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In Focus

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AWTTC Spring Newsletter

A quarterly update featuring the latest news and insights from our multidisciplinary team.

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January – March 2023 news from:

- **Patient Access to Medicines Service (PAMS)**
Supporting health technology appraisals and coordinating IPFR outputs.
- **Welsh Analytical Prescribing Support Unit (WAPSU)**
Analysing prescribing data and developing medicines optimisation resources.
- **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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The Greener Primary Care Wales Framework Award Scheme 2023

January 2023

The Greener Primary Care Wales Framework and Award Scheme is a collection of actions to support community pharmacy, community dental practice, community optometry and general practice to improve the environmental sustainability of their day-to-day practice and to reach the Welsh Government decarbonisation targets.

[Read more here.](#)



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Second informative Learning at Lunch session held

March 2023

More than 100 clinicians joined the online session which included talks on heart failure, National prescribing indicators and Pharmacogenomics as well as all the latest news from AWTTC.

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The Blueteq High Cost Drugs (HCD) system will be rolled out across NHS Wales from 1 April 2023

March 2023

The HCD system will allow health boards to monitor the prescribing of high-cost medicines and manage the ever-increasing complexities associated with their use.

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Videos now available from recent Patient and Public Interest Group (PAPIG) meeting

February 2023

The most recent virtual Patient and Public Interest Group (PAPIG) meeting was successfully held on the 7 February 2023.

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Two AWTTC senior managers retire after a combined 36 years of service

March 2023

The start of 2023 saw major changes at the All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre (AWTTC) as two long-serving members of the senior management team retired.

[Read More here.](#)



PAMS

Patient Access to Medicines Service
Mynediad Claf at Wasanaeth Meddyginiaethau

Advice approved for three medicines assessed through the One Wales Medicines process.

March 2023

Health Board Chief Executives in Wales have approved advice for three medicines, infliximab, ustekinumab (Stelera®) and vedolizumab (Entyvio®), after assessing them through the One Wales Medicines process.

[Read more here.](#)



PAMS

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IPFR workshop at Cardiff City Stadium

February 2023

The workshop, which is open to clinicians with an interest in learning more about the work of IPFR, was held at Cardiff City Stadium on February 28th – which was also Rare Diseases Day.

[Read More here.](#)



WAPSU
Welsh Analytical Prescribing Support Unit
Uned Cymorth Presgripsiynu Dadansoddol Cymru

National Prescribing Indicators to now be reviewed every three years

February 2023

The All Wales Medicines Strategy Group has agreed that review and update of the National Prescribing Indicators (NPIs) should change from annually, to every three years.

[Read more here.](#)



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National Prescribing Indicators 2022-2023: Quarterly reports

January 2023

The National Prescribing Indicators (NPIs) for 2022-2023 include indicators for primary and secondary care.

[Read more here.](#)



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NHS Wales inhaler carbon footprint reports

January 2023

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

[Read more here.](#)



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Maximising the opportunity presented by biosimilar medicines – A national strategy for Wales

January 2023

This strategy sets out the steps the NHS and its partners in Wales will take to support the conditions needed to create a strong, competitive biological and biosimilar medicines' market in the UK benefiting the NHS, patients and the economy of Wales.

[Read more here.](#)

Grŵp Strategaeth Meddyginiaethau Cymru Gyfan
All Wales Medicines Strategy Group



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Polypharmacy in older people: A guide for healthcare professionals

March 2023

The following guide has been created in order to help support medicines optimisation in older patients who may be subject to inappropriate polypharmacy.

[Read more here.](#)

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Primary care antimicrobial guidelines

March 2023

This guideline was developed to provide comprehensive advice on the antimicrobial management of common infections in primary care, taking into account local pathogen and antimicrobial susceptibility data in Wales.

[Read more here.](#)

**WNPU**
Welsh National Poisons Unit
Uned Gwenwynau Cenedlaethol Cymru

NPIS Continuing Professional Development Event, Cardiff

March 2023

The National Poisons Information Service (NPIS) recently held a two-day Continuing Professional Development event in Cardiff.

[Read more here.](#)

**Yellowcard**
Centre
Wales

Yellow Card Centre Student Teaching

March 2023

In March, YCC Wales returned to Swansea University and Cardiff University to teach Pharmacy students about adverse drug reactions and reporting via the Yellow Card Scheme.

[Read more here.](#)



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