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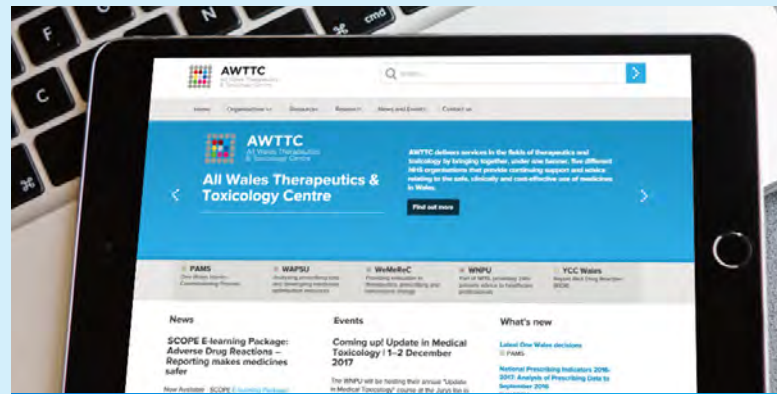
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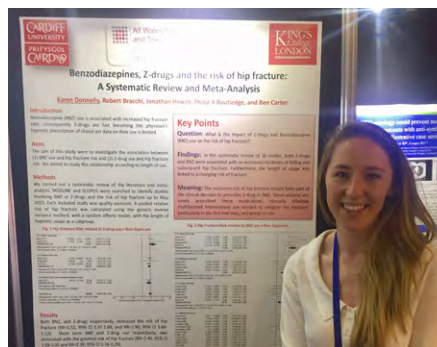
### Best Practice Day 2017

| June 2017

AWTTC held their annual Best Practice Day on 28th June 2017 as part of the AWMSG 15-year anniversary conference.



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### Benzodiazepines, z-drugs and risk of hip fracture

| April 2017

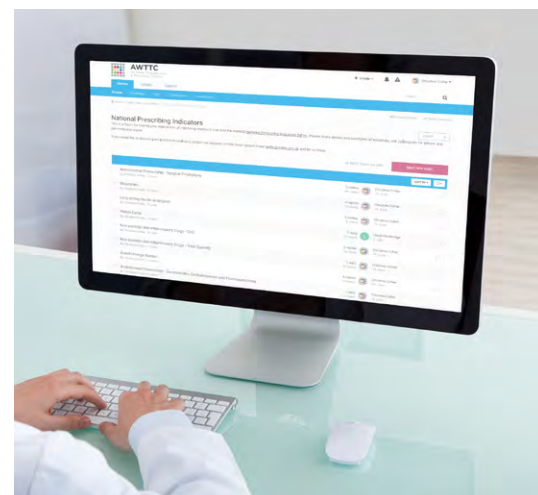
A study by AWTTC, Cardiff University and King's College London found strong evidence linking benzodiazepines and z-drugs to an increased risk of hip fracture.

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### Share - AWTTC's Online Community

| June 2017

AWTTC has launched a platform to host online discussion and sharing of good practice.



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## PAMS

Patient Access to Medicines Service  
Mynediad Claf at Wasanaeth Meddyginiaethau

- Supporting health technology appraisals and co-ordinating the outputs of IPFR panels across Wales...

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## AWTTC at the Welsh Medicines Research Symposium

| July 2017

On the 18th July 2017, representatives from AWTTC attended the annual Welsh Medicines Research Symposium, and presented some of their latest research.

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## One Wales Interim Commissioning Advice on rituximab

| July 2017

Advice has been issued on rituximab, supporting its use in pemphigus and pemphigoid disease for adults and children where third- or fourth-line treatments, including steroids and steroid-sparing treatments, have failed.

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## One Wales Interim Commissioning Advice on bendamustine

| April 2017

Advice has been issued on bendamustine, supporting its use in combination with rituximab (MabThera®) for the treatment of previously untreated and relapsed:

- indolent lymphomas, and
- mantle cell lymphoma.

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## WAPSU

Welsh Analytical Prescribing Support Unit  
Uned Cymorth Presgripsiynu Dadansoddol Cymru

- Analysing prescribing data and developing medicines optimisation resources...

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## Quarterly National Prescribing Indicator reports published

| June and September 2017

Reports detailing National Prescribing Indicator data to December 2016 and March 2017 have been published.

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## Abstracts published following 'Deprescribing – is less more?' conference

| May 2017

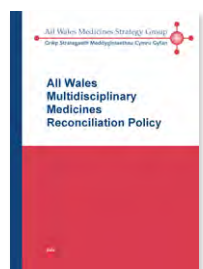
Abstracts have been published on benzodiazepine usage in Wales following introduction of an educational pack encouraging appropriate prescribing, and a secondary care-led deprescribing approach for care home patients.

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## A medicines reconciliation policy for Wales

| June 2017

An All Wales Multidisciplinary Medicines Reconciliation policy has been published to support health boards and help improve patient safety.



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- Providing 24-hour poisons advice to healthcare professionals...

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## WNPU helps assess the impact of the Psychoactive Substances Act on UK poison centre enquiries

| May 2017

WNPU has helped to assess the impact of the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016, by analysing UK poison centre data.

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## NPIS Annual Report published

| September 2017

The National Poisons Information Service 2016–2017 annual report was published in September.

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## The 37th EAPCCT Congress 2017, Basel, Switzerland | May 2017

WNPU was strongly represented at 37th European Association of Poisons Centres and Clinical Toxicologists (EAPCCT) annual congress.

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## Two Welsh National Poisons Unit staff gain UK and Europe-wide toxicology recognition | July 2017

Dr James Coulson & Mrs Siân Harbon-Woodward obtained recognition with the European Register of Toxicologists.

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## Paper published on overdose in young children treated with anti-reflux medications

| April 2017

The National Poisons Information Service has published a new research article in Human & Experimental Toxicology.

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**YCC Wales**  
Yellow Card Centre Wales  
Canolfan Cerdyn Melyn Cymru

● Monitoring adverse reactions to medicines...

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## YCC Wales Annual Report published

| September 2017

The YCC Wales Annual Report 2016-2017 has been published outlining improvements and developments in the reporting of adverse drug reactions throughout the year.

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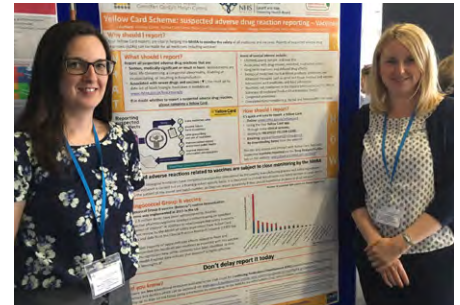


## Aneurin Bevan Primary Care Cluster Initiative presented at Best Practice Day

| June 2017

A successful initiative that has significantly improved Yellow Card reporting in Aneurin Bevan was presented at the Best Practice Day.

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## 14th Welsh Immunisation Conference

| May 2017

YCC Wales presented a poster at the 14th Welsh Immunisation Conference to raise awareness of Yellow Cards and highlight pharmacovigilance activity in immunisation.

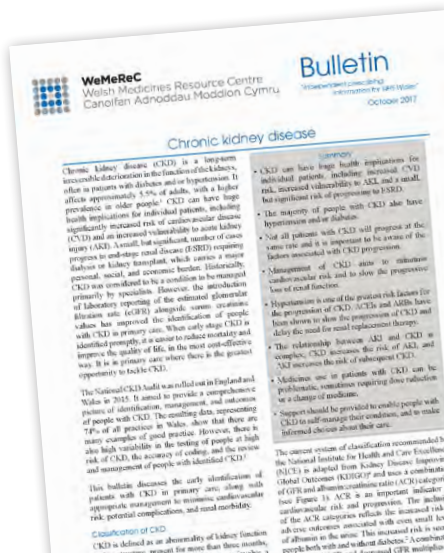
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**WeMeReC**  
Welsh Medicines Resource Centre  
Canolfan Adnoddau Moddion Cymru

● Providing education in therapeutics, prescribing and behavioural change...

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## Chronic Kidney Disease module published

| September 2017

WeMeReC has produced a module to improve understanding of chronic kidney disease in primary care, including early identification of patients, and appropriate management to minimise cardiovascular risk, potential complications, and renal morbidity.

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