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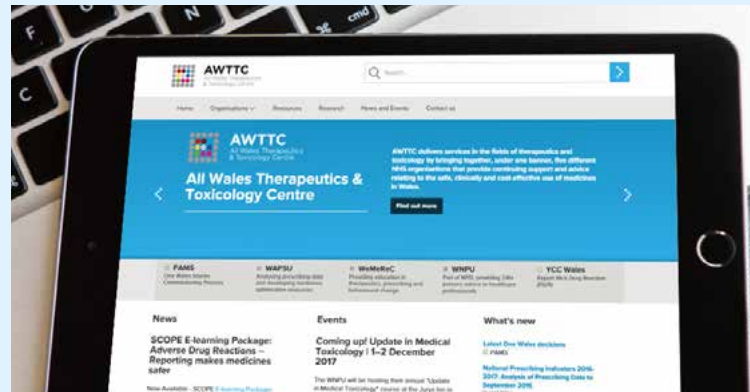
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New Chair appointed to All Wales Medicines Strategy Group | July 2019

On 25 July 2019, Vaughan Gething announced the appointment of Professor Ceri Phillips as the new Chair of the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) for a four year period.

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AWTTC hosts Best Practice Day 2019 | July 2019

On 9 July 2019, AWTTC hosted its fourth annual Best Practice Day. The event focused on the sharing of excellent medicines optimisation work ongoing in Wales, with plenty of opportunity for networking and the sharing of ideas.

Videos and presentation slides are also now available for you to view.

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AWTTC attends Leading Improvement in Patient Safety (LIPS) programme | July 2019

AWTTC gave a presentation at the LIPS programme in July, on their project which focused on improving patient and public engagement in their decision-making processes about medicines use in NHS Wales.

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All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) Annual Report 2018/2019 has been published

| September 2019

The AWMSG Annual Report for 2018/2019, summarising AWMSG's accomplishments and outputs between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019, has now been published and is available to download on the AWMSG website.

[› Read the AWMSG Annual Report 2018/2019](#)

AWTTC supports WHO's Patient Safety Day 2019

| September 2019

In support of the World Health Organization's Patient Safety Day on September 17 2019, AWTTC took part in a range of activities.

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PAMS

Patient Access to Medicines Service
Mynediad Claf at Wasanaeth Meddyginiaethau

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

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Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) Annual Report 2018/2019 has been published

| August 2019

The IPFR Annual Report for 2018/2019, summarising achievements of the past year and data on IPFRs considered between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019, is now available to download on our website.

[› Read the IPFR Annual Report 2018/2019](#)

New medicines advice

| September 2019

PAMS supports AWMSG in the assessment and monitoring of new medicines in Wales.

In September, Welsh Government approved advice from AWMSG for buprenorphine (Buvidal®).

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One Wales Interim Commissioning

| July 2019

Interim advice for bevacizumab (Avastin®) has been reviewed. Bevacizumab (Avastin®) at a dose of 7.5 mg/kg may now be used in combination with carboplatin and paclitaxel for the front-line treatment of adult patients with advanced epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube, or primary peritoneal cancer at high risk for progression.

Interim advice has been reviewed for bendamustine in combination with rituximab for the treatment of previously untreated and relapsed indolent lymphomas and mantle cell lymphoma. Bendamustine in combination with rituximab was supported for use for another 12 months.

| August 2019

Rituximab may be used for the fourth-line or later treatment of refractory myasthenia gravis in adults, and the second- or third-line treatment of fibrotic interstitial lung disease (not idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis) associated with connective tissue disease or idiopathic fibrotic non-specific interstitial pneumonia.

Interim advice for denosumab for the treatment of osteoporosis in men at increased risk of fractures has been reviewed, and was supported for use for another 12 months.

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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 report published

| July 2019

The final National Prescribing Indicator (NPI) report for 2018-2019 has been published, analysing data for the quarter ending March 2019. NPIs for 2018-2019 include indicators for primary and secondary care, and have been categorised as safety, stewardship or efficiency indicators.

The majority of NPIs with a threshold showed improvement across Wales in line with the aim of each indicator, compared with the equivalent quarter of the previous year.



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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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WNPU

Welsh National Poisons Unit
Uned Gwenwynau Cenedlaethol Cymru

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

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Coming up – Medical Toxicology Course

| Register now – 18th-19th October 2019

This two day course is designed for those interested in medical toxicology – emergency medicine staff, doctors in training, specialist registrars, nurses (particularly those working in emergency medicine), laboratory staff, and specialists in poisons information – who wish to gain expertise in the management of common toxicological problems.

Places are limited and early application is advised.

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● Monitoring adverse reactions to medicines...

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Yellow Card Centre (YCC) Wales Annual Report for 2018/2019 has been published

| September 2019

YCC Wales have published their annual report, summarising their successes in the last year and providing an analysis of Yellow Card submissions made between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019.

The report is now available to download on our website.

[> Read the YCC Wales Annual Report 2018/2019](#)



World Patient Safety Day 2019

| September 2019

YCC Wales took part in the first ever World Health Organization's World Patient Safety Day, hosting an information stand at The Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales in partnership with pharmacy colleagues at the University Hospital of Wales.

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Renal Pharmacy Conference 2019

| September 2019

YCC Wales were invited to give a workshop at the annual Renal Pharmacy Conference, organised by the UK Renal Pharmacy Group. The workshop was entitled 'Pharmacovigilance, Medicines Safety and the Renal Patient'.

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