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In Focus

Autumn 2023 - Issue 23

AWTTC Autumn Newsletter

A quarterly update on latest news, publications and resources.

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- Patient Access to Medicines Service (PAMS)**
Supporting health technology appraisal, One Wales medicines assessments and quality assuring IPFR outputs
- Welsh Analytical Prescribing Support Unit (WAPSU)**
Development of National Prescribing Indicators and analysis and reporting of medicines usage data.
- Welsh National Poisons Unit (WNPU)**
Providing 24-hour poisons advice to healthcare professionals.
- Yellow Card Centre (YCC) Wales**
Monitoring adverse reactions to medicines.



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AWMSG Annual Report 2022–2023 published

August 2023

In the latest annual report, you can read more about all the projects AWMSG has been working on throughout 2022–2023.

[Read more.](#)



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Best Practice Day 2023

July 2023

It was another informative day at the AWTTC annual Best Practice Day, an event that facilitates knowledge sharing to bring about improvements in prescribing practice in Wales.

[Read more.](#)



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Recent research published by AWTTC

July 2023

AWTTC has added 3 new publications to its catalogue of journal articles; letters; conference posters, abstracts and talks; books and book chapters and Fellowships.

[Read more here.](#)

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AWTTC attends the MediWales Connects Conference 2023

July 2023

This conference, held at the All Nations Centre in Cardiff, was a chance to showcase AWTTC and learn about the work being carried out by the health and care communities in Wales.

[Read more here.](#)

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AWTTC attends the Bevan Commission Conference 2023

September 2023

The conference also marked the 75th anniversary of the NHS and celebrated its achievements over the last 75 years.

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Patient and Public Interest Group (PAPIG) meeting – 6 July 2023

July 2023

The virtual meeting included talks from external speakers on how to stop antidepressants safely, a patient medicines helpline and making patient information accessible and inclusive.

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How AWMSG and AWTTC are supporting sustainability for the NHS in Wales

September 2023

A report, AWMSG and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (2022), outlines how AWMSG and AWTTC are working to achieve the act's seven well-being goals through four well-being objectives. The report emphasises the importance of communication and collaboration with stakeholders, including the pharmaceutical industry, to reach those goals.

[Read more here.](#)

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Easy-read version of the Tramadol patient information leaflet published

July 2023

In partnership with Learning Disability Wales, AWTTC has produced its first Easy-read version of a patient information leaflet as part of the Tramadol educational resources.

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Latest All Wales Common Ailments Formulary published

August 2023

The Common Ailments Service aims to improve patient access to consistent, evidence-based advice for the management of common ailments.

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Minor updates to 'Endocrine management of gender incongruence in adults: Prescribing guidance for non-specialist practitioners' published

August 2023

This prescribing guidance document is intended for non-specialist practitioners engaged in supporting the prescribing and monitoring of medical therapies used in the management of gender incongruence in adults (over 18 years old). The recent minor updates include reordering information to improve ease of use and updating guidance to reflect current service specifications.

[Read more here.](#)



PAMS

Patient Access to Medicines Service
Mynediad Claf at Wasanaeth Meddyginiathau

Update on international HTA collaboration

September 2023

The All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre (AWTTC) continues to be part of the expanded international collaboration. In September 2022, AWTTC announced an international collaboration with colleagues from health technology assessment (HTA) agencies across the UK, Australia and Canada.

[Read more.](#)



PAMS

Patient Access to Medicines Service
Mynediad Claf at Wasanaeth Meddyginiathau

NHS Wales is first to approve routine access to dostarlimab (Jemperli) for rectal cancer

August 2023

Patients in NHS Wales with a particular type of rectal cancer can now access a medicine that might prevent the need for invasive and life-changing surgery.

[Read more.](#)



WAPSU
Welsh Analytical Prescribing Support Unit
Uned Cymorth Presgripsiynu Dadansoddol Cymru

Minor updates to 'Primary care antimicrobial guidelines' published

July and September 2023

This guideline provides advice on the antimicrobial management of common infections in primary care and has received minor updates to the guidance on scarlet fever, vaginal candidiasis, and out-of-hospital sepsis.

[Read more here.](#)



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Latest versions of the 'NHS Wales inhaler carbon footprint report' and 'NHS Wales prescribing interval reports'

July, August and September 2023

AWTTC generates monthly reports providing a brief summary of some of the key metrics provided within the SPIRA dashboards for 'inhaler decarbonisation' and 'prescribing intervals'.

[Read more here.](#)



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National Prescribing Indicators 2022-2023: Analysis of prescribing data to March 2023

July 2023

The National Prescribing Indicator (NPI) report, analysing data for the quarter ending March 2023 has been published.

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New SPIRA dashboard entitled 'Efficiencies – Brand to Generic' published

July 2023

A series of dashboards created to help drive down the overall spend on a selected basket of branded items are now available on the Server for Prescribing Information Reporting and Analysis (SPIRA).

[Read more here.](#)





WNPU
Welsh National Poisons U
Uned Gwenwynau Cenedl

National Poisons Information Service CPD Event, Edinburgh, UK, 13-14 September 2023

September 2023

The National Poisons Information Service (NPIS) met in September for an excellent two-day Continuing Professional Development event held at Riddle’s Court in Edinburgh.

[Read more here.](#)



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10th International Venoms and Toxinology Meeting

September 2023

The Welsh National Poisons Unit (WNPU) recently attended the 10th International Venoms and Toxinology Meeting in Oxford, UK. The WNPU were able to present four posters at the meeting.

[Read more here.](#)



Yellowcard
Centre
Wales

World Patient Safety Day 2023

September 2023

World Patient Safety Day 2023 was marked on Sunday 17th September and provided a great opportunity to promote the Yellow Card Scheme across Wales.

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