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In Focus

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AWTTC Autumn Newsletter

A quarterly update on latest news, publications and resources.

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July – September 2024 news from:

- 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 2023-2024 published

The All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) has published its annual report for 2023-2024.

In the latest AWMSG annual report, you can read about all the key events and collaborative work AWMSG has delivered for Wales in 2023-2024.

[Read more here](#)



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All Wales guidance for penicillin allergy de-labelling in adults in secondary care published

The aim of this document is to guide best practice on the identification and removal of penicillin allergy labels in adults who have not experienced a true hypersensitivity reaction.

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Patient information leaflet on antipsychotics for people living with dementia published

These patient information leaflets provide key questions for patients with dementia (or their carer) to ask their prescriber about antipsychotic medicines.

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Latest news from AWMMSG’s Patient and Public Interest Group (PAPIG)

In September, another interesting and informative meeting was held, with presentations including ‘Unveiling medication safety trends’ and ‘Medicines Safety Week and World Patient Safety Day- raising awareness on medication safety’.

The next meeting will be held online on 29th November and all are welcome.

[Watch the recordings here](#)



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Pharmacy award for the Inhaler Decarbonisation Task and Finish Group

At the Welsh Pharmacy Awards held at the Vale Resort in September, AWTTC Senior Pharmacist Richard Boldero and Consultant in Public Health at Public Health Wales Sian Evans, accepted the Sustainability in Healthcare award on behalf of the Inhaler Decarbonisation Task and Finish Group.

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L-R Richard Boldero, Sian Evans, Sarah Thorne, HDUHB and John Devereux, Teva UK



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Minor updates to ‘Primary care antimicrobial guidelines’ published

Minor updates have been made to sections on acute cough, acute sore throat, travellers’ diarrhoea, infectious diarrhoea, and ophthalmic shingles.

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AWTTC takes medicine safety to the National Eisteddfod in Pontypridd

Staff from the All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre (AWTTC) enjoyed a week engaging with the public at the National Eisteddfod in Pontypridd from August 3rd to 10th.

We met many people and told them about our work in supporting the best and safe use of medicines and explained how members of the public, patients, patient support group, carers and healthcare professionals can get involved.

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AWTTC at the National Eisteddfod



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Best Practice Day – July 2024 – Slide decks and recordings now available

This year the event focused on medicines adherence in the morning, followed by an afternoon of interactive breakout sessions, alongside plenty of opportunities for networking and catching up with colleagues from across Wales.

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Minor updates to 'All Wales Common Ailments Service Formulary' published

Minor updates have been made to the monographs on athlete's foot, dry eye disease, sore throat and ringworm.

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Patient Access to Medicines Service
Mynediad Claf at Wasanaeth Meddyginiaethau

Advice approved for two medicines assessed by the One Wales Medicines Assessment Group (OWMAG)

OWMAG have re-assessed the use of infliximab and vedolizumab to treat inflammation of the digestive tract (enterocolitis) caused by cancer treatment with medicines called immune checkpoint inhibitors.

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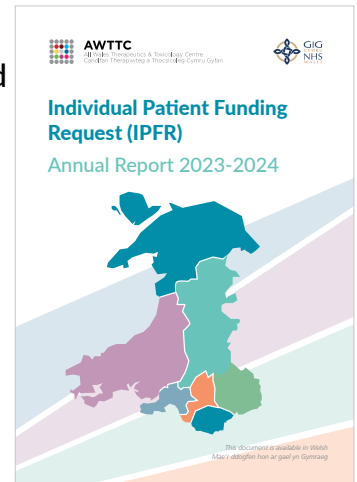


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IPFR Annual Report 2023–2024

IPFR teams across Wales have continued to provide a vital service for patients who may require treatments not routinely available in NHS Wales.

[Read the report here](#)



WAPSU
Welsh Analytical Prescribing Support Unit
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Latest 'NHS Wales inhaler carbon footprint reports' and 'NHS Wales prescribing interval reports' published

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'.

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National Prescribing Indicators 2023–2024: Analysis of prescribing data to March 2024

The National Prescribing Indicator (NPI) report, analysing data for the quarter ending March 2024 has been published.

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National Prescribing Indicators 2024–2025: Specifications published

This document details the specifications of each NPI including data source, drug baskets and targets/thresholds as appropriate for 2024–2025.

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Uned Gwenwynau Cenedlaethol Cymru

Congratulations

NPIS Cardiff would like to congratulate Natalie Price, one of our Specialists in Poisons Information, for achieving a Distinction in the Medical Toxicology PGCert from Cardiff University.

[Read more here](#)



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NPIS Cardiff – promotion congratulations!

Congratulations to Eleri Thomas, one of our senior Specialists in Poisons Information, on her promotion to a Band 7 scientist.

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Yellow Card Centre Wales marks World Patient Safety day 2024

World Patient Safety Day 2024 was marked on Tuesday, September 17th and provided a great opportunity to promote the Yellow Card Scheme across Wales.

YCC Wales look forward to marking the annual Medicine Safety Week in November.



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YCC Wales join AWTTC at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Wales Conference

It was great to host an information stand at the RPS Wales conference to share the news of YCC Wales.



Claire Thomas, Jenna Walker and Sana Junaid at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Wales Conference



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Yellow Card Centre Wales Annual Report 2023-24

The report details trends in Yellow Card reporting for the past year including total number of reports, reports per Health Board, reports by profession and the top 10 reported medicines.

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