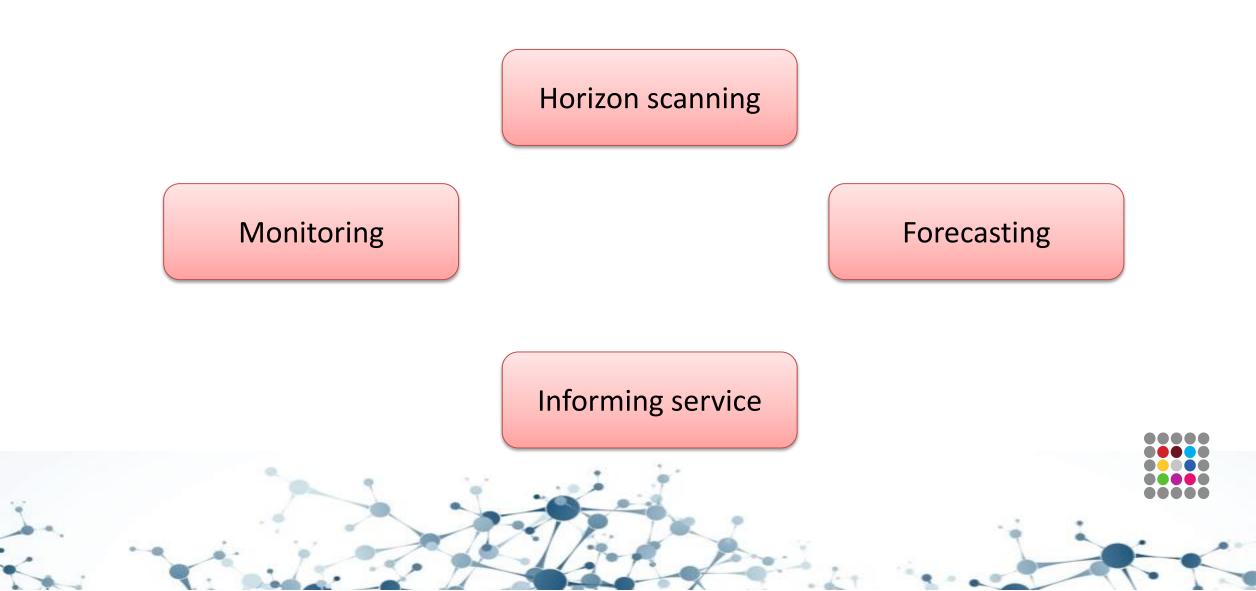
- Help ease financial pressure for introduction of new medicines in NHS Wales
- £80 million; £16m per year across all HBs/Trust
- Faster & consistent availability of new medicines
 - within 60 days of FAD/FED/AWMSG publication
 - subject to PAS/CAA/MAA in place

New Treatment Fund (cont'd)

- Considerable challenge to Health Boards/Trust
 - budget allocation
 - associated service delivery need
 - consider medicines management policies
- Early intelligence
- "Once for Wales"

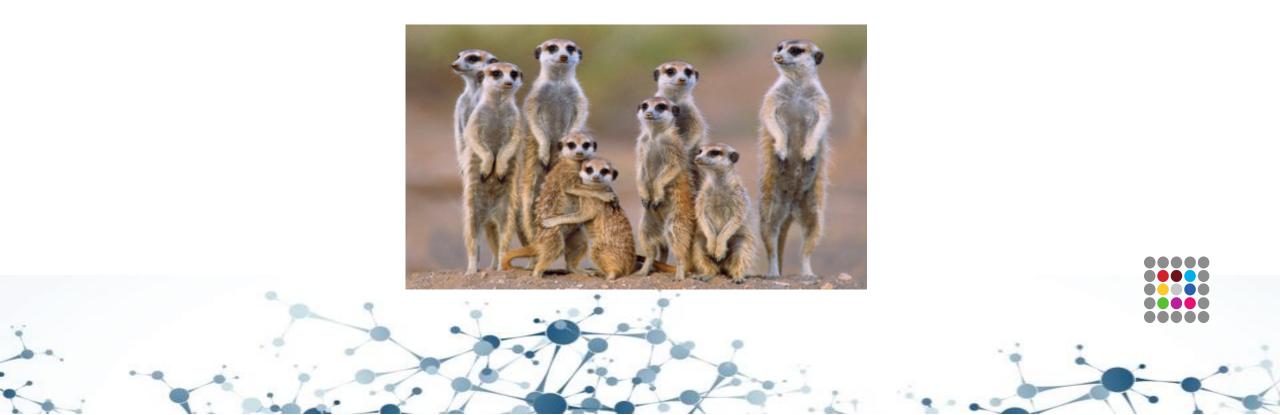


AWTTC activities: overview



Horizon scanning

'the systematic examination of potential threats, opportunities and likely future developments, including (but not restricted to) those at the margins of current thinking and planning.'



Medicines horizon scanning

- Identify new medicines in development
- Prepare for innovation e.g. ATMP
- Support managed entry of new medicines
- Assist associated financial planning

Why is horizon scanning important in Wales?

- For Health Boards/Trust
 - implementation of NICE/AWMSG advice
- For AWTTC
 - informs advanced financial forecasting
 - facilitates timely appraisal of new medicines
- For Welsh Government
 - investigate opportunity and threat
 - policy planning



AWTTC horizon scanning: identifying medicines for appraisal

- Medicines tracked using horizon scanning sources
- Form A requested at CHMP positive
- Decision made whether meets AWMSG criteria for appraisal
- Early engagement → medicines appraised and AWMSG advice issued as close to licence as possible



AWTTC horizon scanning: for forecasting and planning

Medicines Horizon Scanning and Forecasting Group

AWTTC horizon scanning team



Medicines Horizon Scanning & Forecasting Group (MHSFG)

- To advise, inform and review the actions of AWTTC within the realm of this group
- To agree the list of medicines considered to have a significant financial or service delivery implication for NHS Wales.
- Facilitate communication between AWTTC and appropriate clinical experts to inform on potential NHS Wales uptake of specific medicines.
- To provide feedback on group output to the All Wales Joint Pharmacy and Finance Group.

AWTTC Medicines Horizon Scanning & Forecasting

- Identify new medicines likely to be launched within a 12 to 18 month horizon.
- Facilitate identification of a subset of these medicines
 - with a high budget impact and/or
 - have significant implications for service delivery e.g. ATMP
- Estimate potential budgetary implications of new medicines
- Disseminate forecasting information
- Progress electronic database hosting

AWTTC horizon scanning team

- Working on 2018 and 2019 medicines per MHSFG
 - Horizon scanning sources, e.g. UK PharmaScan
 - Input from clinical experts
 - MHSFG
 - Industry
- Liaison with SMC
- AWTTC "vault" to share confidential information securely



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AWTTC horizon scanning: moving forward

- Reports for service and WG
- Review AWTTC process
- Clinical experts
 - Identification
 - Engagement
- Work closely with the service via MHSFG
- Increased intelligence from NICE
- Encouraging AN submission via secure portal (where info not available elsewhere, e.g. on UK PharmaScan)



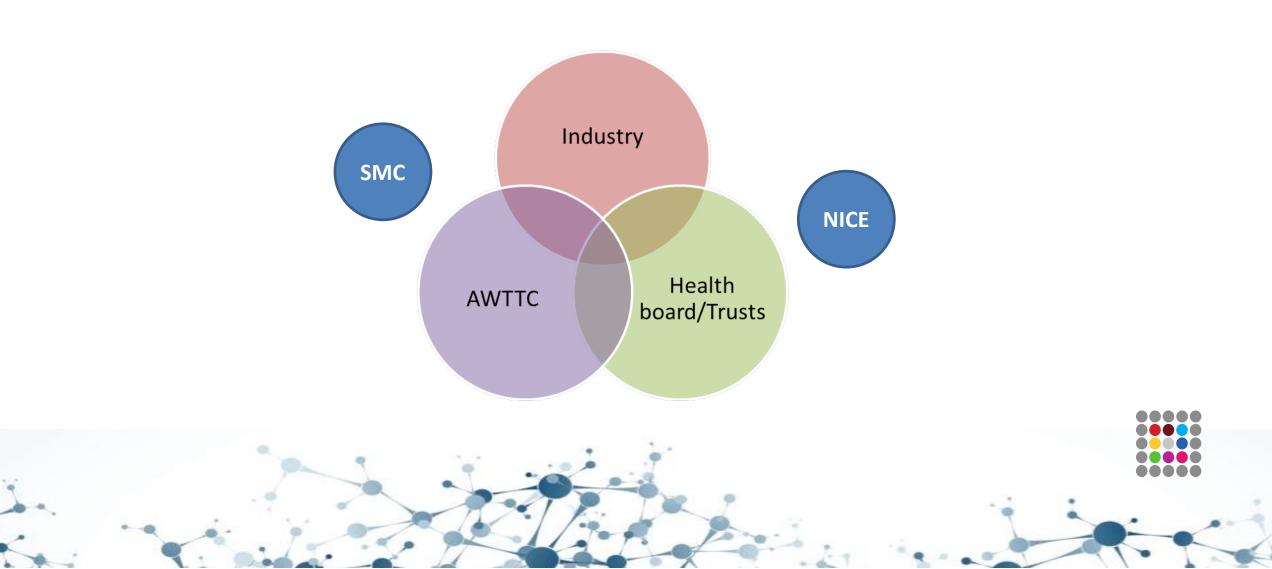


Some challenges

- Horizon scanning allows early identification of new medicines, however:
 - Medicine may not get a marketing authorisation
 - The licensed and appraised indications may be different
 - The medicine may not be recommended by NICE/AWMSG
 - Patient numbers difficult to predict
 - Identifying treatment pathways
 - Cost data difficult to obtain
 - PAS prices and issues with confidentiality
 - Identifying industry contacts
 - Identifying appropriate experts within Wales



Collaboration



Thank you **Diolch yn fawr**







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