



Call for Members – October 2024

AWMSG is seeking new members for various committees

Nominations/applications for the positions below are invited
You can nominate yourself, a member of your team or a colleague

[The All Wales Medicines Strategy Group \(AWMSG\)](#)

AWMSG is a statutory body established in 2002 to advise the Welsh Minister(s) on strategic developments in medicines management and prescribing. It aims to improve the health and well-being of people in Wales by enabling patients to get the best outcomes from their medicines by

- delivering better outcomes for patients
- reducing harm and improve medication safety
- ensuring timely and equitable access to medicines across Wales

Ten hybrid meetings, which are open to members of the public to observe, will be scheduled per year. We are looking to recruit the following new members:

- **2 General Practitioners**
- **1 Hospital Consultant**
- **1 Community Pharmacist**

[The All Wales Prescribing Advisory Group \(AWPAG\)](#)

AWPAG is an advisory sub-committee of the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group. AWPAG advises the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) on strategic developments in medicines management to deliver better outcomes for patients by reducing harm and improving medication safety and health outcomes. Four hybrid meetings over a twelve-month period shall be scheduled. A minimum of 2 weeks' notice will be given for any extra-ordinary meeting. AWPAG is looking to recruit the following new members and will ensure there is broad geographical representation from all health boards across NHS Wales:

- **5 Doctors (either GPs or hospital consultants)**
- **2 Members representing other healthcare professionals eligible to prescribe, not already represented on the committee (dentist / optometrist / chiropodist / podiatrist / physiotherapist / radiographer / paramedic etc)**

The Licensed One Wales Medicines Assessment Group (LOWMAG)

LOWMAG is an advisory sub-committee of the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group, through which it reports. This newly established Group will **meet monthly (online or hybrid)** to advise the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) on existing and newly licensed medicines to enable patient access in the absence of NICE Technology Appraisal or Highly Specialised Technology advice. The Group will make recommendations to AWMSG on licensed medicines when there is an unmet clinical need or an opportunity to add value. LOWMAG is looking for the following new members:

3 Pharmacists

3 Doctors (either GPs or hospital consultants)

1 Nurse

1 Healthcare professional eligible to prescribe, not already represented on the committee (dentist / optometrist / podiatrist / physiotherapist / radiographer / paramedic etc)

Expectations

Members are expected to apply experience and judgement from their relevant backgrounds to the issues under consideration and, in doing so, actively contribute to improving the quality and consistency of care provided by NHS Wales.

Members and alternates can rotate attendance at meetings.

Members will be expected to deal in a timely manner with the reading of substantial committee documents and contribute to the development of strategic issues identified.

Membership is unpaid, although reasonable expenses and locum fees are reimbursed.

Members will be asked to declare any personal (specific or non-specific) interests in advance of all meetings.

Meetings dates are fixed and made available to members up to a year in advance.

Terms of office will normally be four years. Appointees may serve two terms but the total period of appointment must not exceed eight years. Reappointment is subject to satisfactory performance.

To apply

Applications should be submitted by email to awttc@wales.nhs.uk and it should be clear which committee the nomination/application relates to. Please let us know if you would like to discuss any of these vacancies and seek the support of your employer. Individual applicants should briefly outline the skills, knowledge and experience that they can bring to the committee; and provide a CV.

Applications will be acknowledged by AWTTTC and forwarded to the Chair of the committee. An informal chat with the Chair or the Secretariat will follow. The AWMSG Steering Committee is responsible for approving membership/s of AWMSG sub-groups. Welsh Government officials approve AWMSG membership/s following endorsement by the AWMSG Steering Committee.