

ALL WALES PRESCRIBING ADVISORY GROUP

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 25th June 2014 commencing 9.30 am At the St Michael's Centre, 10a Pen Y Pound, Abergavenny, NP7 5UD

Voting members

Mrs Louise Howard-Baker (Chair)	Pharmacist, Betsi Cadwaladr
Dr Sue Jeffs	Consultant, Aneurin Bevan
Dr Mark Walker	GP, Betsi Cadwaladr
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 Susanna Jacks	GP, Aneurin Bevan
Mrs Bev Woods	Pharmacist, Cwm Taf
Mrs Sarah Isaac	Pharmacist, Hywel Dda
Mrs Robyn Miles	ABPI Wales Industry Group
Dr Tessa Lewis	GP, Aneurin Bevan

In attendance (non-voting)

Ms Kath Haines, AWTTTC
Mrs Kate Jenkins, AWTTTC
Miss Christine Collier, AWTTTC
Miss Karen Jones, AWTTTC
Dr Rick Greville, Director ABPI Cymru Wales
Mr Andrew Evans, DHSS
Ms Jayne Price, Pharmacist, Powys
Dr Stuart Linton, Consultant, Aneurin Bevan

Key of abbreviations

ABPI	Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry
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
DHSS	Department of Health and Social Services
GP	General Practitioner
MHRA	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
NMMPB	National Medicines Management Programme Board
NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
NMG	New Medicines Group
NWIS	NHS Wales Informatics Service
PSU	Prescribing Support Unit
T&FG	Task and Finish Group
UHB	University Health Board
WAPSU	Welsh Analytical Prescribing Support Unit
WeMeReC	Welsh Medicines Resource Centre
WG	Welsh Government

1.0 Welcome & introduction

The Chair opened the meeting and invited members to introduce themselves.

2.0 Apologies

Ms Marnel Owen
Dr Hamsaraj Shetty
Mr Jonathan Simms
Mrs Fiona Walker
Dr Sean Young
Mr Paul Fleming
Mr Jamie Hayes
Mrs Karen Samuels

Community Nurse, Betsi Cadwaladr
Consultant, Cardiff and Vale
Pharmacist, Aneurin Bevan
Pharmacist, Cardiff and Vale
GP, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg
British Generics Manufacturers
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3.0 Declaration of interest.

Robyn Miles declared interests pertinent to item 7.6 on the meeting agenda.

4.0 Chair's report

The Chair 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 agreed.

Kate Jenkins informed the group that the National Prescribing Indicator task and finish group would be meeting at University Hospital Llandough on the 22nd July for consideration of the 2015–2016 National Prescribing Indicators and invited representation.

6.0 Feedback from AWMSG meetings held 2 April, 7 May and 11 June 2014

Kath Haines provided feedback that all the following papers were well supported and endorsed at AWMSG meetings held on 2 April, 7 May and 11 June 2014:

National Prescribing Indicators 2014–2015: Supporting Information for Prescribers

National Prescribing Indicators: Analysis of Yellow Card Reporting Data to December 2013

National Prescribing Indicators 2013–2014: Analysis of Prescribing Data to December 2013

Monitoring of Medicines Appraised by NICE and AWMSG: Summary

Mental Health and Medication Wales

The Mental Health and Medication Wales website resource was supported by AWMSG.

One System for Health

The aims of the One System for Health initiative were supported by AWMSG.

Mark Walker joined the meeting.

7.0 Documents for discussion

7.1 Role of Oral Anticoagulants for the Prevention of Stroke and Systemic Embolism (TL)

Tessa Lewis presented the paper and consultation responses, which were discussed at some length. Some changes and actions were agreed in light of consultation comments and the remaining recommendations for review will be circulated to the subgroup for comment before requesting e-sign off by AWPAG members.

ACTION: Paper and consultation responses to be sent to sub-group and then e-mail updated paper to AWPAG members for sign off.

7.2 Dose Taper and Discontinuation of Biologics in Low Disease Activity Rheumatology (JP)

The Chair welcomed Jayne Price, Medicines Management Pharmacist, Powys Teaching Health Board to the meeting. Ms Price presented the Dose Taper and Discontinuation of Biologics in Low Disease Activity paper and the project proposals. There were some concerns raised that withdrawing treatment might increase the risk of an immune response on re-challenge with biologics and asked Jayne to seek assurance from Southampton on this issue. The group did not support universal first line biologic treatment, intentionally working outside of NICE, and the proposed financial approach also outlined in the paper. The group were therefore supportive of elements of the proposal with the premise of the clarification, on which Jayne Price will feedback to the group.

There was a suggestion to suggest this as an Invest to Save proposal. It was also suggested that the Southampton group could be invited to speak at AWPAG.

ACTION: Jayne Price to progress project including future consultation with gastroenterologists and feed back to AWPAG.

ACTION: Sarah Isaac to forward link to British Society for Rheumatology paper for inclusion in doc.

7.3 Prescribing Dilemmas: Erectile Dysfunction (TL)

Tessa Lewis presented an update to the Prescribing Dilemmas paper. The group considered a partial update to the prescribing dilemmas paper and agreed that the whole paper required review. The Chair asked for volunteers to review sections and these were agreed as follows:

- Sections 4 and 12 – Andrew Evans
- Sections 6 and 7 – Sian Evans
- Sections 8 and 9 – Beverley Woods
- Section 11 – Susanna Jacks
- Section 15 – Sian Evans

Members were asked to feedback any comments to AWTTC by 11 July 2014.

ACTION: Designated members to review paper and submit update by 11 July 2014.

Stuart Linton joined the meeting

7.5 Guidance to Support the Review of Long-term Oral Bisphosphonates (SL/TL)

The Chair welcomed Dr Stuart Linton to the meeting. Dr Linton presented this paper and informed members that the paper had now been reviewed by the Welsh Osteoporosis Advisory Group (WOAG). Minor changes had been made following this. Kate Jenkins gave a verbal summary of three pilot audits which had been undertaken and recommended some areas of clarification, along with additional links and the addition of data collection guidance. Discussion followed and some amendments proposed and agreed, including an amendment to the title, the addition of links, and

clarification on fragility fracture. Discussion also followed regarding the development of a national audit, which would cover data collection guidance.

ACTION: Amendments to be made and paper to be sent out for consultation, followed by e-sign off.

7.4 Antibiotic Audit Outcomes (TL)

Tessa Lewis presented a summary of the Antibiotic Audit Outcomes. Discussion followed with regard to the responses to the audit. It was suggested that low response numbers may be due to failure to report, rather than failure to audit. It was suggested that a centralised tool to electronically collect data would be useful.

ACTION: AWTTC to recirculate to obtain further information, disseminate results and promote audit further.

Andrew Evans and Sarah Isaac left the meeting. Karen Jones joined the meeting.

7.6 BNF Chapter Analysis: Respiratory Therapeutic Area (KJ)

Kath Haines introduced Primary Care Prescribing Data: British National Formulary Chapter Analysis: Respiratory Therapeutic Area. It was agreed to change the title of the paper to better reflect the specific respiratory therapeutic area analysis. Karen Jones presented the paper in more detail; amendments were suggested and agreed.

ACTION: Insert additional information in the paper and put out to consultation to MTCs, Prescribing Leads, Chief Pharmacists, Medicines Management Groups, Primary Care Prescribing groups.

8.0 Verbal updates

The Chair gave verbal feedback on the following:

8.1 Medicines-related Admissions

Project in process – update on progress via email from Jamie Hayes. Authors have engaged with stakeholders e.g. 1000 Lives, Prudent Healthcare. Meeting is planned for 9 July Manchester. Process update relating to three key considerations planned for September 2014 AWPAG.

8.2 Pharmacotherapy for Smoking Cessation

This paper is to be discussed at the July 16th meeting of the AWMSG.

8.3 Polypharmacy: Guidance for Prescribing in Frail Adults

This paper is to be discussed at the July 16th meeting of the AWMSG.

9.0 Feedback from the All Wales Chief Pharmacists Committee (AWCPC)

The Chair gave verbal feedback on behalf of the Chief Pharmacists.

The AWCPC had considered the Trusted to Care report at their last meeting. Each health board is creating an action plan which includes guidance on the management of delirium. It was proposed that these could be collated as an all Wales document, endorsed by AWMSG.

ACTION: Chair to take the proposal to Mental Health Pharmacists

10.0 AOB

Sian Evans highlighted the 1000 Lives document on achieving prudent healthcare, and it was suggested that authors could be invited to the next AWPAG meeting.

**There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting.
The date of next meeting – Wednesday 24th September 2014**