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## **ALL WALES PRESCRIBING ADVISORY GROUP**

**Minutes of meeting held  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014 commencing 9.30 am  
At the St Michael's Centre, 10a Pen Y Pound, Abergavenny,  
NP7 5UD**

### **Voting members**

Dr Sue Jeffs Chair)	Consultant, Aneurin Bevan
Mrs Jane Barnard	Lay member
Mr Alan Clatworthy	Pharmacist, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg
Mrs Sian Evans	Pharmaceutical Public Health Wales
Mr Stefan Fec	Community Pharmacist
Miss Sophie Harding	Pharmacist, Velindre
Dr Susannah Jacks	GP, Aneurin Bevan
Mr Jonathan Simms	Pharmacist, Aneurin Bevan
Mrs Fiona Walker	Pharmacist, Cardiff and Vale
Mrs Bev Woods	Pharmacist, Cwm Taf
Dr Sean Young	GP, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg

### **In attendance (non-voting)**

Ms Kath Haines, AW TTC  
Mr Jamie Hayes, AW TTC  
Mrs Kate Jenkins, AW TTC  
Miss Christine Collier, AW TTC  
Dr Tessa Lewis, AW TTC  
Dr Rick Greville, Director ABPI Cymru Wales  
Dr Robert Bracchi, AW TTC  
Miss Karen Jones, AW TTC

### **Key of abbreviations**

AWMSG	All Wales Medicines Strategy Group
AWMSGSC	All Wales Medicines Strategy Group Steering Committee
AWPAG	All Wales Prescribing Advisory Group
AWTTC	All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre
CASPA	Comparative Analysis System for Prescribing Audit
CEPP	Clinical Effectiveness Prescribing Programme (Formerly called the Prescribing Incentive Scheme)
CPW	Community Pharmacy Wales
DH	Department of Health
GP	General Practitioner
MHRA	Medicines Health and Regulatory Authority
MMPB	Medicines Management Programme Board

NMG	New Medicines Group
NICE	National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence
NSAIDs	Non steroidal anti inflammatory drugs
NWIS	NHS Wales Informatics Service
PSU	Prescribing Support Unit
SLA	Service Level Agreement
T&FG	Task and Finish Group
UHB	University Health Board
WAPSU	Welsh Analytical Prescribing Support Unit
WG	Welsh Government
WeMeReC	Welsh Medicines Resource Centre

## **1.0 Welcome & introduction**

The Chair opened the meeting and invited members to introduce themselves

## **2.0 Apologies**

Mrs Louise Howard-Baker	Pharmacist, Betsi Cadwaladr
Mr Andrew Evans	Welsh Government
Mrs Sarah Isaac	Pharmacist, Hywel Dda
Mrs Robyn Miles	ABPI Wales Industry Group
Mr Paul Fleming	British Generics Manufacturers
Dr Mark Walker	GP, Betsi Cadwaladr

## **3.0 Declaration of interest.**

There were no declarations of interest pertinent to the meeting.

## **4.0 Chair's report**

In the absence of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman informed the meeting that there were no items of note to report.

## **5.0 Minutes of Previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were checked for accuracy and the following amendment agreed:

Page 4 Item 10.0 – Replace “AWMSG” with “CEPP” in the paragraph title

## **6.0 Papers endorsed by AWMSG**

Ms Kath Haines provided feedback on the following papers endorsed by AWMSG meetings held 15<sup>th</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014:

### **AWMSG Five Year Strategy 2013–2018**

The AWMSG Five Year Strategy for 2013–2018 was supported by AWMSG. Dr Robert Bracchi gave more detailed feedback. This document is now available on the AWMSG website.

### **National Prescribing Indicators 2014–2015**

The National Prescribing Indicators 2014–2015 document was supported by AWMSG. A document entitled Supporting Information for Prescribers will be presented by Mrs Kate Jenkins later in the meeting. This document is now available on the AWMSG website.

### **Therapeutics Priorities and CEPP Summary 2014–2015**

The Therapeutics Priorities and CEPP Summary for 2014–2015 was supported by AWMSG. Dr Tessa Lewis gave more detailed feedback. This document is now available on the AWMSG website.

## National Prescribing Indicators 2013–2014 Analysis of Prescribing Data to September 2013

The NPIs 2013–2014 Analysis of Prescribing Data to September 2013 was supported by AWMSG. This document is now available on the AWMSG website.

### **Antidotes in Wales**

Ms Kath Haines informed the meeting that AWMSG endorsed guidelines and process to ensure the efficient stocking of antidotes in appropriate sites in Wales. The hospitals that will stock the rarely used antidotes have yet to be decided. This document will be available on the AWMSG website

### **7.0 Guidance to Support the Review of Long-term Bisphosphonate Therapy in the Management of Osteoporosis**

The Chair welcomed Dr Stuart Linton, Consultant Rheumatologist, to the meeting. Before presenting his paper, Dr Linton thanked all contributors. Following his presentation Dr Linton responded to questions from the group and acknowledged recommendations. The paper was well received by the group and it was recommended that it be sent to the Welsh Osteoporosis Advisory Group (WOAG) for comment.

#### **ACTION**

**Paper to be sent to WOAG for comment**

### **8.0 Polypharmacy: Guidance for Prescribing for Frail Adults**

The Chair presented a paper on behalf of Mrs Jenny Pugh Jones\*\*, Chief Pharmacist, Hywel Dda University Health Board. The paper contained 4 items for consideration by this group:

#### **Local (Welsh) data for > 75 years and on 10+ medicines**

Local information from three GP practices in West Wales indicates that of the patients > 74 years (from CASPA lists) it is estimated that between 22%–29% of this age group are on 10 or more medicines. Could we obtain more robust data within the timescales?

WAPSU agreed to contact Health Boards to gain additional data. Health board pharmacists asked for clarity on the question being asked to identify the numbers, but were happy to provide the information

**ACTION Bev Woods, Fiona Walker to provide data**

**AWTTC to update data**

#### **STOPP/START**

There is currently no reference in the document to the work that WeMeReC are taking forward around the Screening Tool of Older Person's Prescriptions (STOPP)/Screening Tool to Alert doctors to Right Treatment (START) principles.

It was agreed that there should be reference to this work.

#### **ACTION**

**WeMeRec to provide appropriate links and references**

#### **New Oral Anticoagulants (NOACs)**

NOACs have not been included but does the group feel that it would be appropriate to do so?

It was agreed that there should be a statement regarding NOACs within the document.

#### **ACTION**

**A statement regarding NOACs to be added under section 2.1.6.1**

### **Presentation**

The summarised charts provided by Aneurin Bevan Health Board (Emyr Jones) have been added as appendices as 'Summary Tools' to support implementation. The group discussed this and it was agreed that the charts are very useful and could be moved to the start of the document

#### **ACTION**

**Consider reviewing document to give more prominence to charts**

It was agreed that the document should be sent for consultation on 25<sup>th</sup> March once the agreed changes have been made.

\*\*Mrs Jenny Pugh Jones joined the meeting after this discussion and added further details to the discussion

### **9.0 Project to Reduce Medicines-related Admissions – Clinical Coding**

The Chair welcomed Mrs Janet Thomas, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB. Mr Jamie Hayes informed the meeting that one of the areas to be considered as a result of the discussions held at the previous meeting in December 2013 was clinical coding within hospitals in NHS Wales. He informed the meeting that he and Mrs Thomas had held various meetings with staff responsible for clinical coding to explore and understand the role of clinical coding for medicines related admissions. Mrs Thomas presented 7 different scenarios which were discussed by the group.

#### **ACTION**

**Seek legal advice before requesting physicians to comment**

**Utilise WeMeReC case studies**

### **10.0 One System for Health**

The Chair welcomed Mrs Cheryl Way, NWIS, who gave a verbal update regarding the One System for Health project, which focuses on part of the AWMSG Five Year Strategy for 2013–2018. She informed the meeting that following a successful pilot, the Medicines Transcribing and eDischarge is now available to health boards to use. She also provided an update on the Hospital Electronic Prescribing and Medicines Administration (HEPMA) system.

#### **ACTION**

**To be presented to AWMSG for support**

### **11.0 British National Formulary Chapter Analysis**

Ms Kath Haines introduced the Primary Care Prescribing Data: British National Formulary Chapter Analysis: Eye, Respiratory and Cardiovascular April–September 2013. Miss Karen Jones then presented the data. This was discussed at length by the group and suggestions were made for further analysis and it was agreed that a more detailed analysis of respiratory prescribing would be undertaken, using examples of work undertaken in health boards which may account for differences in prescribing.

#### **ACTION**

**Health boards to provide any local work undertaken which may account for differences in prescribing.**

**To be sent to health boards for consultation**

**Dr Sean Young, Mrs Jane Barnard and Miss Sophie Harding left the meeting**

### **12.0 National Prescribing Indicators 2014–2015: Supporting Information for Prescribers**

Mrs Kate Jenkins informed the meeting that this paper had already been circulated to members for comment and these had been noted. The paper was discussed at length by the group. Dr Tessa Lewis asked if a patient version would be made available – it was suggested that this would be useful, as would providing information to community pharmacists to establish a more consistent message. Several other

recommendations had been made by email from Sian Evans. Future formats and resources to be discussed by NPI task and finish sub-group during the development of NPIs. Mr Jamie Hayes recommended to the meeting that this paper would be an ideal educational opportunity for the Wales Centre for Pharmacy Professional Education and he would liaise with Mrs Margaret Allan, Acting Director.

**ACTION**

**To AWMSG on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014**

**Mr Jamie Hayes to liaise with WCPPE**

**13.0 Wales Audit Office Review of Primary Care Prescribing**

The Chair welcomed Mr Malcolm Latham who provided a verbal update regarding the Wales Audit Office Review of Primary Care Prescribing. The All Wales review is nearing completion and is almost ready for circulation. Mr Jonathan Simms asked if the review findings could be broken down to Health Board level. Mr Latham agreed to look into the possibility. Dr Susanna Jacks asked if the review would be taking into consideration the non availability of some medicines. Mr Latham informed her that this was unlikely due to a lack of data.

**14.0 All Wales Prescribing Guidance: Smoking Cessation in Primary Care**

Mrs Sian Evans presented a paper prepared by Ms Rosemary Allgeier, Public Health Wales. The paper was discussed at length by the group. Dr Richard Greville recommended that the paper be sent to manufacturers for consultation. Mrs Fiona Walker and Mrs Bev Woods informed the meeting that their health boards have their own guidance, as may other health boards in Wales. Mrs Woods agreed to forward the Cwm Taf Health Board guidance to the author.

**ACTION**

**Author to liaise with AWTTC to arrange consultation**

**Reword purpose of doc to more accurately reflect content**

**15.0 Verbal update – Role of Oral Anticoagulants**

Dr Tessa Lewis gave brief feedback from meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

**16.0 Prescribing Dilemmas**

Dr Tessa Lewis gave a verbal update regarding the All Wales Guidance on prescribing for erectile dysfunction.

**17.0 National Prescribing Indicators - Analysis of Yellow Card Reporting Data to December 2013**

Mrs Kate Jenkins presented this paper for information. The paper is being considered by AWMSG on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014.

**There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting.**

**The date of next meeting – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2014**