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Newsletter

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AWTTC News



AWTTC presents work at the HTAi 2026 Annual Meeting, Istanbul.

Taking place June 6–10 in Istanbul, Türkiye, this year's meeting focused on HTA as a system shaper - highlighting how evidence-informed decision-making can support more responsive, equitable, and sustainable healthcare. Dr Stephanie Francis, VPAG Programme Manager, presented a poster to an international audience of HTA specialists, showcasing work from Wales on a global stage.

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AWTTC staff at the Persistent pain in Primary Care: Networking and Education event

The event welcomed primary and secondary care professionals to share knowledge, discuss challenges and explore practical ways to better support people living with persistent pain. A great day for collaboration and shared learning. We were happy to showcase our resources for the pharmacological management of pain.

[Visit the resources](#)



All Wales HIV-1 antiretroviral therapy prescribing guidelines



May 2026

All Wales HIV-1 antiretroviral therapy prescribing guidelines

The *All Wales HIV-1 antiretroviral therapy prescribing guidelines* aim to support consistency across Wales in the evidence-based and prudent prescribing of antiretroviral therapy (ART) for the treatment of HIV-1.

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Learning at Lunch - June 2026

The latest one-hour online session was held on the 30th June 2026. Sessions comprise of updates on two therapeutic areas, a round-up of national prescribing news and changes in practice, with the opportunity to ask questions and discuss each topic with leading experts.

Talks on June 30th included:
AWTTC news you can use by Senior Pharmacist Sabrina Rind;
Self-administration of medicines by Jane Hoidn, Principal Pharmacist Patient Services, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and Rapid therapeutics update by Dr Tessa Lewis, General Practitioner, Aneurin Bevan UHB and AWTTC Medical Advisor.

Watch the presentations [here](#).
The next Learning at Lunch session will take place on October 15th.

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Latest News from the Patient and Public Interest Group (PAPIG)

PAPIG met on 18 June, with presentations covering a range of topics, including the role of Research Ethics Committees in protecting the rights, safety and wellbeing of participants in clinical studies; enabling optometrists in Wales to prescribe medicines for the treatment of urgent eye conditions; and Blueteq, which helps speed up access to specialised treatments while ensuring patient safety and supporting consistent, evidence-based care across Wales.

The next PAPIG meeting will take place in September.

We would very much like to hear the views and experiences of patients and carers and so there will be time for discussion and questions.

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The Blueteq HCD system is used to authorise use of National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) approved high cost drugs across a whole range of healthcare conditions.



The medicine list has been updated. You can access the latest version of the list [here](#).

Patient Access to Medicine Service (PAMS) News



New medicines advice for NHS Wales

Welsh Government has approved advice from the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) for three medicines.

May 2026

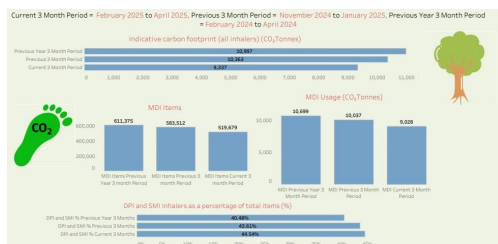
Emicizumab (Hemlibra®)

Progesterone (Prometrium®)

Budesonide (Jorveza®)

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Welsh Analytical Prescribing Unit (WAPSU) News



Latest 'NHS Wales inhaler carbon footprint reports' and 'NHS Wales prescribing interval reports' published

The Welsh Analytical Prescribing Support Unit (WAPSU), the analytical unit of AWTTTC, has developed a dashboard to report on progress in reducing the carbon footprint of inhalers used within primary care in Wales.

This is to support the achievement of the NHS Wales Decarbonisation Strategic Delivery Plan target of increasing the use of low global



In focus report:
Antibiotic course duration for respiratory tract infection



National Prescribing Indicators 2025–2026: A focus on antibiotic course duration for respiratory tract infection

This report provides supplementary information to that contained within the National

warming potential inhalers to 80% of the total inhalers issued by 2025.

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Prescribing Indicator (NPI) quarterly reports in order to provide a more detailed picture of prescribing by GP practices across Wales.

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Welsh National Poisons Unit (WNPU) News



NPIS Cardiff attends the Congress of the European Association of Poisons Centres and Clinical Toxicologists

The NPIS Cardiff team attended the 46th Congress of the European Association of Poisons Centres and Clinical Toxicologists in Vilnius, Lithuania.

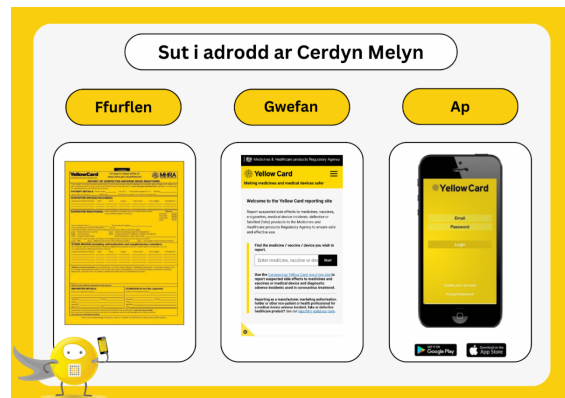
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Yellow Card Centre Wales (YCC) News

Reporting side effects of medicines and vaccines

Members of the public and clinicians can report suspected side effects from medicines, vaccines and medical devices through the Yellow Card Scheme. Everyone can help make medicines safer by reporting side effects to the Yellow Card scheme. All medicines can cause side effects. Some may not yet be known so that's why it's important for people to report to the Yellow Card scheme.

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Welsh Medicines Advice Centre (WMAS) News



Now Published: 2026 Porphyria Safe Medication List

The 2026 Porphyria Safe Medication List is now available on the WMAS website.

This updated list is produced jointly by the UK Porphyria Medicines Information Service (UKPMIS) and the Cardiff Porphyria Service, is supported by the National Acute Porphyria Service (NAPS).

Access the full list [here](https://www.wmic.wales.nhs.uk/porphyria).



Welsh Medicines Advice Service at the Clinical Pharmacy Congress

A member of the Welsh Medicines Advice Service (WMAS) team recently attended the Clinical Pharmacy Congress in London, joining healthcare professionals from across the UK to learn, network and share best practice.

Attending events such as the Clinical Pharmacy Congress helps the WMAS team stay up to date with emerging developments, strengthen professional networks and continue providing high-quality medicines advice across Wales.

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