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ALL WALES PRESCRIBING ADVISORY GROUP

Minutes of meeting held
Thursday, 5th December 2013 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
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
Mrs Sarah Isaac	Pharmacist, Hywel Dda
Dr Susannah Jacks	GP, Aneurin Bevan
Dr Sue Jeffs (Vice Chair)	Consultant, Aneurin Bevan
Mrs Robyn Miles	ABPI Wales Industry Group
Mrs Marnel Owen	Representing other professions eligible to prescribe
Dr Ashok Rayani	GPC Wales
Mr Jonathan Simms	Pharmacist, Aneurin Bevan
Dr Mark Walker	GP, Betsi Cadwaladr
Dr Sean Young	GP, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg
Mrs Bev Woods	Pharmacist, Cwm Taf

In attendance (non-voting)

Ms Kath Haines, AWTTTC
Mr Jamie Hayes, AWTTTC
Mrs Kate Jenkins, AWTTTC
Miss Rosie Thompson, AWTTTC
Dr Tessa Lewis, AWTTTC
Dr Rick Greville, Director ABPI Cymru Wales

Key of abbreviations

AWMSG	All Wales Medicines Strategy Group
AWMSGSC	All Wales Medicines Strategy Group Steering Committee
AWPAG	All Wales Prescribing Advisory Group
AWTTTC	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

Mr Andrew Evans	Welsh Government
Mrs Fiona Walker	Pharmacist, Cardiff and Vale
Mr Paul Fleming	British Generics Manufacturers
Dr Hamsaraj Shetty	Consultant, Cardiff and Vale

3.0 Declaration of interest.

There were no declarations of interest pertinent to the meeting.

4.0 Chair's report

The Chair informed members that the draft Wales Audit Office Review of Primary Care Prescribing report was still in preparation and was not available for this meeting.

5.0 Minutes of Previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were checked for accuracy. It was agreed that the minutes were an accurate reflection of the proceedings.

5.1 Matters arising:

Shingles Vaccination Programme

Members discussed concerns over the potential risk to patients on biologics receiving a live vaccine. Louise Howard Baker agreed to highlight this issue with Medical Boards so that GPs could be informed of the risk.

6.0 Papers endorsed by AWMSG

The Chair provided feedback on the following papers endorsed by AWMSG meetings held 16th October and 20th November 2013:

[Primary Care Prescribing Analysis – Gluten Free](#)

Primary Care Prescribing Analysis – Gluten Free was supported by AWMSG

[Tramadol Resource Pack and Morphine National Prescribing Indicator \(NPI\) Report](#)

The Tramadol Resource Pack has been endorsed by AWMSG. A link to the report has been “tweeted” by the Chief Medical Officer. Ms Kath Haines presented more detailed feedback.

[NPI Quarterly Report](#)

The next report is in production and is to be circulated prior to AWMSG.

Prescribing of Denosumab (Prolia®) in Wales (Review)

Dr Tessa Lewis informed the meeting that this paper had been discussed at the recent Assistant Medical Directors meeting with the emphasis around shared care.

All Wales Risk/Benefit Assessment Tool for Oral Anticoagulant Treatment in People with Atrial Fibrillation

Dr Tessa Lewis informed members that a few adjustments are to be made to the wording of the document.

Supply and Administration of Intranasal Fentanyl Spray in Non-specialist Palliative Inpatient Settings

Ms Kath Haines informed members that this document is available on the AWMSG website.

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

Dr Tessa Lewis presented a paper on behalf of the author, Dr Stuart Linton, who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr Alan Clatworthy questioned the algorithm used during the study conducted by the author and there followed a discussion around pre-treatment and risks. Dr Rick Greville proposed that the paper be shared with manufacturers as they may have additional literature to support the guidance. The Chair asked for volunteers to develop the paper, Dr Tessa Lewis and Mr Alan Clatworthy agreed to work with Dr Stuart Linton.

ACTION

Dr Tessa Lewis and Mr Alan Clatworthy to develop paper

Dr Rick Greville to share the paper with relevant manufacturers

8.0 Polypharmacy: Guidance for Prescribing for Frail Adults

Mrs Sarah Isaac presented the paper prepared by Mrs Jenny Pugh Jones, Head of Medicines Management, Hywell Dda Health Board. Mrs Robyn Miles informed the meeting that she had obtained a copy of the latest NHS Scotland guidance and agreed to share this with members. Following discussion it was agreed that All Wales guidance should be developed. Mr Jonathan Simms offered the services of Mr Emyr Jones who had prepared similar guidance in Aneurin Bevan Health Board. Mr Stefan Fec and Mrs Jane Barnard also agreed to assist Mrs Sarah Isaac.

ACTION

Mrs Sarah Isaac to consult with NHS Scotland with regard to adapting their current guidance and present an All Wales draft document to next meeting in March 2014

AWPAG to produce a resource pack for polypharmacy

9.0 AWMSG National Prescribing Indicators 2014-15

Mrs Kate Jenkins presented a summary of the consultation responses to the proposed National Prescribing Indicators for 2014 -2015. Mr Jonathan Simms raised the issue of targets being set within Health Boards and this was discussed. Dr Ashok Rayani suggested that results data could be provided at practice level so that comparison can be made against peers, thus promoting the uptake of National Indicators. It was agreed that the threshold target for the LAC lipid modifying drugs would remain as the 2013-2014 target and that dosulepin would be removed from the NPI and become a local comparator. There was discussion regarding the Insulin and yellow card national prescribing indicators, although no changes were made. It was suggested that the document be updated to provide reference to secondary care involvement.

ACTION

AWTTC to update document and present to AWMSG Steering Committee on 17th December 2013 and AWMSG on 14th January 2014

Chair to contact MSD

10.0 CEPP Local Comparators 2014-15 – Consultation Responses

Mrs Kate Jenkins presented a summary of the consultation responses to the proposed local comparators for 2014-2015. These were discussed at length and it was agreed that the two antibiotic local comparators would be removed from the document and the ACE inhibitors local comparator is to be reviewed next year.

ACTION

AWTTC to circulate via chief pharmacists with other CEPP documents

AWMSG Steering Committee to be consulted regarding the length of time a Local Comparator is to be retained following a downgrade from a National Prescribing Indicator

11.0 AWMSG Therapeutic Priorities and CEPP Summary 2014–2015

Dr Tessa Lewis presented a draft document highlighting therapeutics priorities for 2014 – 2015. This includes CEPP and GMS Contract issues.

ACTION

For consideration by AWMSG Steering Committee in December 2013

12.0 Mental Health and Medication Wales Project

The Chair presented a paper on behalf of Karin Alderson, Manager at the National Centre for Mental Health, who is seeking comment on the Mental Health and Medication Wales Project.

Mental Health and Medication Wales is a website that provides useful and accessible information about mental health conditions and the various medications used when treating these conditions. The area of mental health is one of the largest areas of non-medical prescribing. The website, aimed at patients, carers and professionals in Wales, is endorsed by The College of Mental Health Pharmacy. The independent and quality assured content is written by specialist mental health pharmacists and based on best available evidence. The website includes answers to commonly asked questions about different mental health conditions and their medications and provides access to Printable Patient Information Leaflets (PILLS).

The project was discussed and supported.

ACTION

For approval by AWMSG Steering Committee in December 2013

13.0 Verbal update - Oral Anticoagulants

Dr Tessa Lewis informed the meeting that the AWMSG Guidance is to be reviewed in February 2014.

14.0 Verbal update - Erectile Dysfunction update of Prescribing Dilemmas

Dr Tessa Lewis informed the meeting that in light of recent legal work around erectile dysfunction the Prescribing Dilemmas document is to be updated and circulated for comment.

ACTION

AWTTC to update document

15.0 Project to Reduce Medicines-related Admissions

The Chair welcomed Mrs Janet Thomas, Betsi Cadwaladr UHB, who presented her paper on reducing medicines related admissions. The paper also included a summary of the work undertaken at Wrexham Meallor Hospital since 2006 which included data and recommendations.

Dr Tessa Lewis then invited comment from members. Dr Rick Greville confirmed he was supportive of the project. It was suggested that there could be an opportunity to link the findings with the AWMSG National Prescribing Indicators. The issue of clinical coding for medicines related admissions was raised, as this would have a bearing on the accuracy of any data. Dr Sean Young asked if there would be a mechanism in place to feedback to GPs. The Chair asked if any members would be willing to assist in the development of the project. Mr Stefan Fec, Dr Sue Jeffs and Dr Tessa Lewis each agreed to assist.

ACTION

Mrs Janet Thomas to circulate AKI Leaflet to members

20.0 Drugs and Therapeutics Bulletin

The issue of access to the online Drugs and Therapeutics Bulletin was highlighted. The Chair informed members that a three month trial for NHS Wales was complete and no decision had been made with regard to full time access for NHS Wales

The date of next meeting was confirmed – Wednesday 12th March 2014

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