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ALL WALES PRESCRIBING ADVISORY GROUP

Minutes of meeting held on

Wednesday 27th September 2017 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 Lisa Adams	General Practitioner, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg
Mrs Jane Barnard	Lay Member
Mr Alan Clatworthy	Pharmacist, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg
Mr Mike Curson	Pharmacist, Aneurin Bevan
Miss Sian Evans	Consultant in Pharmaceutical Public Health, Public Health Wales
Mr Stefan Fec	Community Pharmacist, Powys
Mrs Sarah Isaac	Pharmacist, Hywel Dda
Dr Sue Jeffs	Consultant, Aneurin Bevan
Dr Sally Lewis	Assistant Medical Director/Primary Care Clinical Director, Aneurin Bevan
Dr Becky McGee	General Practitioner, Aneurin Bevan
Mrs Robyn Miles	ABPI Wales Industry Group
Mrs Bethan Tranter	Chief Pharmacist, Velindre
Ms Fiona Walker	Cardiff and Vale
Mrs Bev Woods	Cwm Taf

In attendance (non-voting)

Dr Rick Greville, Director	ABPI Cymru Wales
Mr Richard Boldero	AWTTC
Dr Rob Bracchi	AWTTC
Mrs Wendy Casey	AWTTC
Mrs Anne Coles	AWTTC
Miss Christine Collier	AWTTC
Dr Stephanie Francis	AWTTC
Ms Kath Haines	AWTTC
Mr Jamie Hayes	AWTTC
Dr Carolyn Hughes	AWTTC
Mrs Claire Thomas	AWTTC
Mrs Gail Woodland	WMIC

Key of abbreviations

ABPI	Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry
AWMSG	All Wales Medicines Strategy Group
AWTTC	All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre
CASPA	Comparative Analysis System for Prescribing Audit
CEPP	Clinical Effectiveness Prescribing Programme
CKD	Chronic kidney disease
CMO	Chief Medical Officer
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
GPC	General Practitioners Committee
ICS	Inhaled corticosteroids
NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
NPIs	National Prescribing Indicators
NSAIDs	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs

NWIS
SPIRA
WeMeReC
WHSSC
WMIC

NHS Wales Informatics Service
Server for Prescribing Information Reporting and Analysis
Welsh Medicines Resource Centre
Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee
Welsh Medicines Information Centre

1.0 Welcome & introduction

The Chair opened the meeting and informed members that Louise Lidbury, Senior Nurse, Aneurin Bevan had become the Nurse Member for the group but was unable to attend today's meeting. The Chair welcomed to the meeting Wendy Casey and Carolyn Hughes who were attending their first AWPAG meeting. Members introduced themselves.

2.0 Apologies

The Chair informed the group that apologies had been received from:

Mr Paul Fleming	British Generics Manufacturers
Dr Peter Horvath-Howard	GPC Wales
Ms Lynette James	Medicines Safety Officer, Cardiff & Vale
Mrs Louise Lidbury	Senior Nurse, Aneurin Bevan
Mrs Karen Samuels	AWTTC

3.0 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest relevant to the meeting. Members completed Declarations of Interest Forms and Confidentiality Agreements.

4.0 Chair's report

The Chair informed members 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.

Matters arising which are not included in this meeting agenda:

National audit

The action from the last meeting was to contact the National Diabetes Delivery Group for feedback on National Audit. A pharmacy contact for this group was not put forward and due to the timescale for the 2018–2019 CEPP Therapeutic Priorities it was agreed that this may be better to develop for 2019–2020.

The Chair raised the "**Good Practice for Switching Medicines**" document and that an email had been received from Jon Simms regarding forwarding a position statement from the Chief Pharmacists on generics. The Chair has developed a checklist document to consider when carrying out a switch; this has been taken to the Chief Pharmacists Quality & Safety Group meeting and will then be brought to the December meeting of AWPAG.

CEPP National Audit: Towards More Appropriate Management of Depression in a Primary Care Setting

This document has been archived and will be brought back to AWPAG when updated NICE guidance published.

6.0 Feedback from September 2017 AWMSG for information

Claire Thomas gave feedback on the National Prescribing Indicators 2016–2017 – Analysis of Prescribing Data to December 2016 and Data to March 2017 in July and September respectively. AWMSG noted the positive trends and also raised again the possibility of including dental antibiotic prescribing. However, this had been discussed by the NPI Subgroup and, as dental antibiotic prescribing represents such a small proportion of total antibiotic prescribing, it was decided not to include.

Kath Haines fed back on the All Wales Multidisciplinary Medicines Reconciliation Policy. Roger Williams presented this to AWMSG who supported the document. Concerns were raised, however, regarding the nursing input required, even though this document did go out to wide consultation. The Quality and Safety Group will be liaising with the Royal College of Nursing with some proposed minor changes to clarify the nurse role in medicines reconciliation in the policy. The Chair confirmed that this is still approved as an All Wales Policy.

Kath Haines informed the group that the “Medicines Identified as Low Priority for Funding in NHS Wales” paper was presented to the AWMSG meeting in September. The decision of AWMSG was to defer their recommendation on the paper subject to amendments. There were a number of principles which the committee were unable to agree on and the paper will be going back to the October AWMSG meeting with additional supporting evidence included. Discussion followed regarding the aim of the document and members emphasised that it represents the start of a cost efficiency programme which is also being run in NHS England. It was suggested that the next five areas for improvement could be guided by the NPIs.

7.0 Documents for discussion

The Chair introduced Nik Reid, All Wales Consultant Antimicrobial Pharmacist for Public Health Wales.

7.1 National Prescribing Indicators 2018–2019

Claire Thomas and Richard Boldero presented the draft National Prescribing Indicator 2018–2019 document. The proposed changes from 2017–2018 were discussed and the following actions were agreed.

- Retain proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) DDDs per 1,000 PUs – to ensure a primary care efficiency measure for 2018–2019.
- Retire high strength inhaled corticosteroids as a percentage of all ICS prescribing. This will continue to be monitored as a local comparator for two years.
- Retain opioid patch items as a percentage of all opioid prescribing. This will be combined with the tramadol and pregabalin measures to create an analgesia NPI.
- Retire NSAID ADQs per 1,000 STAR PUs. This will be monitored as a local comparator for two years.
- Retain long-acting insulin analogues NPI. This will be classed under the efficiency group of indicators.
- Remove the suggested target for the prescribing safety indicators in order to use data from 2018–2019 as a baseline for 2019–2020.
- Anticholinergic burden NPI is to be moved to include in the prescribing safety NPI.
- Otitis media NPI target to be changed to a 20% reduction from baseline, with the aim of less than 20% of patients coded with otitis media receiving an antimicrobial by 2021. It was highlighted that baseline data is currently not available as the measure initially requires approval by the Audit+ governance committee.
- Yellow card reports from community pharmacists and members of the public will be reported at health board level in addition to GP reports. Also agreed was the inclusion of reporting by secondary care at health board level.
- Antimicrobial stewardship NPI – the baseline data for total antibacterial items per 1,000 STAR PUs and 4C antimicrobials will be taken from 2016–2017 data.

Action: AWTTC to update NPI proposal paper with changes before sending to consultation.

7.2 All Wales Guide: Pharmacotherapy for Smoking Cessation

Sian Evans presented the All Wales Guide: Pharmacotherapy for Smoking Cessation. This document has been reviewed and updated. The main amendment was the inclusion of a section on e-cigarettes. It was noted that there was no mention of e-cigarettes in the introduction paragraph and it was agreed that a brief section should be added. It was agreed that this document will then go out for consultation.

Action: Section on e-cigarettes to be added into introduction paragraph

Action: Send out for consultation

7.3 Safe Use of Proton Pump Inhibitors

Richard Boldero presented the Safe Use of Proton Pump Inhibitors paper. Members' views were requested on the changes to the previous document and the continued inclusion of the appendices. The addition of a deprescribing algorithm, produced by PrescQIPP, was also discussed. Members were in support of including this.

Action: AWTTC to update document with requested changes and send out to consultation.

7.4 Choose Pharmacy Formulary

Gail Woodland presented the Choose Pharmacy Formulary which was still very much in draft format. Gail Woodland explained that there is a patient information leaflet for each condition being developed alongside the document and these will be presented at the December meeting of AWPAG. Discussion followed regarding referral processes, together with the availability of a Patient Group Direction (PGD). The questions listed at the end of the document were discussed.

Action: Sarah Isaac to email Chair re PGD

Action: Chair to email Darrell Baker re Chief Pharmacist workshops

Action: Gail Woodland to update document and bring back to AWPAG in December following consultation

Action: Gail Woodland to circulate section on sore throat and cough to members

7.5 AWMSG Strategy 2018–2023

Rob Bracchi presented the AWMSG Strategy 2018–2023. Bethan Tranter volunteered to look at the document and discuss with Chief Pharmacists. The suggested wording with reference to disinvestment opportunity was agreed by members. It was agreed for members to send any suggestions to Rob Bracchi.

Action: Rob Bracchi to add wording for disinvestment

Action: Sally Lewis to circulate information regarding value based indicators

Action: AWPAG members to send suggestions on outcomes to Rob Bracchi

Action: To consultation

Sally Lewis, Jamie Hayes and Sian Evans left the meeting.

8.0 Verbal updates

8.1 All Wales Shared Care Protocols for Prescribing Somatostatin Analogue for the Treatment of Patients with Neuroendocrine Tumours

Kath Haines informed the group that this document was currently on hold. Discussion is ongoing regarding lanreotide having a statement of advice due to non-engagement for appraisal and whether it should be included in this SC protocol because of this. The company have been encouraged to engage and are expected to do so in the near future. A general discussion on the place of shared care protocols followed and it was agreed to contact the GPC Wales for their view.

Action: Chair to contact GPC for view on place of shared care protocols

8.2 All Wales Prescription Handwriting Standards

Stefan Fec updated the group on the All Wales Prescription Handwriting Standards document which had been sent for consideration to the Chief Pharmacist Quality and Safety Group. Responses from the Chief Pharmacists in respect of the document are expected in the next week.

Action: To AWPAG in December

9.0 Document Review

Stephanie Francis gave an overview of four documents on the AWMSG website which are overdue a review.

9.1 Patient Information Manual – Opioids in Palliative Care

The Patient Information Manual – Opioids in Palliative Care had been discussed at the last AWPAG meeting and was sent to PAPIG for their comments. Members felt that the information was still appropriate and correct. It was agreed to keep this document on the AWMSG website with a note indicating that it had been checked.

9.2 Patient Information – Medicines for Mild to Moderate Pain Relief

Bethan Tranter informed the group that a statement had been written on the potential for paracetamol to mask signs of infection in people receiving chemotherapy treatment. There was discussion about whether a statement of this length was appropriate in such a short leaflet. It was agreed that this should not be included.

The Patient Information – Medicines for Mild to Moderate Pain Relief had been sent to PAPIG for their comments. It was felt that this document is clear and should be kept on the AWMSG website with a note indicating that it had been checked.

9.3 CEPP National Audit – Repeat Prescribing

Sarah Isaacs and Lisa Adams had reviewed this document with a view to whether it is in need of updating. Sarah Isaacs informed the group that there is a vast amount of work being carried out in this area. It was agreed that Bethan Tranter would raise the work AWPAG are undertaking with the Chief Pharmacists and would then liaise with the Chair with regard to the feedback. Members agreed this document should be removed from the AWMSG website noting that anyone wishing to access archived documents should contact AWTTTC.

Action: AWTTTC to remove Repeat Prescribing audit from website

Action: Bethan Tranter to raise with Chief Pharmacists and liaise with the Chair

9.4 Shared Care

It was agreed to wait for the response from the GPC before moving forward with the Shared Care protocol.

10.0 No updates

Kath Haines informed the group that there was nothing to update on the following documents and these would not be included on further AWPAG agendas until updates were available:

- All Wales Guidance for Nurses and Care Home Providers in Respect of Delegating Medicines Administration to Support Workers
- Shared Care Prescribing Guidance for the Treatment of Gender Dysphoria in Transwomen
- All Wales Prescribing Guidelines for Asthma and COPD
- All Wales Review – Domiciliary Care Medication Administration

11.0 SHARE Online Community

Chrissie Collier informed members that SHARE Online Community has an increasing number of members and that next steps involve more examples of good practice being posted.

12.0 Feedback from the Best Practice Day

Kath Haines delivered the positive feedback from the Best Practice Day with all presentations on the day being very well received. The patient involvement was noted as particularly good. The agenda for the next Best Practice Day will be discussed at the December meeting of AWPAG.

13.0 Feedback from the All Wales Chief Pharmacists Group

Bethan Tranter informed the group that the All Wales Chief Pharmacists Group (AWCPG) is continuing with the task and finish approach to delivering actions across NHS Wales. The AWCPG has a high profile within the Chief Executives improvement programme and a meeting is scheduled for later in the week to update on the six original workshops. The next workshops are currently being developed and will include homecare and reducing waste in care homes. AWCPG is also considering the roll out of the ABMU pilot on repeat prescribing and is also working with the Welsh Pharmaceutical Committee and Welsh Government on a position statement regarding outsourcing of outpatient pharmacy services. AWCPG is also looking at contract negotiations with Community Pharmacy Wales.

14.0 Any other business

Alan Clatworthy had been asked by Professor Bain to develop an All Wales Policy on home glucose monitoring testing, as currently each health board has their own policy. The Chair offered her support to this and agreed to take it to the AWMSG Steering Committee. Alan Clatworthy was asked to submit a new project proposal form for this.

Action: Alan Clatworthy to submit an AWMSG new project proposal form

Action: Chair to take to Steering Committee

Chrissie Collier informed the group that AWTTTC were now producing a newsletter of which the first edition will be out in October and that feedback from AWPAG members would be appreciated.

The Chair drew members' attention to the Public Health Wales Choose Wisely project and asked whether they agreed to invite PHW to AWPAG to present it to the group. This was agreed.

Action: Chair to invite PHW to AWPAG

KH informed members that there will be an AWMSG/AWTTTC Training Day in January 2018. Although initially set up for AWMSG members it is now felt that AWPAG and NMG members should be included. Date will be sent out to members.

Action: Send AWMSG Training Day date to members

15.0 Date of next meeting – Wednesday 13th December 2017