






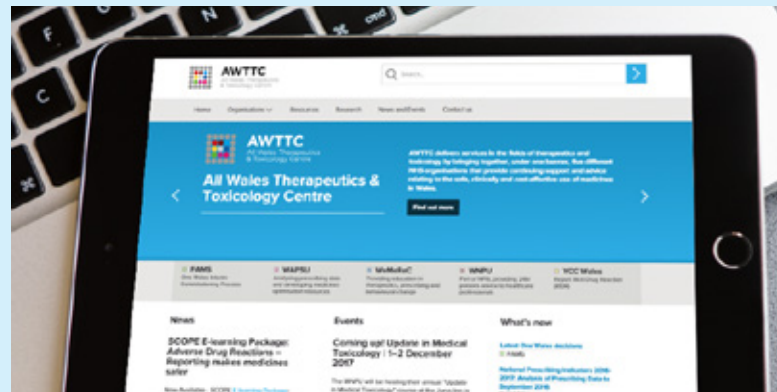


Welcome to the AWTTC Newsletter!

Six-monthly updates to keep you informed of our latest news and work.

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AWMSG's new Five Year Strategy for 2018-2023 published

AWTTC has worked with AWMSG and stakeholders from across the NHS in Wales to develop a new AWMSG Five Year Strategy for 2018-2023.



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Professor Phil Routledge awarded a CBE for Services to Medicine

| December 2017

Professor Phil Routledge, Clinical Director of AWTTC, has been recognised in the 2018 New Year's Honours List.

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AWTTC at the ISPOR congress

| December 2017

AWTTC staff attended the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) 20th Annual European Congress and presented a comparison of estimated versus observed costs of medicines recommended by AWMSG.



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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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AWTTC publishes new research about AWMSG's work

| March 2018

AWTTC has published new research in PharmacoEconomics reviewing the health technology assessments carried out by AWMSG over a 5-year period.



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AWTTC contributes to book on 'Equitable Access to High-Cost Pharmaceuticals'

| February 2018

AWTTC has written a chapter in a book, published in February 2018, called "Equitable Access to High-Cost Pharmaceuticals". AWTTC's chapter summarises the process and criteria for accessing medicines in Wales through health technology assessment.



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NICE renews accreditation of AWMSG's guidance processes

| October 2017

The processes used by AWTTC to produce final appraisal recommendations on new medicines in NHS Wales have received the NICE accreditation mark.



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AWMSG Masterclass held

| November 2017

AWTTC hosted the annual AWMSG Masterclass to promote pharmaceutical industry engagement and improve understanding of the appraisal process in Wales.



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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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National Prescribing Indicators 2018–2019 published

| February 2018

The National Prescribing Indicators (NPIs) for 2018–2019 have been published along with the Supporting Information document and a slide set.

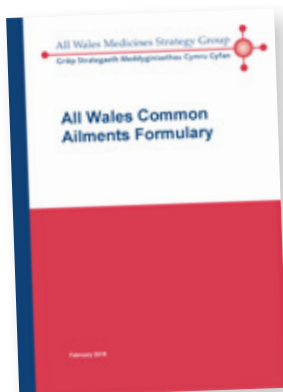


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Common Ailments Formulary reviewed

| February 2018

An update to the formulary, developed to support the implementation of the Welsh Government's Common Ailments Service, has been published.

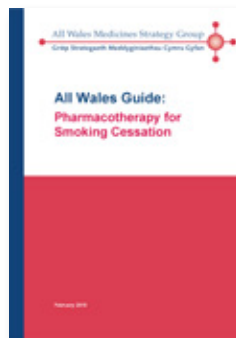


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Guide on Pharmacotherapy for Smoking Cessation reviewed

| February 2018

The All Wales Guide: Pharmacotherapy for Smoking Cessation has been reviewed and updated in light of changes to the evidence.



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WAPSU continues to monitor NPIs for 2017–2018

| February 2018

Quarterly reports for data to June 2017 and September 2017 have been produced by WAPSU, highlighting trends and variation across Wales.



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Guidance on Safe Use of Proton Pump Inhibitors published

| February 2018

A guide on the safe use of proton pump inhibitors has been published, updating the previous Proton Pump Inhibitor and Dyspepsia Resource Pack.

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Therapeutic Priorities and Clinical Effectiveness Prescribing Programme Summary 2018–2019 published

| March 2018

An annual summary of therapeutic priorities, to help health boards to develop their Clinical Effectiveness Prescribing Programmes, has been published.

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Guidance on Medicines Identified as Low Priority for Funding published

| October 2017

This document was published with the aim of minimising the prescribing of certain medicines that offer a limited clinical benefit to patients and where more cost-effective treatments may be available.

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YCC Wales
Yellow Card Centre Wales
Canolfan Cerdyn Melyn Cymru

- Monitoring adverse reactions to medicines...

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Yellow Card Centre Wales holds Champion Training Day 2018

| March 2018

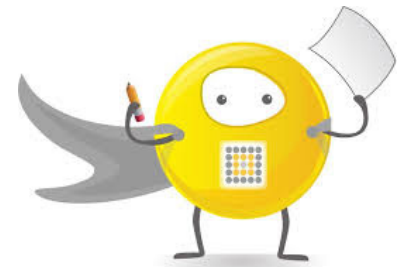
YCC Wales held its fourth Yellow Card Champion Training Day on the 13th March 2018 at Jury's Inn, Cardiff.

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Yellow Card Centre Wales launches new mascot

| December 2017

Yellow Card Centre Wales launched their new mascot in December 2017. Yellow Card Charlie will be used in future campaigns and promotional materials.



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Yellow Card Centre Wales holds adverse drug reaction reporting drive

| February 2018

YCC Wales held an adverse drug reaction reporting drive to raise awareness of the Yellow Card Scheme amongst healthcare professionals and members of the public.

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Yellow Card Champion wins RPS Medicines Safety Conference Poster Award

| November 2017

Lloyd Hambridge, Caerphilly GP Cluster Pharmacist and Yellow Card Champion, won the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Medicines Safety Conference Poster Award for his submission - *Yellow card reporting: A primary care cluster approach.*



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

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Coming up - Update in Medical Toxicology Course 2018

| Coming soon

The WNPU's annual Update in Medical Toxicology course will be held on the 19th & 20th October 2018.

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Civilian exposure to chlorine gas - Updating the evidence

| February 2018

A systematic review has been published to clarify and update understanding of the effects of chlorine gas exposure in modern day industrial, public and domestic settings.



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Update in Medical Toxicology

| December 2017

The WNPU has hosted its annual Update in Medical Toxicology course in Cardiff.

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National Poisons Information Service revises guidance on treating paracetamol overdoses

| November 2017

National Poisons Information Service advice for acute overdoses of paracetamol remains unchanged; however, the advice for cases of staggered overdose and therapeutic excess has been reviewed and updated.



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New Low Toxicity poster produced by the National Poisons Information Service

| December 2017

A poster aimed at GPs, nurses, and services such as NHS 111, NHS Direct Wales, and NHS 24 has been produced, highlighting a range of commonly found products and substances that are considered to present a low toxicological risk when ingested.



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